



Our Gifts & Service

Romans 12:1-8 (ESV) I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

1. The Definition & Purpose of Spiritual Gifts

- a. Extend grace to others **vs. 3, 6.**
- b. Serve others (**1 Peter 4:10**) “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace”
- c. Strengthen others’ faith (**Romans 1:11-12**). “For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine.”

2. The Source of Spiritual Gifts – vs 1, 2

3. The Attitudes of Spiritual Gifts – vs 3, 6

4. The Use of Gifts in Church Community

- a. **Vs. 4**
- b. **1 Peter 4:10** “As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace...”
- c. **1 Corinthians 12:7** “To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”
- d. **2 Corinthians 3:4-6** “Such is the confidence that we have through Christ toward God. ⁵Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God, ⁶who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit...”

5. Our Focus as We Use Spiritual Gifts – Back to the Source!

- a. **Vs. 2**
- b. **2 Corinthians 4:7** “But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us.”

Bible Reading Plan

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