

Grace and the Spirit

In the Greek lexicon, the transliteration of the word for grace (lovingkindness, favor) is "charis." The word for the Holy Spirit is "Pneuma."

The words used in the New Testament for spiritual gift(s) are rooted in these two words. Spiritual gifts are either described with words meaning "of or relating to the grace of God"* (charismata) or "of or relating to the Spirit"** (pneumatikon).

It seems significant that "spiritual gifts" are rooted in the overarching and overwhelming concept of God's grace to us in Jesus and that they come from and are empowered by the Spirit of the Living God.

If you are unclear about your gift-mix, take the quick free online assessment here.

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- *1 Corinthians 12:4, 28, 29, 31; 1 Peter 4:10.
- **1 Corinthians 12:1; 14:1
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