

# Spiritual Gifts

- 1) Someone made a difference in my life just by being themselves when . . .
- 2) Some things others have noticed about me that I didn't notice about myself are . . .
- 3) One way that my life has been blessed by someone else's willingness to extend themselves is . . .
- 4) Some of the reasons I sometimes hesitate or refrain from sharing "who I really am" with others are . . .
- 5) One thing that I will do to share myself, my time, my talents, and/or my love with others this week is . . .

(A) "For verily I say unto you, they are given for the benefit of those who love me and keep all my commandments, and him that seeketh so to do; that all may be benefited that seek or that ask of me, that ask and not for a sign that they may consume it upon their lusts" (D&C 46:9).

(B) Elder Dallin H. Oaks of the Quorum of the Twelve taught that gifts of the Spirit "can lead us to God. They can shield us from the power of the adversary. They can compensate for our inadequacies and repair our imperfections" ("Spiritual Gifts," *Ensign*, Sept. 1986, 72).

(C) Elder Orson Pratt of the Quorum of the Twelve said, "Spiritual gifts are distributed among the members of the Church, according to their faithfulness, circumstances, natural abilities, duties, and callings; that the whole may be properly instructed, confirmed, perfected, and saved" (*Masterful Discourses and Writings of Orson Pratt*, comp. N.B. Lundwall, 1953, 571).

(D) "Let us review some of these less-conspicuous gifts: the gift of asking; the gift of listening; the gift of hearing and using a still, small voice; the gift of being able to weep; the gift of avoiding contention; the gift of being agreeable; the gift of avoiding vain repetition; the gift of seeking that which is righteous; the gift of not passing judgment; the gift of looking to God for guidance; the gift of being a disciple; the gift of caring for others; the gift of being able to ponder; the gift of offering prayer; the gift of bearing a mighty testimony; and the gift of receiving the Holy Ghost" (Elder Marvin J. Ashton).

(E) "And the Lord called his people ZION, because they were of one heart and one mind, and dwelt in righteousness; **and there was no poor among them**" (Moses 7:18)

(F) 13 "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

14 For the body is not one member, but many.

15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling?

20 But now are they many members, yet but one body.

21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:" (1 Corinthians 12:13-17, 20-22).