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# DISCIPLE ME

## THE ONE ABOUT SPIRITUAL GIFTS PART 1: THE SAME SPIRIT

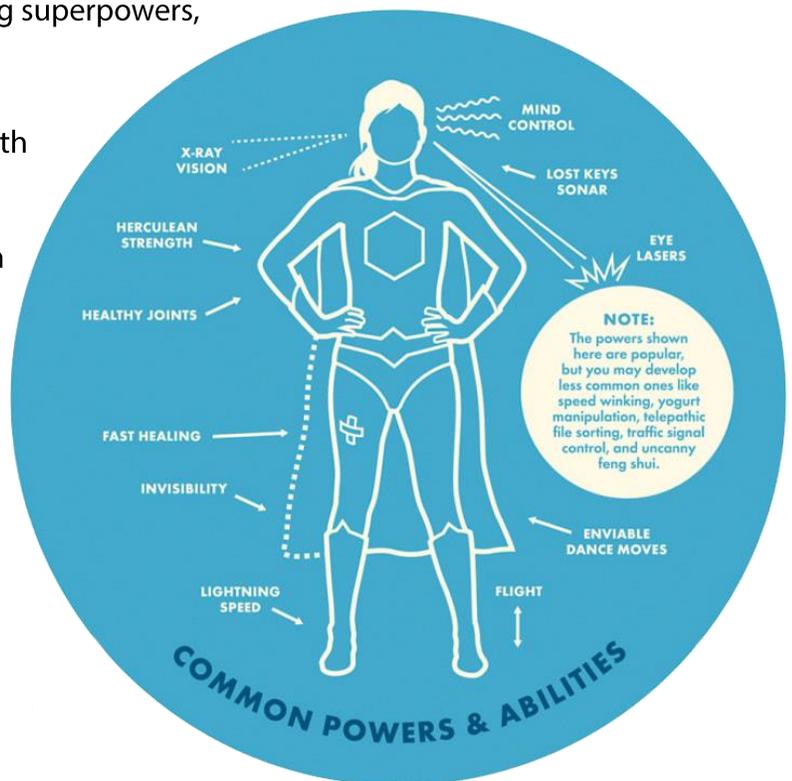
### READ: POWER UP!

If you could instantly be given one of the following superpowers, which would you choose – and why?

- Flying
- Reading Minds
- Super Strength
- Healing
- Talking to Animals
- Invisibility
- Speed
- Perfect Memory
- Teleportation

### DISCUSS:

- If everyone in the world had the same superpower, could it feel special?
- What would the benefit of people having different strengths or “powers” be?



### READ: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Before we jump into our passage for today, think about how every superhero movie starts - someone discovers they have a special ability that sets them apart. While you might not have laser vision or the power to fly, Scripture says you *do* have something just as incredible.

In 1 Corinthians 12, Paul explains that every follower of Jesus has been given spiritual gifts - strengths and abilities that come directly from God’s Spirit. These gifts aren’t random or just for personal gain; they’re designed to make a difference in the world and build up others. You may not be a superhero, but you’ve been uniquely equipped by the same Spirit who gives power and purpose to every believer.

So as we read **1 Corinthians 12:4–11**, listen for how Paul describes these gifts - where they come from, why they matter, and how they work together to show God’s power through *you*.

<sup>4</sup> There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all. <sup>5</sup> There are different kinds of service, but we serve the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

<sup>7</sup> A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. <sup>8</sup> To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. <sup>9</sup> The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing.

<sup>10</sup> He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in different languages, and another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. <sup>11</sup> It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

## DISCUSS:

- What stands out to you most in this passage?
- Why do you think God chose to give *different* gifts to *different* people instead of giving everyone the same ones?
- How might the world look if everyone had the exact same spiritual gift?
- When have you seen someone use their gift in a way that made a difference?
- What are some strengths, talents, or abilities you think God has placed in you?

## ASSESSMENT: MY SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Now that we've talked about different gifts and how they show up in people's lives, let's take it further with a short **Spiritual Gifts Assessment**. It's not a test with right or wrong answers- just a tool to help you see how God has uniquely wired you. Here's what you need to do. Using the QR code to the left, each person will go and take the assessment. Read through the statements together and then submit your answers



## CHALLENGE: ONE SPIRIT – ONE GIFT

This week, pay attention to one way you can use a gift God has given you — whether it's encouragement, serving, creativity, or leadership — to build someone else up. **Examples:** Write a note of encouragement, help plan something behind the scenes, pray for a friend, or use your artistic ability to share truth. At the end of the week, reflect on how it felt to use your gift *for others*, not for recognition.