



## Chapter Seven: Devotional Eight

### Spiritual Gifts Fueled by Prayer

As you have pondered the gifts of the Holy Spirit, did it every cross your mind that prayer is not a gift of the Spirit? Although prayer is not on this list, none of the gifts of the Spirit flow appropriately without being fueled by prayer. Donna Barrett says it like this:

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#### Excerpt from *Leveling the Praying Field*:

*“Be reminded that the Giver of the gift is God, the vessel is you and the beneficiary is the community of believers for the glory of God. Without consistent communication between a gifted person and God, it is possible for the gifts to flow in the flesh, in a secular context, cutting God out of the mix. But when the gifts are saturated in prayer, they will function at His direction for His glory to the end of benefitting His children who are pursuing His purposes. All the gifts are pulled into the spiritual arena and ongoing prayer makes the difference.”* pages 121-122

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Wow! This is so powerful. Perhaps it can feel daunting to be used as a vessel for one of these gifts, yet God provides a way for us to ensure we are ready and prepared to be used in this way- prayer! We can pray for our hearts to be prepared, for our ears to be opened to hear the prompting of the Holy Spirit, for the recipient to be eager to receive the gift and for God to be glorified.

II Timothy 1:6-7 says, “This is why I remind you to fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you. For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love and self-discipline.”

We have the opportunity to fuel spiritual gifts with prayer.



**Prayer:**

Lord, thank you for being the giver of gifts. Please prepare my heart to receive all that you have for me. Use me in whatever gift is essential for the needs I encounter today. I am yours and desire to be used by you to encourage others and bring glory to your name. Amen.

**Reflection Questions:**

- 1) What gifts has God given to you? How does prayer help you operate in the gifts?
- 2) How does prayer support the way we use spiritual gifts?

\*Questions from page 129

**Key Thought** – *All the spiritual gifts must be fueled by prayer which keeps us focused on God not the gift.*

| LEVELING THE PRAYING FIELD<br>STUDY SCHEDULE |               |                 |
|----------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
|                                              | <u>MONDAY</u> | <u>THURSDAY</u> |
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