

# Breathe

## GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

The **gift** of the Holy Spirit is for us, but the **gifts** of the Holy Spirit are for others. Each and every one of us has access to giftings and talents through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**<sup>4</sup>There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.**

**<sup>5</sup>There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup>There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.**

**<sup>7</sup>Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.**

**<sup>8</sup>To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.**

**<sup>11</sup>All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and He distributes them to each one, just as He determines.**

**1 CORINTHIANS 12:4 - 11**

## Thinking Points:

1. 'The gift of the Holy Spirit is for us, but the gifts of the Holy Spirit are for others.' What do you take this to mean?
2. Through the Holy Spirit, God is **empowering** humanity to do things in the world that make **significant differences**.
3. Read 1 Corinthians 12:7-11. What are some of the different Spiritual Gifts? All of these gifts are given to us, for the benefit of other people.
4. Compare Peter's behaviour in John 18:25-27 with Peter's sermon in Acts 2. Take note of the difference in Peter before and after he had the Holy Spirit inside of him. Who was Peter before? Who was he afterwards? What spiritual gifts do you think Peter possesses in this moment?

In 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, we see Paul highlighting the importance of every gift. Everyone is different, and we are designed to be that way, to complement one another. But in order to be an effective, growing and thriving church body, we must put our gifts into action.

## Next Steps

1. Ask people about what they think your gifts may be.
2. Reflect on your passions, it is likely that your spiritual gift lies among them.
3. Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4EiAqckFRRU> and complete the Spiritual Gifts Assessment.
4. Use your gift. Put it into action. A gift unused is a gift that is wasted. There are people who are praying for your gift right now, and you have the capacity to be an answer to their prayers.

'Let us do good to all people' and use our spiritual gifts for the benefit of others. We have been given much, so we are able to give much in return. A blessing for us is a blessing for others.