

“*Discovering My Spiritual Gifts*”

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5. Exercise - Exercise your Gifts with Diligence.

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7. Expectation - Expect Results

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- 1 Timothy 4:16b

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- b) A Sense of belonging
- c) A Sense of fulfillment
- d) Encouragement from others
- e) Power for Christian living
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- i) The church will have more leaders
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