

## PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.

There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.” 1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-6

### *Power Gifts Definitions*

**The Gift of Prophecy** is exercised when someone, usually in a congregation or large gathering, has the capacity to deliver truth of a predictive nature or a situational word from God. The result is to exhort the community, edify or comfort believers, or convince non-believers of God’s truth. J. ROBERT CLINTON

**Faith** is the ability to see something that God wants done and to sustain unwavering confidence that God will do it regardless of seemingly insurmountable obstacles. LESLIE B. FLYNN

**The Discerning of Spirits** gift is the ability to perceive issues in terms of spiritual truth, to know the fundamental source of the issues and to give judgment concerning those issues; this includes the recognition of the spiritual forces operating. J. ROBERT CLINTON

## DID YOU MISS SUNDAY’S SERVICE?

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*The Power Gifts – Part II*

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## CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

Power gifts demonstrate the power, presence and reality of God. (Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues, Intercession, **Prophecy, Faith, Discernment of Spirits**, Words of Knowledge, Healing, Miracles)

1. In what ways have you experienced and are you experiencing the power-generating presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?
2. Recall a time when someone told you to 'just have faith'. What was your response?
3. There can be tension between gifts operating side by side and even tension between people with the same gifts. What potential points of tension can you see with the Power gifts.

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## THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. Read Acts 5:1-11. This passage is an example of Peter discerning spirits. Ananias and Sapphira were likely moved by Barnabas' example in the previous verses. The difference was motivation. Why do you think these verses are included in this book? What does this passage teach you about the Holy Spirit?
5. Read Acts 2:17-18 and Acts 21:8-11. How do these passages contribute to our understanding of the spiritual gift of prophecy? What role does the Holy Spirit play in the passages? Re-read the passage about Agabus and continue reading Paul's response. What aspect of this historical account impacts you most?

6. Read 1 Corinthians 14:3 and 2 Timothy 3:16-17. What are the benefits of prophecy, when it is used properly? What is the difference between prophecy and Scripture? The spiritual gift of teaching is the ability to understand and communicate Scripture. How is the gift of teaching different from the gift of prophecy?
7. Read 1 Corinthians 14:29-30 and 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21. Why does prophecy need to be tested? Discuss how to test a prophetic word.

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## COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

8. Recall and share an experience when you or another used the gift of prophecy to tell the will of God. How did you respond? Now that you have learned more about this gift, is there something you intend to do differently when a similar experience occurs again?
9. Do you know someone with the gift of faith? How might someone with this gift bless and individual or the church?
10. Pray that God will guide you and your group as you examine truth and ponder more during this week about the spiritual gifts. Pray that your group, family and friends will be a safe place to practice and nurture spiritual gifts.