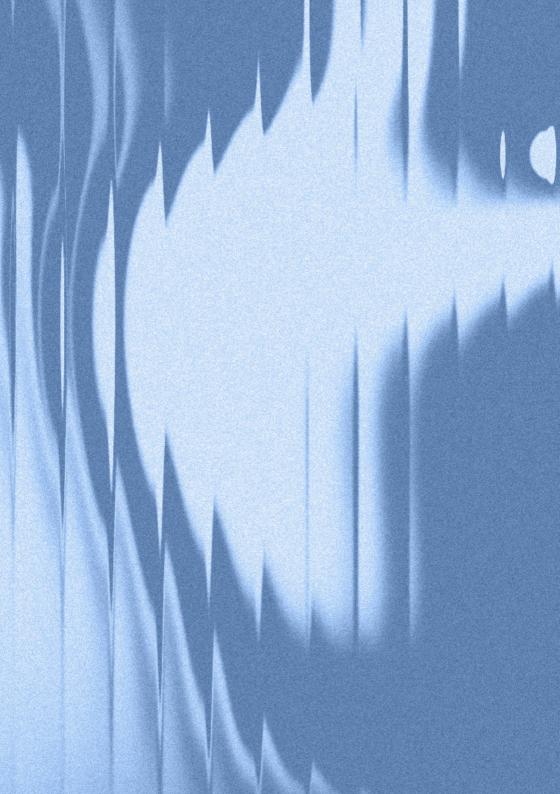


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## Administration

### 1 Corinthians 12:28

- · Greek word 'kubernesis' meaning steer
- · Nautical term between the captain and the crew
- · Sets people free to lead
- Effortless skill for organising tasks and people
- Streamlines and clarifies steps to accomplish tasks
- Often works alongside leaders/pastors in a facilitative role
- Celebrates others success
- Stephen appointed as administrator (Acts 6)

## **Apostle**

### **Ephesians 4:11**

- Pioneer (messenger, envoy to represent)
- · Plans new things
- Raises and develops new leaders and ministries
- Can lead leaders
- Able to reach across cultures and boundaries and establish ministries/churches
- Paul's missionary journeys

## Discernment

### 1 Corinthians 12:10

- Distinguishing between good and evil
- Judging what is the source of people's experiences or issues
- Warning others in the church/community of potential harm
- Discerning and sensing situations, people, new environments
- Acts 5:3-6 (Peter, Ananias and Sapphira)

## Evangelism

### **Ephesians 4:11**

- Heart and deep burden for those who don't know Jesus
- Strong sense of prioritising people who don't know Jesus over their own insecurity/fear of being rejected
- Belief in the good news of Jesus and the communication of the Gospel is at the forefront of their minds

## Exhortation

### Romans 12:8

- 'Parakaleo' Encouraging, exhorting and calling on (linked to name given to Holy Spirit)
- Strengthening others
- Challenging in grace
- Can motivate and rebuke, cause the weak to be strong
- Concerned with building up the Church
- Faithful and mean what they say
- Titus 1:9

### **Faith**

### 1 Corinthians 12:9

- Distinct from saving faith which all Christians have
- Word is 'pistis' means all in, totally aligned, sole allegiance to Jesus
- Belief, confidence and certainty in God
- · An unusual capacity to believe
- Expectancy, not surprised when God moves
- Peter with the lame man at the Beautiful Gate

## Giving/Generosity

### Romans 12:8

- 'metadidomi' and 'haplotes' Giving generously with no ulterior motive
- · Can't wait to give
- · Loves seeing the blessing that can be facilitated
- · Adjusts lifestyle to be able to give
- · Likes it when people's needs are shared with them



### 1 Corinthians 12:9

- · Bringing the 'not yet' into the 'now'
- Reality of divine action in the present
- Okay with the tension of 'sometimes' not 'always'
- Connection with the Father to pray His will into being
- Permission related asking and listening to voice of the Father
- · Jesus models this



### 1 Corinthians 12:28

- Urge to help
- Comfortable with being in the background and not being 'front and centre'
- · Does what others avoid
- Finds helping to be a joy and not a discipline
- Linked to service

## Interpretation of Tongues

### 1 Corinthians 12:10

- Revelatory gift
- Bringing explanation of an unknown language
- Builds the Church and God is glorified
- This gift cannot be identified until there is a message in tongues

## Word of Knowledge

### 1 Corinthians 12:8

- Knowledge or understanding to inform Church or individuals
- Deep knowledge and love of Scripture
- · Can retain truth and communicate it
- Can make connections between the word and the world
- Senses words/pictures/visions for people or gathered community

## Leadership

### Romans 12:8

- · Linked to administration and pastor
- Can lead, protect and care for people, but more than a just taskbased approach
- More visionary in outlook
- Takes people from one place or situation or understanding and enables them to experience something new or different
- Provides a new way of seeing things
- Equipped for crisis and copes well in adversity



### Romans 12:8

- Feels genuine empathy and compassion for those who suffer or have problems
- Patient and compassionate
- Can come alongside and stay there until healing comes
- Deep care for those outside the faith too
- Can weep with those who weep

## **Miracles**

### 1 Corinthians 12:10

- 'energemata dynameon' literally translates 'workings of powers'
- Heightened sense of God's power and presence
- Nature is interrupted
- High level of faith and expectancy
- Humility and deep concern to point to Jesus and glorify Him
- Heart for evangelism too

## **Pastor**

### **Ephesians 4:11**

- Shepherd
- Able to teach and 'feed the sheep'
- Humble
- Capacity to care
- Seeks unity in the church

## **Prophecy**

### 1 Corinthians 12:10

- · Listens and discerns the voice of God
- Deep belief in God still speaking today
- · Forthtells doesn't just foretell
- Open to God's voice in a variety of ways
- Result is encouragement and strengthening of the Church

## **Prophet**

### **Ephesians 4:11**

- · An office or position
- · Consistent sense of God's voice through you
- Recognised by others in you
- Able to interpret and apply and make sense of experience
- Can respond immediately and obediently (Acts 21:11 Agabus)
- · Able to raise and grow others in the prophetic

## Service

#### Romans 12:7

- 'diakonia' waiting tables
- Happy to fill gaps in ministry
- Not interested in position or spotlight
- Behind the scenes

# **Teaching**

#### **Ephesians 4:11**

- Can carry the weight that comes with this responsibility (James 3:1)
- Can teach, instruct or expound
- · Loves to study and stay in God's word
- Hurts when Scripture is used incorrectly
- Loves truth and sharing it in love

# Tongues

#### 1 Corinthians 12:10

- Different language whether being used public or private
- If given in public it must be interpreted for the building of the Church
- If being used in private can build up one's own spiritual health

### Wisdom

#### 1 Corinthians 12:8

- Love of the Scriptures
- Recognises the holiness of God
- Easily recognises patterns and situations and how to avoid them
- Able to see a person and what the path ahead is for them
- Can bring clarity into a situation
- Delivers advice/instruction which is acutely applicable to a person

## My Spiritual Gifts

What gifts do I know I have?

What gifts do I think I have?

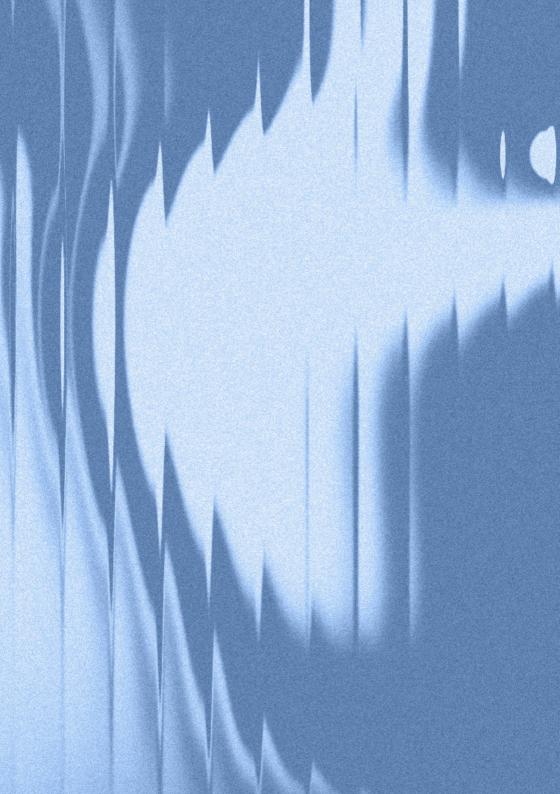
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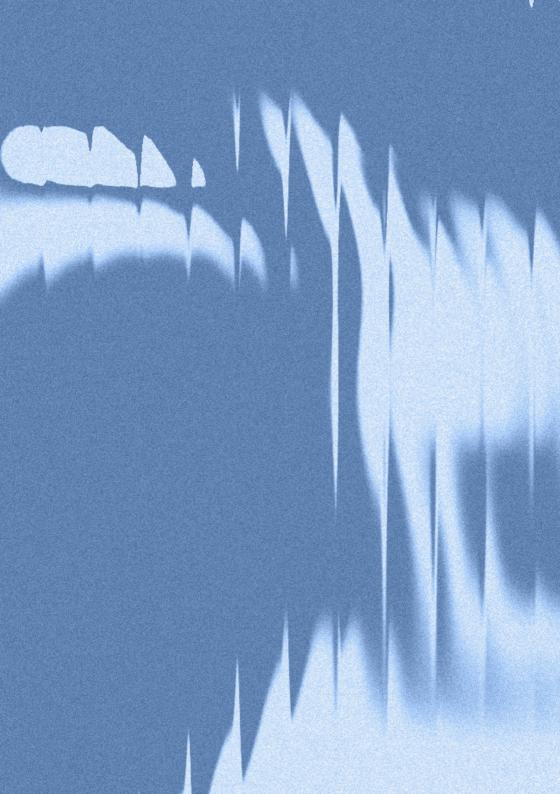
Where am I going to exercise these gifts?

Who am I going to journey this with?

What gifts would I like to have?

What steps am I going to take to 'eagerly pursue' them? (1 Corinthians 14:1)







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