



GRACE-POWERED LIVING

A Study of the Book of ROMANS

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YOU AND YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFT

Romans 12:3-8

Introduction: Last time we discovered these four truths about spiritual gifts:

1. God has given every Christian a unique **SPIRITUAL GIFT.**
2. True **FULFILLMENT** comes from using our spiritual gift.
3. Spiritual gifts help **PERFECT** the body of Christ,
4. Spiritual gifts can be **DIVIDED** into three categories: (1) Gifts (2) Ministries, and (3) Effects. (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

| Definition of the Gift | Characteristics of the Gift | Dangers of the Gift |
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| 1. PROPHECY Presenting God's Word to convict people of sin and their need for a right relationship with God. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persuasive • Ability speak well • Highly opinionated • Discerning – able to evaluate character and motives of others | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proud of speech • Depends on speaking skills rather than Holy Spirit • Insensitive to others' feelings |
| 2. SERVIING Meeting the practical needs of others. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desires appreciation but doesn't need much public recognition • Able to detect the personal needs of others • Willing to overlook personal discomfort to meet needs | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Becoming bitter when not appreciated • Over-emphasis on meeting practical versus spiritual needs • Judging others who don't have this gift |
| 3. TEACHING Presenting and clarifying Biblical truth. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoys researching Biblical truth • Tests knowledge of others | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concentrating on content versus application • Becoming prideful of knowledge • Inattentive to response of audience |

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| <p>4. EXHORTATION Helping people solve problems by applying God's Word to their lives.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gifted in counseling • Usually prefers one-on-one counseling to groups • Likes to see practical application | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wasting time with those not wanting real solutions • Becoming discouraged by lack of progress |
| <p>5. GIVING Using personal assets to further God's Kingdom.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uses personal assets to further God's Kingdom • Usually likes to give anonymously • Dislikes pressure appeals • Wants to motivate others to give as well | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proudful of giving • Over-emphasis on material needs • Equating spirituality with material success |
| <p>6. LEADING Coordinating activities of others to achieve common goals.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sees the "big picture" • Effective at delegation • Able to preside | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sometimes viewed as using people for the achievement of a goal • Sometimes seen as pushy • Tendency to lose sight for the ministry purpose of the goal |
| <p>7. MERCY Identifying with and comforting those who are hurting.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to discern the mood and spirit of the individual that he is dealing with • Extremely sensitive to words or actions that hurt people • Reacts negatively to those who are insensitive to the feelings of others | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Failure to be firm • Resentful to others who lack the gift of mercy • Misunderstood by the opposite sex |