

Spiritual Gifts

Grace Gifts with Responsibility

Romans 11:33 - 12:8

1. What are “spiritual” gifts?

- **Greek – “charismatos” “as a concrete manifestation of grace in the form of extraordinary powers given to individuals.”**
- **Spiritual gifts – gifts given to every believer by our Lord for the purpose of serving other believers and the world within which we live, in His name.**
- ***Adapted from “Uniquely You,” Mel Carbonel.***

2. Why do believers receive spiritual gifts?

ESV Romans 12:1 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.

3. Spiritual gifts are given in relation to other members on my “team.”

Rom. 12:4-5 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function,⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. (ESV)

4. Why didn't God give one person all the gifts? Or everybody all the gifts?

A. Temptation to pride.

- Rom 12:3; 12:16

B. "Less" is "more":

- Interdependence.
- Romans 12:4-6

Examples of spiritual gifts (Romans 12:6-8, Eph 4:11; 1 Cor 12:9-11)

Romans 12:6-8: prophecy, service, teaching, exhortation, giving, leading, mercies.

1 Cor 12:9-11: faith, healings, working of miracles, prophecy, discernment, tongues, interpretation of tongues.

Ephesians 4:11: apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, teachers.

5. Spiritual gifts come with a responsibility to use them.

- Rom. 12:6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: ...
- 1Pe 4:10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:
- Rom 12:1, Matt 25:24

Next Step.

1. Do you know what your spiritual gifts are?
 1. If not, ask God to open a door for your discovery of your gifts.
 2. If you do, are you using your gifts?