

# Doctrine and Covenants 46:7–33, Part 1

## Gifts of the Spirit

Prepare to study by listening to a hymn or song and saying a prayer. Create a note for this lesson in your seminary notebook. As you study, write any questions you have and look for answers.

Heavenly Father blesses faithful members of the Church with spiritual gifts. These gifts allow us to become more like the Savior and bless those around us. This lesson can help you feel Heavenly Father's love as you learn why He blesses us with spiritual gifts.

## Study the Scriptures

Think about a memorable gift you have given or received.

- Why do we give gifts?

Look for and mark words or phrases in [Doctrine and Covenants 46:8–12, 26](#) that explain why God gives us gifts.

The following ways you will learn about what was happening in the Church that led God to reveal truths about gifts of the Spirit.

### Audio

Listen to or read in [Chapter 10 of Saints, vol. 1](#) (12:36 to 15:52) what was happening in the Church that led God to reveal truths about gifts of the Spirit.

### Text

Some of the Saints in Kirtland took their beliefs to wild extremes, reveling in what they took to be gifts of the Spirit. Several people claimed to have visions they could not explain. Others believed the Holy Ghost made them slide or scoot across the ground. One man bounced around rooms or swung from ceiling joists whenever he thought he felt the Spirit. Another acted like a baboon.

Seeing this behavior, some converts grew discouraged and gave up on the new church. ([Saints, vol. 1, 112](#))

Complete the following activities to learn about some of the gifts of the Spirit.

## Gifts of the Spirit: Part 1

Look for and mark gifts of the Spirit described in [Doctrine and Covenants 46:13–16](#). (Note: you will find one gift in each verse.)

If helpful, you might want to make note in your scriptures of the following definitions:

- Know the differences of administration ([verse 15](#)): This gift can help leaders recognize the spiritual gifts of others and how they can be helpful in various positions of service.
- Know the diversities of operations ([verse 16](#)): This gift helps individuals determine whether a teaching or influence comes from God or from some other source.

Choose one or two of the spiritual gifts you identified. Write a one-, two-, or three-sentence scenario where that spiritual gift is a benefit.

Example: The gift of “discerning of spirits” ([Doctrine and Covenants 46:23](#)). Although nobody has given her details about a party, Lucy has an uneasy feeling about attending. She politely declines the invitation, and though it's difficult, she feels that she's doing the right thing.

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### Gifts of the Spirit: Part 2

Look for and mark gifts of the Spirit described in [Doctrine and Covenants 46:17–21](#). (Note: you will find one gift in each verse.)

Choose one or two of the spiritual gifts you identified. Write a one-, two-, or three-sentence scenario where that spiritual gift is a benefit.

Example: The gift “to believe” ([Doctrine and Covenants 46:14](#)). As Samantha listens to the testimonies of others, she is not sure she can join them in saying that she knows the Church is true. But listening to their testimonies increases her belief in the Savior and helps her want to live faithfully.

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### Gifts of the Spirit: Part 3

Look for and mark gifts of the Spirit described in [Doctrine and Covenants 46:22–25, 27](#). (Note: you will find one gift in each verse.)

If helpful, you might want to make note in your scriptures of the following definitions:

Gift of prophecy ([verse 22](#)): “The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” ([Revelation 19:10](#)). Personal revelation is the source of testimony, and testimony enables a person to prophesy or testify of God’s work.

The discerning of spirits ([verse 23](#)): This gift allows a person to recognize or understand others’ true intentions and hidden motivations. This gift helps a person to detect hidden evils and to see the good in others.

Choose one or two of the spiritual gifts you identified. Write a one-, two-, or three-sentence scenario where that spiritual gift is a benefit.

Example: The gift of the “working of miracles” ([Doctrine and Covenants 46:21](#)). Missionary work has been difficult for Elder Vasquez and Elder Cox. However, they are determined to serve with faith in Jesus Christ. Over time they begin to see hearts soften and miracles occur in the lives of the people they are teaching.

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## Now What?

Read the lyrics (Children's Songbook, [228](#)) for the hymn "[I Know My Heavenly Father Loves Me](#)." As you read, ponder the following question:

- How do these gifts of the Spirit show God's love for His children, including me?

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Answer the following questions:

- What did you learn about how Heavenly Father blesses His children through gifts of the Spirit?

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- What are some spiritual gifts Heavenly Father has blessed you with?

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- How has He blessed you through the spiritual gifts of others?

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- How has your experience with spiritual gifts affected your relationship with Heavenly Father?

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## Reflect and Connect

Share with me something you learned from this lesson. You could share:

- One of the scenarios that you created that showed a spiritual gift being useful.



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