

# Lesson 4

## Everyone Has a Gift

- **Whatever gift you have received**

- Gift. => Implications
  - Not earned
    - I've done nothing to merit that gift
    - The gift has been *graciously* given to the recipient
    - It can't be bought

**Illustration:**

- **Type of gift**

- Spiritual
  - Greek word charisma
    - Emphasis on the freeness of the gift (again, cannot be earned); I have nothing to boast/brag about.
  - John MacArthur: A spiritual gift is graciously given, supernaturally [designed ability] granted to every believer [by which] the Holy Spirit ministers to the body of Christ.

- **Breakdown**

- A spiritual gift
  - Graciously given => Matthew 10:8
    - "For graciously (freely) you have received, give graciously (Freely).
  - Supernaturally designed
    - God designed and gifted you!
      - It was a perfectly thought-out plan, a blueprint by God for you and me.
  - It's an ability
    - Equipped to perform a task/mission
  - Granted to every believer
    - Every believer has a gift => **NO EXCUSE!**
- Purpose (by which...) => minister to the Body => needs to be met.
  - Love! => I Corinthians 13
    - Love is *the meeting of needs*
  - How many believers typically exercise their spiritual gift in the Body?
    - I Corinthians 12:12-20
  - Every believer with their gift is a vital part of God's plan!
    - I Corinthians 12:21-27

- **Categories of gifts**

- **Spiritual**

- I Corinthians 12:4–11

- **Spiritual => Charisma**

- Etymology => etymonline.com

- 1875, "special spiritual gift or power divinely conferred, talent from God" (as on the early Christians in "Acts," etc.), Latinized form of Greek kharisma "favor, divine gift," from kharizesthai "to show favor to," from kharis "grace, beauty, kindness" (Charis was the name of one of the three attendants of Aphrodite), which is related to khairein "to rejoice at," from PIE root \*gher- (2) "to like, want."

- In the form charism (plural charismata) it is attested in the "special spiritual gift from god" sense from 1640s. Middle English, meanwhile, had karisme "spiritual gift, divine grace" (c. 1500).

- **Physical**

- Romans 12:3–8

- **Physical abilities**

- Although the Bible mentions the spiritual nature of almost all these gifts, Romans 12:8 highlights some abilities that may not be necessarily spiritual in nature.

- **Talents => Encoded in a person's DNA**

- **Artistic**

- **Intellectual**

- **Athletic**

- **Skills**

- **Acquired/ Learned**

- **A person doesn't necessarily have to be talented in a particular area to acquire that skill.**

- **Ability**

- Being able to carry out, to perform that talent or skill.

A person could lose an ability through an accident or illness and still possess the talent or skill. An athlete loses the physical ability to play a certain sport due to injury. If the athlete has acquired the skill to coach or teach, they could continue to use their talent, albeit in another form.

- **Purpose of the gifts**

- Ephesians 2:10
  - I Corinthians 14:26

- **Practical application**

- What are some abilities, skills, talents, and spiritual gifts you have?