



“THE GIFTS”

Text: Romans 12:6-8

Definition of spiritual gifts: Spiritual gifts are channels by which God's "grace" comes to the church for the purpose of edifying the the believer, maturing the church and glorifying God.

Here in Romans 12 these spiritual gifts address this part of glorifying God. As we looked at last week the context of Romans 12 is having humility. Paul called for us to change our thinking as it concerns the grace of God that has been given to us. When we use our spiritual gifts in humility seeking to serve God as we serve others the end result is that God is glorified.

Take away for today: _____

Three easy ways to discover what your gifts are:

- _____ in a number of _____ ways to minister to the body. Involvement is not only limited to Sunday mornings, this can be done throughout the week.
- Take note of when you begin using your gifts, how your _____.
- _____? People tend to _____ in their area of giftedness.

Questions for further reflection

What challenged your thinking or beliefs from today's teaching?

In Pauls listing of these 7 gifts, do you believe you have one or more of these gifts? If so which one(s)? How do you know?

Why is humility important in using our spiritual gifts?

What is one important truth that you have learned concerning spiritual gifts over the past few months that has helped you in your service to Christ and His body?

Summarizing thoughts on spiritual gifts

- Every person who knows Christ has a _____, if you're not using it, _____, figure out what _____ to be done and get in on _____ to others.
- God graciously gave us whatever gifts we have. We _____ the ministry of _____, so not only _____ others, but _____ them to _____ you.
- Don't be _____ or _____ at what you have or don't have. _____, not _____ with each other.

1. If you have the gift of prophecy, use it with humility in proportion to your faith. Vs 6

- The one who has the gift of prophecy, is to do it in proportion of his faith. What does this mean?
- The prophet must not be governed by their _____ or their love of _____, but must only speak what God has given him to speak.
- The prophet must speak _____ that God has given him to speak, not holding back _____.
- The message of the prophet must be _____ with _____.
- Most importantly is the prophet must speak "in proportion of his faith" in connection with vs 3 "each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned" In other words Paul is referring to the _____ of the prophet. The prophet must be _____ in God and not _____ what God has given them to say.

2. Those that have the gift of serving should serve with humility. Vs 7

- In other words if you are a servant, _____.
- The gift of service often takes place _____, but if it's not done, _____ notices.
- The gift of serving is a _____ gift. This is a bread and butter gift.
- The church is made up of faithful servants that help in _____ ways and with out their ministry the church would _____.

3. If you have a gift of teaching, teach humbly. Vs 7

- Teaching doesn't come _____. Just because you're gifted in teaching, doesn't mean that you shouldn't _____.
- If we are going to humbly teach then we must remember that we are not the "_____".
The growth of individuals does not depend on _____ we say, how _____ we are or how _____ we speak.- (Peter and John in Acts 4:13)

4. If you have a gift of exhortation, humbly exhort. Vs 8

- Is exhortation the same as teaching? One difference:
- "As teaching is directed to the understanding, so is exhortation to the heart, conscience, and will."- John Murray
- All teaching should _____ some element of exhortation or application of the truth. God's Word is not meant just to _____ with information but to _____ our lives. (Rom 12:12)

5. If you have the gift of giving, give humbly with pure motives. Vs 8

- The word translated "generosity" may also be translated as _____. Or, it may mean _____, where the idea is that he must give with _____.
- The one with this gift must not use his gifts _____, to gain _____ or stats.
- He should give to the Lord to meet legitimate needs
 - Annanias and Sapphira are a _____ example of this principle (Acts 5:1-11).

6. If you have the gift of leading, lead humbly and diligently. Vs 8

- To lead means to _____ or engage in _____ (Titus 3:8, 14), but most commentators understand it here to mean "to lead."
- Paul uses it this way to describe _____ (1 Thess. 5:12), including both _____ and _____ (1 Tim. 3:4, 5, 12; 5:17).
- "With zeal or diligence" means that you can't _____ leader. You must take _____, whether in leading your family or the church.
- Leaders must _____ problems that need attention and _____ through others to provide _____, giving appropriate oversight.

7. Those with the gift of mercy should humbly show mercy with cheerfulness. Vs 8

- People who are suffering can _____ whether you're there helping them as a _____ or because you _____ care for them.
- When showing mercy show a cheerful _____.
A cheerful countenance helps point them to the Lord as their _____.
- A cheerful disposition leaves the suffering one with _____.