

# WATCH THE WIND

SERMON STUDY - 6.29.2025

## Leader Corner

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 6:10-20

The gifts of the Spirit are not just for moments of ministry—they're for everyday spiritual battle and discernment. The armor helps us walk in the gifts with integrity, protection, and love. This study is to help identify the various gifts and the various ways you and your group are uniquely gifted.

**Main Idea:** All believers have gifts bestowed from the Holy Spirit

**Main Passage:** Isaiah 11:2-3, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 6

**Main Practice:** To identify Holy Spirit gifts and to practice them

## Connect with Prayer & Praise

Welcome everyone to your gathering. As you get started, invite the group to quietly ask: "Holy Spirit, open my heart and ears to You today."

Then, read the following Scriptures for reflection and to prepare for the study:

- John 14:26
- Romans 8:14
- Galatians 5:25

## with Principle

1. Recall any notes, phrases, verses, or other thoughts from Sunday's sermon.

2. Read Isaiah 11:2-3. The gifts mentioned in this passage are typically known as the "Traditional Gifts" and focus on character and spiritual maturity. (Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety, and Fear of the Lord)

### Discussion Prompt:

- Which of these do you feel drawn to right now?
- Where might the Holy Spirit be inviting you to grow in character?

3. Next, read 1 Corinthians 12:4–11. These "Charismatic Gifts," are spiritual empowerments to serve and build up others and include: Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, Faith, Healing, Miracles, Prophecy, Discernment of Spirits, Tongues, and Interpretation.

### Discussion Prompt:

- Have you seen any of these gifts in your life or community?
- Which gifts stir your curiosity or hunger?

4. Finally, read together Ephesians 6:10–20. This passage reminds us that walking in the gifts of the Holy Spirit requires spiritual alertness, protection, and prayer. The Armor of God: Belt of Truth, Breastplate of Righteousness, Shoes of the Gospel of Peace, Shield of Faith, Helmet of Salvation, and Sword of the Spirit (Word of God).

### Discussion Prompt:

- How do the armor pieces relate to the spiritual gifts we just discussed?
- What does it mean to "pray in the Spirit on all occasions"? (v.18)
- How can we stay spiritually ready and discerning in everyday life?

## with Practice

### Exercise 1: Listening Prayer

- In silence, ask: "Holy Spirit, is there something You want to show me—for me or for someone else?"
- Write down what you hear, sense, or see.
- Share briefly in pairs or small groups.

### Exercise 2: Prophetic Encouragement

- In pairs, silently pray and ask God for a word, verse, or image to encourage the other.
- Share it gently and with humility.
- Encourage feedback: "Does this resonate?"

## for Further Study

Daily practice challenge for the week—encourage each person to:

- Begin a short "Holy Spirit Journal"
- Ask each day: "What are You saying today?" and "How can I respond?"
- Pray: "Holy Spirit, increase Your gifts in me, especially \_\_\_\_\_."