

The Barnabas Project

Why Barnabas?

- He took a chance on Paul who led Luke (Acts 9:27, 11:25)
- He led Mark (Acts 12:25)(probable source for Mat. & Luke)
- His leadership had a HUGE personal impact on over 63% of the NT

God has **anointed** you as a leader proportionately and perfectly for what He has **appointed** for you to accomplish.

We are all LEADERS!

Foundational Question: Are spiritual gifts alive today?

*Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the **perfect** comes, the partial will pass away. (1 Cor 13:8-10)*

Absolutely! (The difficult questions do not lie in whether they exist but rather in defining exactly what they are.)

Gifts Mentioned in NT:

wisdom, knowledge, faith, gifts of healing, working of miracles, discernment, kinds of tongues, interpretation of tongues, apostolic gift, prophetic gift, teaching, pastor-teacher, evangelism, helping, administration, service, exhortation, giving, leadership, and mercy (1 Cor 12:8-11; 1 Cor 12:28; Rom 12:6-8; Eph 4:11; 1 Pet 4:11)

The text never says these are ALL of the gifts - just some.

Leadership: Spirit filled, Spirit Led, Spirit Directed, & Spirit Controlled (1 Corinthians 12-14):

Leaders are learners. (12:1-3)

Leaders leverage diversity to create harmony. (12:11-31)

Leaders are driven by a Christ-exalting love. (13:1-7)

Leaders act now yet never lose an eternal perspective. (13:8-13)

Leaders lead to extend and build up His church. (14:1-40)

1. How can you begin to explore the unique leadership gifts God has give you?
2. How can you use those gifts to build up His church?
3. How can you use those gifts to extend His church?