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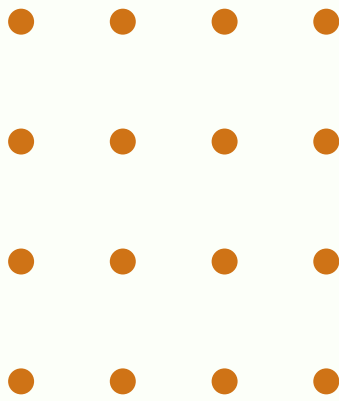
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Developing your gifts

A STUDY TO GO DEEPER

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Week 3

GENERATIONS CHURCH RESOURCES

Opening: Prayer & Reflection

Begin with a time of prayer, inviting the Holy Spirit to guide and teach.

Reflecting on last week's practice

1. How was last week's practice?
2. What did you discover through your time with the Holy Spirit?



Read the Scripture

2 Timothy 1:6-7

"For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

1 Timothy 4:12-16

"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers."



Reflection questions

Reflection & Encouragement

- 1 Paul tells Timothy to "fan into flame" the gift of God. What do you think this means in practical terms for us today?
- 2 Have you ever felt hesitant or fearful about using your spiritual gifts? How does verse 7 encourage us to overcome that fear?
- 3 Paul emphasizes that God has given us a spirit of power, love, and self-discipline. How do these three qualities help us develop and use our gifts effectively?

Identifying & Developing Gifts

- 4 Paul warns Timothy not to neglect his gift (1 Tim. 4:14). What are some reasons people might neglect their spiritual gifts?
- 5 How can we actively practice and immerse ourselves in our gifts so that others can see our progress (1 Tim. 4:15)?

Reflection questions

Serving others & Growth

- 6 Paul encourages Timothy to set an example in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity (1 Tim. 4:12). How does personal character impact the effectiveness of our spiritual gifts?
- 7 Spiritual gifts are always meant to point others to God and help them experience His presence. If people focus more on us than on God, we may not be using our gifts as He intended. Why is humility essential in using spiritual gifts?
- 8 How can you encourage others to grow in their gifts? Who could you serve together with?
- 9 Timothy was instructed to devote himself to Scripture, exhortation, and teaching (1 Tim. 4:13). How does engaging with God's Word help us develop our spiritual gifts?



Reflection questions

Perseverance & Accountability

- 10 Paul tells Timothy to "keep a close watch" on his life and teaching (1 Tim. 4:16). Why is self-examination important when using our gifts?
- 11 How can we stay accountable in using our gifts wisely and effectively?
- 12 What specific action can you take this week to "fan into flame" your spiritual gift?



Read over this week's practice.

Take time to review the practice and commit to daily reflection and action.

Prayer

Ask God for wisdom, courage, and opportunities to use your spiritual gifts this week.

The Practice

For your individual time with the Lord

Day 1: Understanding & embracing your gift

Key Scriptures

- 2 Timothy 1:6–7 – Stir up the gift of God; don't be timid.
- 1 Timothy 4:14–15 – Do not neglect your gift; practice it.

Reflection

- How do you feel about your spiritual gifts—excited, nervous, or unsure?
- What doubts or fears do you have about using them?

Action Steps

- ☐ Write down your spiritual gifts and what excites you about them.
- ☐ Pray for boldness to use your gifts without fear.
- ☐ Tell someone you trust about your gifts and ask for encouragement.

Day 2: Using your gift to serve others

Key Scriptures

- 1 Peter 4:10–11 – Use your gifts to serve others.
- Romans 12:6–8 – Use your gift diligently and with excellence.

Reflection

- How can your gift be used to bless and serve others?
- What opportunities do you already have to use your gift?

Action Steps

- ☐ Look for a simple way to use your gift today (e.g., encouraging someone, offering help, praying for someone).
- ☐ Journal your experience: How did it feel to use your gift?
- ☐ Ask for feedback from someone you served—how did your gift impact them?

Day 3: Relying on the Holy Spirit

Key Scriptures

- Acts 1:8 – The Holy Spirit empowers you.
- 1 Corinthians 12:7–11 – The Spirit gives gifts for the common good.

Reflection

- Are you trying to use your gift in your own strength, or are you relying on the Holy Spirit?
- What happens when you invite the Holy Spirit into your gifting?

Action Steps

- ☐ Spend time in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to guide and empower your gift.
- ☐ Read 1 Corinthians 12 and reflect on the purpose of spiritual gifts.
- ☐ Ask God for an opportunity today to use your gift in a meaningful way.

Day 4: Growing and committing to long-term development

Key Scriptures

- Matthew 25:14–30 – The Parable of the Talents: God expects us to develop our gifts.
- Luke 16:10 – Faithfulness in small things leads to greater opportunities.
- Acts 2:42–47 – The early church practiced their gifts in community.

Reflection

- How can you continue to grow in your gift beyond this week?
- Who can mentor or encourage you as you develop your gift?

Action Steps

- ☐ Set a goal: How will you focus on the development of your gift over the next three months?
- ☐ Find a trusted mentor or friend who can support and guide you.
- ☐ Pray for wisdom on how God wants you to use your gift moving forward.

Final Encouragement

Keep growing!

This is just the beginning of your journey in developing your spiritual gifts. Keep praying, practicing, and looking for ways to serve others. The more you use your gifts, the stronger they will become.

Closing Prayer

"Lord, thank You for the gifts You have placed in me. Help me to use them with boldness, wisdom, and love. Fill me with Your Spirit, and lead me to opportunities where I can serve and grow. Amen."





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