

# Identity – Week 6– “Working for God” My gifts and fruit

Connect and review	Notes
<p>What has impacted you most from last week.            The objective this week is to <b>recognise both my natural and spiritual gifts are necessary for effective living and growing.</b>            Study sheets “What have you got?”            Discuss – “Is there a difference between natural and spiritual gifts?”</p>	
Inspire and engage	
<p>Natural gifts are given to all – yes, we all have at least one!            Often what is a natural gift can be heightened by the Holy Spirit to be useful in the Kingdom of God eg one who is good managing money may be a good steward of church finances, or one who is a good cook can be used to support others lacking in that area.</p> <p>Spiritual gifts in the church are numerous: 1 Corinthians 12:4-12, Ephesians 4:11-12, Romans 12:6-8.            Why these gifts? Have a few to share ideas. Ephesians 4:12-16 shows they are to build up, encourage and aid the smooth running of a body of believers.</p> <p>So where does fruit come in? Galatians 5:22 – 23. (NB one fruit but many facets – a bit like an orange)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The importance of the Gifts and the fruit of the Holy Spirit working together... working through the gift but according to the fruit!!</li> <li>• The two working together will bring greater impact.</li> </ul>	
Explore and apply	
<p><b>Explore</b>            Growth in wisdom is a continuous process. What are the biggest challenges you face in making wisdom an essential part in your life?            How can these be addressed and over come?</p> <p><b>Apply</b>            Show sheet “My personal development plan” and explain this is to be completed at home over the next week.</p>	
Reflect and review	
<p><i>Personal reflection:</i></p> <p>How can I know my spiritual gifts?</p> <p><i>Suggested activity:</i></p> <p>Personal development plan to complete in the next week.</p>	