

Gifts with a Purpose

Series: The Holy Spirit
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A. Context to the Gifts.

Ephesians 4:8 (NIV) *This is why it says: "When he {Jesus} ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to {people}."*

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B. The 7 Motivational Gifts.

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- b. Foretelling.
- c. Prophecy is for the believer & unbeliever.

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2. Serving.

3. Teaching.

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4. Encouragement/Exhortation.

5. Giving.

6. Leadership.

7. Kindness/Mercy.

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