

Spiritual Gifts Pt. 2- Supernatural DNA

3 When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures. James 4:3

Rather than seek a gift that is beyond our design, we need to be asking God to spiritually empower us in ways that he has designed us to function and flourish.

1. Submitted

God cannot use what is not available to Him.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Romans 12:1

2. Committed

God is not going to commit anything to anyone who is not committed to him?

What if you grew up on a desert island with nothing but the Bible to read? Imagine being rescued after 20 years and then attending a typical evangelical church. Chances are you'd be shocked. Having read the scriptures outside of the context of the contemporary church culture, you would be convinced that the Holy Spirit is as essential to a believer's existence as air is to staying alive. You would know that the Spirit led Christians to do unexplainable things, to live lives that didn't make sense to the culture around them, and ultimately to spread the story of God's grace around the world. There is a big gap in what we read in the Scripture about the Holy Spirit and how most believers and churches operate today. -Francis Chan The Forgotten God

3. Omitted

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 1 Corinthians 12:7

It's is never about the person, it's never just about the gift, but it is always about the Giver.

8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 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. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines. 1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. Romans 12:3

Spiritual gifts are just one more of God's invitations to supernatural life that cannot be explained outside of God's work in and through us.