

What? Me a Priest?

(Romans 12:3-6) "Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts..."

✓ Every Christian a _____

(1 Peter 2:9) "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

✓ Every task is _____

(1 Peter 4:10 NLT) "God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God's generosity can flow through you."

✓ Every person is _____

(1 Corinthians 12:4-7 Message) "God's various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God himself is behind it all. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful..."

✓ Everyone is a "_____" in some area.

(Psalm 139:13-16) "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well...All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be."

Understanding Spiritual Gifts

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(2 Timothy 1:6) "For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God which is in you..."

Definition of a Spiritual Gift:

A spiritual gift is a _____
that God gives to each of His children, so that
together they can _____
in this world.

1. **My gift shows _____ for my life.**

(Ephesians 2:10 NLT) "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

2. **My gifts are the key to _____.**

(John 15:8, 11) "This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete."

3. **My gifts can _____.**

(1 Corinthians 15:58) "Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain."

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