

THE WAY



CONNECT: ONE SPIRIT, ONE BODY, MANY PARTS

“There is no such thing as an independent Christian” – Rosaria Champagne Butterfield

Following THE WAY: The purpose is the same for all of us;

- We are called to continue the ministry of Jesus – Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:4-8
- The Holy Spirit Equips us – 1 Cor 12; Ephesians 4
- We accomplish it together – Romans 12: 4-5

Primary purpose of Spiritual Gifts – to edify the body;

- Spiritual Gifts are for the benefit of others
Acts 2:42; 1 Cor 12:7; 14:7,26; 1 Peter 4:10
- Spiritual Gifts are for the mission of the church
John 20:21; Romans 10:14
- The consequences of not doing our part
1 Cor 12:26; Eph 4:16

The Difference between Spiritual Gifts & Talent

Talent

DNA
Everyone has
Glorify God
Born with it

Spiritual Gift

Holy Spirit
Only Christ followers have
Glorify God & build up the church
Given at New Birth

Discovering & Using our Spiritual Gifts

(Spiritual Gift surveys can be helpful as a first step, but we should not rely on that alone)

- Dependency on God – Cultivating a right heart; making room for the Spirit
Eph 2:10; John 14:26
- Dependency on others – affirmation; encouragement
Hebrews 10:24-25; 1 Thessalonians 5:11
- Development & Practice – the natural process of loving and serving the body;
opportunities/areas to use our spiritual gifts.

If we love others the way Jesus loves us, our eyes and our hearts will be focused on the good of the body, and that ought to motivate us to employ our gifts wherever there is a need.

“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Romans 15:5-6