



# GRACE-POWERED LIVING

## A Study of the Book of ROMANS

DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFT  
Romans 12:3-8

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**Introduction:** Today our study of Romans has brought us to one of the most important truths any Christian can understand: God has given every believer a unique spiritual gift. The key to true fulfillment in life is discovering and using the unique spiritual gift God has given you.

Romans 12:3 “For through the grace given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.”

1. We think too highly of ourselves.
2. We think too lowly of ourselves.
  - I am **made** in the image of God.
  - I am **filled** with the Spirit of God.
  - I am **part** of God’s plan.

Romans 12:3-5 “<sup>3</sup>For through the grace given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. <sup>4</sup>For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”

## DISCOVERING YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFT

### I. God Has Given Every Christian A **Unique** Spiritual Gift (Romans 12:4-6; Philippians 2:13)

**Definition of a spiritual gift:** The **desire** and **power** God gives you to accomplish His **purpose**.

Romans 12:6-8 “<sup>6</sup>And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let each exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”

Philippians 2:13 “For it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.”

1 Corinthians 12:7 “But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

1 Peter 4:10 “As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

### II. True **Fulfillment** Comes From Using Our Spiritual Gift

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### III. Spiritual Gifts Help Perfect The Body Of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12, 18-19, 21, 27)

1 Corinthians 12:12, 18-19, 21, 27 “<sup>12</sup>For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. <sup>18</sup>But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. <sup>19</sup>And if they were all one member, where would the body be? <sup>21</sup>And the eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you”; or again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” <sup>27</sup>Now, you are Christ’s body, and individually members of it.”

### IV. Spiritual Gifts Can Be Divided Into Three Categories (1 Corinthians 12:1-6)

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 “<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. <sup>5</sup>And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. <sup>6</sup>And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.”

1 Corinthians 12:4 “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.”

1 Peter 4:10 “As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

Ephesians 4:11 “And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,”

1 Corinthians 12:7 “But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”

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## CATEGORIES OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

<b>GIFTS</b> Romans 12:6-8	<b>MINISTRIES</b> Ephesians 4:11 and 1 Corin. 12:28	<b>EFFECTS</b> 1 Corin. 12:8-10
Prophecy Serving Teaching Exhortation Organization Giving Mercy	Apostle Prophet Evangelist Pastor-Teacher Worker of Power Healing Helper Administrator Tongues	Wisdom Knowledge Faith Healing Effective Miracles Prophecy Distinguishing Spirits Interpretation of Tongues

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Conclusion