In his book 'Steps to Personal Revival' (which is available for free from <u>steps-to-personal-revival.info</u> the author, Helmut Haubeil says that he makes a habit to pray that God will give him a *desire for the Holy Spirit*.

In Pauls letter to the Ephesians, chapter 1:13_{NLT} he says, "Now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, He identified you as His own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom He promised long ago."

What did God give the gentiles when they became His?
Where does Ephesians 3:16 say they would get power?
What does Ephesians 5:18 say they should be filled with?

Pr Haubeil says: Our lack of the Holy Spirit doesn't mean that everything we have done and are doing is in vain. There were and are many very good plans and programs. The Lord has surely blessed our human efforts. But how much greater the results and how much better the situation could be, when we would actually live more closely with the Holy Spirit – only God knows that. Pr Mark Finlay wrote in Revive us Again, "God can do more in 6 months with a people that are devoted to Him, than we could do in sixty years without Him."

A testimony:

I received the book 'Steps to Personal Revival', while I was doing an academic internship (prac-teaching) as a 10th grade maths teacher. On the very first day my advisor said that the class was rebellious and that I had to use an iron arm to control them. I found that I didn't need that, because I learned from Steps to Personal Revival, to intercede for each student, and to beg the Spirit to enable me. As a result, that class did the best for grades and behaviour, and I got the best grade among my fellow trainees.

Another interesting experience is that I used the book to run ten days of prayer sessions in different churches, I have never received so many invitations, this year alone I have preached more than 80 times in various churches in the country, and in all of them the difference in the lives of the brothers is remarkable.

During this time I read the book more than ten times, and I was able to hear God calling me to ministry. I prayed about it and God responded in a miraculous way, someone appeared out of nowhere, who offered me a scholarship to Theology. Oh how grateful I am to God.

Jesus Calls Peter

Sabbath

In the list below, tick your talents and skills, the things you are good at and the things you enjoy.

Baby sitting
Being tidy
Building things
Bush walking

Caring

Caring for sick animals Caring for sick people

Cleaning

Comforting sad people

Cooking Craft Designing

Designing

Doing puzzles

Drawing

Encouraging people Explaining things

Helping

Inventing things

Learning Bible verses Learning languages

Listening

Looking for ways to help

Making new friends

Making people happy Making up songs

Maths / numbers

Memorising

Obeying Organising

Painting

Playing an instrument

Praying for people

Reading Researching Science

Singing Solving problems

Sport

Persistence – not giving up

Story telling

Taking good photos

Teaching

Telling people about Jesus Things that require strength

Understanding people
Understanding the Bible

Using computers, phones

and technology Visiting elderly people

Waiting patiently

Working with animals

Writing

Writing stories

Other:____

Sunday

The disciples were waiting at Galilee as Jesus had told them to when Peter said, "I'm going fishing." The others agreed to come too - many of them had been fishermen before they met Jesus - but they caught nothing all night.

In the morning they saw someone standing on the beach who called out to them, "Have you caught any fish?"

"No," they replied.

"Throw out your nets on the other side of the boat, and you'll get some," He called back.

So they did, even though they knew there would not be any fish now that it was daylight. Suddenly the net was full of so many fish that they couldn't even haul it in!

Then John said to Peter, "It is Jesus!" Peter jumped into the water, and headed to shore while the others brought the boat.



When they got there, they found breakfast waiting for them—fish cooking over a charcoal fire, and some bread.

After breakfast Jesus asked Peter, "Peter, do you love Me?" "Yes, Lord," Peter replied, "You know I love You."

"Then feed My lambs," Jesus told him.

Then Jesus asked Peter a second and third time. Peter was hurt that Jesus asked the question three times; he said, "Lord, You know everything. You know that I love You."

Jesus said, "Then feed my sheep."

Peter had denied that he even knew Jesus three times during Jesus' trial. Now Jesus asked him three times to confirm his love for Him. Jesus was once again calling Peter from being a fisherman, He called him a "fisherman to catch people".

<u>Friday</u>

How can you use your talents for God? Here are some ideas:

- Artistic abilities make cards or gifts for people to cheer them up and tell them about Jesus; make things for Church when needed.
- Caring / helping abilities remember that Jesus said when you do something for someone else it is like you are doing it for Him. (Matthew 25:40)
- **Sporting abilities** be a witness by having a good attitude and using good language and you may even have the opportunity to witness by choosing Sabbath rather than attending a sporting event. (Matthew 5:16)

Ask yourself:

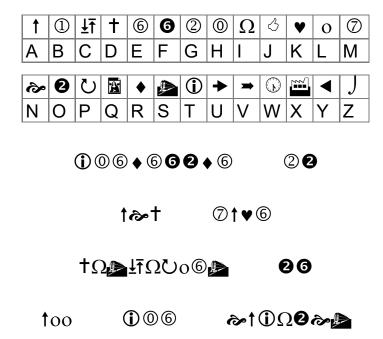
- 1. Can I use my skill to help my Church
- 2. Can I use my skill to help other people? And don't forget the people in your family either.

Write your talents on the left and write some ideas of how to

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Thursday

Jesus called His disciples to do new jobs, and there is one job that He has given to all His followers – including you and me. Matthew $28:19_{\text{NLT}}$



We all make mistakes just like Peter did when he denied Jesus. Find the words from the 1 John 1:9 $_{\rm NLT}$ in the box, and use one each of the remaining letters to make the missing word

But if we confess
our sins to Him,
He is faithful
and just to

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us our sins and to
cleanse us from

all wickedness.

Monday

You might think that the only way to work for God is to be a pastor or a missionary, but that is not the case. The apostle Paul lists preaching as one of several different talents or gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to people to help spread the Gospel - the Good News about Jesus. We call these talents Spiritual Gifts; they are specifically given to use for God's work.

Paul lists several spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:7-10 and 12:28 including wise <u>advice</u>, <u>knowledge</u>, <u>faith</u>, <u>healing</u>, <u>miracles</u>, <u>prophesy</u>, and knowing what is from God or Satan. Paul also specifically mentions <u>apostles</u>, <u>prophets</u>, <u>evangelists</u>, <u>pastors</u> and <u>teachers</u>."

Look up Matthew 28:19 Jesus gave His disciples a job. Who did He tell them to go to?

Jesus was talking to His 11 remaining disciples at that point, but the message is relevant to all of us today. One day when Jesus was talking to the large crowd of people who had followed Him, not just His disciples, He used an object lesson to help teach this point. What did He compare them to? Matthew 5:14

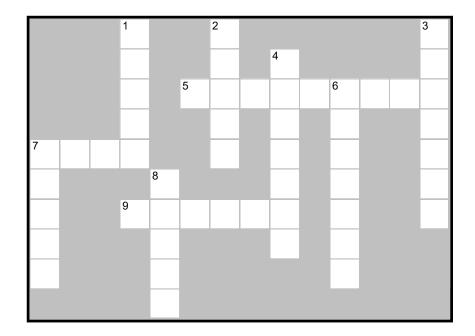
Other people should be able to see by our actions, that we are God's children, and by doing this we help to spread the Good News of God.

One more important thing that you have to understand about Spiritual Gifts is that God can and does give new ones when they are needed, and He can also take them away if they are not used. Read the parable that Jesus told in Matthew 25:14-28.

Tuesday

Use the clues to fill in the crossword below.

Where did the disciples wait to meet Jesus? G(4 down)
Vhat did Peter decide to do while he was waiting?
GO (6 down)
low much fish did they catch all night? N (3 down)
Who was waiting for them on the beach? (8 down)
Vhat did Jesus have for them? B(5 across)
Vhat did Jesus say to Peter? "Do you me?" (7 down)
low many times did Jesus ask Peter? (1 down)
low many times had Peter denied he knew Jesus? (2d)
Vhat did Jesus say to Peter? "Feed my L" (7 across)
Vhat was Jesus calling Peter to catch? P



Jesus was calling Peter to be a "Fisher of men" as it is sometimes put. A fisherman usually fishes to catch fish, but now Peter would "fish" to catch people for heaven.

Wednesday

Find the underline spiritual gifts that Paul talks about from Monday and fit them in the grid. Hint: start with the shortest or longest.

