
THE BOOK OF ROMANS pt. 2: Designed to Serve

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“For 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. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the 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.” **Romans 12:3–8, ESV**

Spiritual Gifts 101

1. All Believers Are Connected to Every Other Believer Because We All Have Jesus as Our Head

“Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything.” **Colossians 1:18, NLT**

2. God Organizes the Body of Christ Into Many Little Bodies Called Churches

“Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers.” **Ephesians 4:11, NLT**

3. Every Believer Is to Be a Member of a Local Church Where They Live

“Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” **1 Corinthians 12:27, ESV**

4. The Members of The Body Are to Minister To Each Other So That the Body May Be Physically and Spiritually Healthy

“Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ.” **Ephesians 4:12, NLT**

“As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.” **Ephesians 4:16, NLT**

5. The Holy Spirit Gives One Or More Spiritual Gifts to Each Believer to Build the Body to Reach the World for Jesus

“It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.” **1 Corinthians 12:11, NLT**

“For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—” *Romans 1:11, ESV*

A Spiritual Gift Is an Ability Given by The Holy Spirit to Express Our Faith Effectively For the Strengthening Of Someone Else's Faith

6. Spiritual Gifts Are Different from Natural Talents

7. What are “My” Spiritual Gifts?

I Can Identify My Spiritual Gifts by The Ones He Frequently Uses as He Works Through Me

8. What Are the Most Important Spiritual Gifts?

“No part is important on its own. Can you imagine Eye telling Hand, ‘Get lost; I don’t need you’? Or, Head telling Foot, ‘You’re fired; your job has been phased out’” *1 Corinthians 12:21 MSG*

9. What Would Be Helpful in Identifying and Using My Gifts?

10. What Are the Spiritual Gifts Mention in the NT? *See 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 28-30; Romans 12:3-8; and Ephesians 4:11*

11. What If I Choose Not to Use My Gifts Through Christ’s Body?

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace:” *1 Peter 4:10, ESV*

12. Attitudes That Deny the Power of The Holy Spirit to Work Through You

“I give each of you this warning: Don’t think you are better than you really are.” *Romans 12:3, NLT*

ME BEFORE YOU

BUSYNESS

LAZINESS – APATHY

JESUS COMES SECOND