

## ONE HOUR CHALLENGE

To help you focus during the One Hour Challenge, we encourage you to follow this timeline to make this hour the most effective.

Time	Item
5 minutes	<b>Praise &amp; Thanksgiving</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Write down 2 items that you can praise God for and give Him thanks.</li></ul>
5 minutes	<b>Worship</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Take time to audibly worship God, either in words or a worship song.</li></ul>
10 minutes	<b>Contemplation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Read over the summary (Section A, see below) and ask God to open up your heart to learn from the points and the scripture references. Refer to the scriptures during the One Hour Challenge.</li></ul>
10 minutes	<b>Questions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Go over the questions that have been given, have your hearts open and write down your thoughts. (Section B, see below)</li></ul>
5 minutes	<b>Petitions and Requests</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Take the time to pray to God to show you the spiritual gifts that He has for you.</li></ul>
20 minutes	<b>Gifts Test</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Take the Gift Test (Section C) at <a href="http://www.gifttest.org">www.gifttest.org</a></li></ul> <b>Contemplate, meditate and listen</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Look over the results and process the information and be open to what God has shown you. Write this down.</li></ul>
5 minutes	<b>Worship and Next Steps</b> (Section D) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Take time to thank God for what He has shown you and email <a href="mailto:office@westparkchurch.ca">office@westparkchurch.ca</a> to have a meeting to talk to a pastor about your gifts and how they can be used for the kingdom of God.</li></ul>

## Section A: Summary of Pastor Charles' message on Spiritual Gifts

### 1) What are spiritual gifts?

Spiritual gifts are God-given capacities for service that a Christian receives at their spiritual birth, they are not talents. These are also not spiritual fruit. (A spiritual fruit is evidence of a life devoted to Jesus-character that we all should seek to build into our lives). Here are the differences between a Fruit and Gift:

- Fruit shapes character. Gifts shape service.
- Fruit is expected from all believers. Gifts vary among believers.
- Fruit evidences maturity. Gifts evidence faithfulness.
- Fruit is more permanent and continually available. God can redirect gifts.

### 2) Does every Christian have one/some?

Read the following:

*Romans 12:6 "We have different gifts, according to the grace given us."*

*1 Peter 4:10 "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."*

Gifts are not a reward for a job well done, nor hard work, nor because you are a good person. Gifts are given because of God's grace upon us. There is nothing you can do to earn gifts from God. They are given to you and He wants you to discover, develop, and deploy your gifts.

Read the following:

*1 Timothy 4:14 Do not neglect your gift . . ."*

*2 Timothy 1:6 "For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God . . ."*

Why should I know my gift? There are three reasons why you should know your gift:

- a) Maximize your joy and impact— You will find great fulfillment in serving Christ because you are serving out of who He made you to be. God will not permanently give you a gift that you do not experience joy from it. That does not mean that serving Christ is always easy. It takes effort and intentionality.
- b) Minimum weariness— When you do what you like, you will be less tired. You get energized when you serve out of your gifts.
- c) Healthy relationships— Understanding your gifts and others helps you to get along better with others because you realize and acknowledge they are not like you. God designed everyone differently. When we all exercise our gifts and respect the differences in others, we get along better.

### **3) What might be my gifts?**

Read the following:

*1 Corinthians 12:4-6 "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men."*

There are 3 Gift categories

- The gift(s) of who you ARE. They are motivational and do not change. This is who you "are".
- The gift(s) of what you DO. They are ministry gifts that you exercise through service. This is what you "do".
- The gift(s) that describe the IMPACT on others when you use them. These gifts are manifested when they are manifested on others. This is "impact" on others.

Read the following:

*Romans 12:6-8 "We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."*

- Prophecy/perceiver - Divine enablement to proclaim God's truth/speak God's mind.
- Service - Divine enablement to meet the practical needs of others.
- Teaching - Divine enablement to instruct, clarify and communicate truth.
- Exhortation/encouragement - Divine enablement to move the will and emotions and impel others to action.
- Giving - Divine enablement to freely, sacrificially, and cheerfully give for the cause of Christ.
- Leadership - Divine enablement to cast vision, motivate, and direct people to move toward a common goal.
- Mercy - Divine enablement to cheerfully and practically help those who are suffering or are in need.

### **4) How do I discover them?**

It begins with a commitment to Jesus. Ask yourself:

- "What do I enjoy doing/do well?" - A good indicator of where your giftedness may lie may be found in things that give you joy and satisfaction and interest you.
- "If I could I would..." - If I could (time and money no issue) I would. What would you do if you could...
- Pray. What do you sense in your heart that the Holy Spirit is telling you about your gifts. – you will have a sense of peace in heart.
- "Take a test drive" Test out what you think your spiritual gift is. Commit to some type of ministry for 6 months to find out.
- Look for results. When you are exercising your gifts and you are fitted in the right place in your ministry, you will see effectiveness.
- Seek advice of wise people. Seek our gifted people in the area you think you may be gifted in – they will come along side you as you seek your gifts.

## **Section B: Questions to Ponder**

1. When and where do you most sense God's pleasure when you serve Him?
2. How would you distinguish spiritual gifts from spiritual fruit?
3. Who do you know serves out of their spiritual "sweet spot" and what makes you believe that?
4. What do you think is your spiritual gift mix?

## **Section C: Take the Gifts Test**

- Go the website [www.gifttest.org/ministry](http://www.gifttest.org/ministry) and click on the "Take the Test" button.

## **Section D: Next Steps**

- Take time to thank God for what He has shown you and email [office@westparkchurch.ca](mailto:office@westparkchurch.ca) to have a meeting to talk to a pastor about your gifts and how they can be used for the kingdom of God.