

A pair of orange-handled scissors and a hand saw are positioned on a wooden workbench. The scissors are on the left, and the saw is on the right. The text "Spiritual Gifts" is overlaid in the bottom center.

**Spiritual
Gifts**

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THE ICI CHRISTIAN SERVICE PROGRAM



This independent study textbook is one of 18 courses (subjects) that make up the ICI Christian Service Program. The symbol at the left is a guide for sequenced study. The Christian Service Program is divided into three units of six courses each. *Spiritual Gifts* is Course Five in Unit One. You may study this course by itself or study the entire series in proper sequence.

Study materials in the Christian Service Program are designed in a self-teaching format for Christian workers. This program will provide a student with the necessary Bible knowledge and skills for practical Christian service. These courses have been especially prepared for Christian workers in all nations and cultures.

ATTENTION

Please read the preliminary instructions for this course very carefully. By following the instructions you should be able to achieve your goals for the course, and you should not have difficulty preparing for your unit student reports.

Address all correspondence concerning the course to your ICI instructor at the address stamped on the copyright page of this study guide.

Course Introduction

“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant” (1 Corinthians 12:1).

Spiritual gifts are very important to the body of Christ. It is exciting to learn about these gifts which God has made available to His children. Without these gifts the church cannot exist or move ahead.

As believers we must learn all we can about spiritual gifts. When our knowledge increases, the gifts find a larger place in our lives and ministry. We become a greater blessing to the family of believers, and are more effective in spreading the gospel.

Course Description

In this course we will give attention to three different groups of spiritual gifts. We will call them (1) Gifts of Ministry, (2) Other Ministry Gifts, and (3) Gifts of the Spirit.

The first group—Gifts of Ministry—includes those believers who Christ gives to the church to be its leaders.

In the second group—Other Ministry Gifts—we will study gifts which are available to all believers.

And in the final group—Gifts of the Spirit—we will learn about nine gifts which the Holy Spirit gives to believers as He wills.

Course Objectives

When you finish this course you should be able to:

1. Describe the importance of the individual believer in the church as a channel for spiritual gifts.
2. Understand the function and purpose of the various kinds of spiritual gifts.

3. Contrast the constructive work of the Holy Spirit with the destructive work of evil spirits.
4. Recognize and appreciate the diversity of spiritual gifts in the body of Christ.
5. Explain the difference between spiritual gifts and natural talents.
6. Discover, experience, and pursue the development of spiritual gifts in your ministry.
7. Value gifts of the Spirit as vital to Christian life and ministry.
8. Identify and solve problems relating to the operation of spiritual gifts.

Textbooks

You will use *Spiritual Gifts: An Independent Study Textbook* by R. L. Brandt, as both the textbook and study guide for the course. *Today's English Version* and the *King James Version* of the Bible are the only other requirements.

Study Time

How much time you actually need to study each lesson depends in part on your knowledge of the subject and the strength of your study skills before you begin the course. The time you spend also depends on the extent to which you follow directions and develop skills necessary for independent study. Plan your study schedule and time so that you spend enough time to attain the objectives stated by the author of this course and your own personal objectives as well.

Units of Study

The lessons in this course are organized into three units of study, as follows:

Units	Unit Titles	Lessons
1	Introducing Spiritual Gifts	1-2
2	Understanding Ministry Gifts	3-6
3	Understanding Gifts of the Spirit	7-9

Lesson Organization and Study Pattern

Each lesson includes: 1) lesson title, 2) introduction, 3) lesson outline, 4) lesson objectives, 5) learning activities, 6) key words, 7) lesson development, including study questions, 8) self-test (at the end of the lesson development), 9) answers to each self-test at the back of your textbook.

The lesson outline and objectives will give you an overview of the subject, help you to focus your attention on the most important points as you study, and tell you what you should learn.

The lesson development in this course makes it easy to study the material thoroughly. By studying a section at a time you can make good use of short periods of study whenever you have time, instead of waiting until you have time to do an entire lesson at once. The comments, exercises, and answers are all designed to help you achieve the objectives of the lesson.

Some of the study questions in the lesson development can be answered in the spaces provided in your independent study textbook. But some of the questions require a notebook. As you write the answers in your notebook, be sure to record the number and title of the lesson. Write the answers to the study questions in correct numerical order. This will help you in your review for the unit student report.

Do not look ahead at the answers until you have given your answer first. By doing this, you will retain what your study questions are teaching you as you confirm your answers with the answers given in the textbook. Mark in your notebook the questions you answered incorrectly and write in the correct answer.

These questions are very important. They will help you develop and improve your knowledge and Christian service. The suggested activities, too, are to help you go from theory to practice.

Ways to Study This Course

If you study this ICI course by yourself, all of your work can be completed by mail. Although ICI has designed this course for you to study on your own, you may also study it in a group or class.

If you study this course in a group or class, the instructor may give you added instructions besides those in the course. If so, be sure to follow his instructions.

Possibly you are interested in using the course in a home Bible study group, a class at church, or in a Bible school. You will find both the subject content and study methods excellent for all of these purposes. This course can be a good aid to students and teachers alike.

Unit Student Reports

The unit student reports and answer sheets are located in the back of your study guide. These are to be completed according to the instructions included both in the course and in the unit student reports. You should complete and send the three answer sheets to your instructor for his grading and suggestions regarding your work.

Certificate

Upon the successful completion of the course and the final evaluation of the unit answer sheets by your ICI instructor, you will receive your Certificate of Award. Or, if you prefer, you may study this course for personal enrichment without receiving a certificate.

Author of this Course

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Your ICI Instructor

Your ICI instructor will be happy to help you in any way possible. If you have any questions about the course, please feel free to ask him. If several people want to study the course together, ask him about special arrangements for group study.

Additional Helps

Other materials are available for use with this Individual Study Textbook, including supplemental audio cassettes, video cassettes, an Instructor's Guide, and an Instructor's Packet (for instructor's use only). Consult the Evangelism, Discipleship, and Training Manual.

God bless you as you begin to study *Spiritual Gifts*. May it enrich your life and Christian service and help you fulfill more effectively your part in the body of Christ.

Unit One

Introducing Spiritual Gifts

