

Response to article "Gifts of the Holy Spirit: Yours to Open and Use"

Respond to the following questions **as described in the article**.

1. What was the name of the Hebrew prophet who described the gifts about which we are speaking?
2. List the gifts as given by this prophet.
3. How did the Holy Spirit come to the Apostles, in the story of Pentecost?
4. The anointing with which oil in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation allows us to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in our lives?
5. Using the article, match each gift with the descriptions/examples of the terms given here. Write the name of the gift on the line next to the description/example. Terms will be used once.

_____ we have a spiritual dimension

_____ listens to people with more experience

_____ doesn't take things at face value, but looks for the reasons and the result

_____ respecting God and God's creation

_____ weigh all the alternatives and consequences, to consider all you have been taught by your parents and responsible adults, and to pray for guidance

_____ the ability to keep a confidence and never talk about anything that is shared

_____ have confidence in your convictions and the strength to stand up for what you believe in

6. Use your text, pages 131-132 (Chapter 12: The Holy Spirit) to match the descriptions of each gift with the name of the gift. Write the name of the gift on each line; terms may be used more than once.

_____ we see God at work in our lives and in the world

_____ we understand the meaning of God's Revelation, especially as expressed in the life and words of Jesus Christ

_____ we are willing to take risks as followers of Jesus

_____ we comprehend how we need to live as followers of Jesus Christ

_____ know the difference between right and wrong, and choose to do what is right

_____ we have a deep sense of respect for God and the Church

_____ we are aware of the glory and majesty of God

_____ avoids sin and lives out the values taught by Jesus

_____ we find a deeper meaning in our lives and the things that happen around us

_____ not confused by the conflicting messages in our culture about the right way to live

_____ a person is willing to stand up for what is right in the sight of God, even if it means accepting rejection, verbal abuse or even physical harm and death

Personal Reflection – use specific examples!

What is the gift that you feel you have the most? _____

Explain how you live out this gift, or how you use this gift every day.

What is the gift that you feel you need to develop the most? _____
(What do you not have, that you need?)

Explain how this gift could make a difference in your life and in the life of those around you.