

WISDOM

<p>Those with the gift of Wisdom use God-given direction and information and apply it, providing guidance to individuals and the church. People with this gift typically can see the right course of action in the midst of otherwise confusing or overwhelming circumstances that paralyze others. Often, input from those with wisdom can shift a group's direction or help guide someone toward greater clarity. The use of the gift of wisdom is less about authority and more about humility—rooted in truth and the guidance of the Spirit, which others usually recognize as such.</p>	<p>This is one of my gifts _____</p> <p>I am unsure if I have this gift _____</p> <p>This is not one of my gifts _____</p>
<p>Questions on the assessment that pertain to Wisdom:</p>	<p>Review each question and jot down what comes to mind:</p>
<p><i>People look to me for counsel when there are decisions to be made.</i></p>	
<p><i>I can usually see the wise course of action to take.</i></p>	
<p><i>I am rarely confused about what next steps to take in challenging situations.</i></p>	
<p>Some words that describe people with this gift:</p>	<p>Put a checkmark below if you feel the word describes you:</p>
<p>Guide</p>	
<p>Perceptive</p>	
<p>Spirit-led</p>	
<p>Astute</p>	
<p>Good judgment</p>	
<p>Insightful</p>	
<p>Potential negatives to this gift:</p>	<p>Check the ones that feel like particular warnings for your use of the gift:</p>
<p>Can begin to have pride that people seek him/her out for advice.</p>	
<p>Can begin to think the gift is infallible—that he/she is always right.</p>	
<p>May have a hard time following a leader who ignores what he/she says.</p>	
<p>Some possible ways to serve using this gift:</p>	<p>Check which ways to serve sound like a potential fit for you, or add to the list:</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Needed in all ministry areas and on all teams! 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Education teacher 	



• Sunday School teacher	
• Elder/Deacon	
• Finance committee member	
• Prayer team	
• Spiritual gifts advisor	
• Counseling ministry	
• Personnel committee member	
• Stephen Minister	
• Strategic planning committee member	
• At home, at work, with neighbors, etc.	

Quotations from individuals with this gift:

KM: "I've experienced several exciting occasions when a single comment, by me or another member of a group, has moved a discussion in an unexpected, very productive direction or crystallized the group's thinking into clarity and solution. The circumstances I'm thinking of had nothing to do with the force of the speaker's personality and everything to do with what listeners recognized as truth and rightness in their words."

SD: "Part of how I know I have this gift is that people regularly seek me out asking for wise advice or perspective. Part of wisdom, too, is knowing when to share that advice and when to draw the wisdom out of others so they come to the conclusion on their own. I often have clarity with regard to next steps with individuals, in meetings, and in group settings when the individuals or groups do not."

If you think you have this gift, write your own quotation (a description of what this looks like in your life):

Having reviewed this gift in detail above, who else do you think exhibits this gift?

Jot down your reactions/reflections here: