

Short Talk

(SHT042)

Gifts of the Spirit

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SHORT TALK: “GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT” (SHT042)

Aim of Short talk:	To encourage people that God gives us the “tools for the job” – in other words, the gifts of the Holy Spirit – for any job He gives us to do.
Main themes:	Gifts of the Spirit, Ministries, Ministry
Biblical references:	1Corinthians 12:4-11, 1Peter 4:10, Romans 12:6-8, Ephesians 4:11-13
Props:	A tin of fruit that needs undoing with a tin opener (ie without a ringpull), a bottle opener, a garlic press, a tin opener, an iron with a plug on it, hammer, pliers, screwdriver.
Before the service:	Loosen the screws in the plug on the iron.

Good morning.....

- I need a couple of volunteers to help me this morning with a couple of jobs. *(Wait for two volunteers to come forward)*
- I need you N1 to open this tin of fruit for me please.

(Turn to the congregation and say)

- Which tool do you think I need to give to N1 for them to do this job?

Should I give them:

- a bottle opener,
- a garlic press
- or a tin opener?
- It's the tin opener isn't it? The bottle opener and garlic press wouldn't be much use.

Here you are N1....

- You should find that this is the right tool for the job. *(N1 opens the tin of fruit)*
- Thank you very much for your help.....great job.

Now I need N2 to help me with my iron.....the screws seem to have come loose in the plug,

- and they need to be tightened up.

(Turn to the congregation and say)

- Which tool do you think I need to give to N2 for them to do this job?

Should I give them:

- a hammer,
- pliers,
- or a screwdriver?
- It's the screwdriver isn't it? The hammer and pliers wouldn't be much use.

Here you are N2....

- You should find that this is the right tool for the job. *(N2 tightens the screws in the plug of the iron)*

Thank you very much for your help.....great job.

- Would you like to sit down.

We need the right tool for the job don't we if we are going to get it done?

- When God gives us things to do,
- the Holy Spirit gives us the right tools for the job.

These tools are obviously not things like screw drivers and tin openers,

- but are skills and abilities.
- The Bible calls these skills and abilities "gifts", because the Holy Spirit gives them to us.

So for example, if God asks us to build someone up with our words,

- the Holy Spirit will give us an encouragement gift.

If God asks us to help other people learn about Him,

- the Holy Spirit will give us a teaching gift.

If God asks us to share our faith with other people regularly,

- the Holy Spirit will give us an evangelism gift.

If God asks us to give some practical help to someone in need,

- the Holy Spirit will give us a practical helps gift or a serving gift.

We don't have to try and serve God in our own strength,

- because the Holy Spirit wants to give us all that we need,
- and His gifts are always the perfect ones for the job we are called to do.

So next time God calls you to serve Him in some way,

- don't be afraid and think that you can't possibly do it,
- ask the Holy Spirit to give you the "right tool for the job,"
- one of his precious gifts,
- and He will.