

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Part 1 – What Are They?

Romans 12:3-8

Introduction:

● Christian churches have spectators and participants

1. Who should be a spectator? -
2. Who should be a participant? –

● The first word of verse three is _____

1. This word connects verses 1,2 with spiritual gifts
2. Using your spiritual gift is part of being a l_____ sacrifice and living a transformed life.

● Pre-test – put a check beside those that are spiritual gifts

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Speaking in tongues | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastor | <input type="checkbox"/> Singing well |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Missionary | <input type="checkbox"/> Love | <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Leading | <input type="checkbox"/> Criticism | |

A Spiritual Gift is Given By God To Believers Only (3,6)

● Verse 3 – *through the grace given me, I say...*

1. In this context, the word “grace” does NOT refer to salvation but to a spiritual g_____
 - a. Paul was chosen by Christ to be an a_____
 - 1) Apostles of the N.T. were equivalent to the p_____ of the O.T. (Eph 2:20)
 - 2) An apostle or prophet did not decide when to prophesy (2Pet 1:21a) – *no prophecy was ever made by an act of human w_____.*
 - 3) An apostle or prophet was c_____ to prophesy by the Holy Spirit (2Pet 1:21b) – *but men m_____ by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.*
 - b. Paul wrote this letter under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (2Tim 3:16) and so the gift he is exercising is p_____
2. *Through the grace given me (the gift of prophecy), I say...*
 - a. This letter is not Paul’s o_____
 - b. This letter is God’s w_____ (are you listening?)

● Verse 6

1. Notice the similarity in language with verse 3
 - a. Paul is prophesying *through the grace given him* (v.3)
We have gifts *according to the grace given us* (v. 6)
 - b. *God has allotted to each a measure of faith* (v. 3)
We are to exercise our gifts *according to the proportion of our faith* (v. 6)
2. Why is *according to faith* emphasized?
 - a. Because many exercise gifts in p_____ (v. 3 – think too highly of self).
 - b. Without faith we cannot p_____ God (Heb 11:6)

● From verses 3 and 6 we learn

1. A spiritual gift is given by G_____
2. A spiritual gift is un_____ (grace)
3. A spiritual gift is given only to b_____ in Christ

A Spiritual Gift is Given by God to Serve the Body (4,5)

● The human body illustrates how spiritual gifts work

1. The illustration (v. 4)
 - a. Our body is made up of many p_____
 - b. The parts has different f_____
2. The application (v. 5)
 - a. The local church is made up of many m_____

- b. We make up one b_____
- c. We b_____ to each other
- The spiritual body of Christ is called the church (Col 1:18) and is viewed in two ways:
 1. The u_____ body
 - a. There is only o_____ (Eph 4:4)
 - b. As soon as a person comes to Christ they become a member of the universal body of Christ (I Cor 12:14)
 2. The l_____ body
 - a. There are m_____ (Rom 16:16)
 - b. A believer should identify with a particular local church so that he/she can use their spiritual gift.

What Are the Spiritual Gifts? (6-8)

- S_____ gifts are listed in verses 6-8
 1. I Cor 12:8-10 lists n_____ spiritual gifts
 2. Eph 4:11 list f_____ kinds of leaders not additional gifts (prophet is a person, prophecy is the spiritual gift)
- Comparing the lists of Rom 12:6-8 with 1Cor 12:8-10
 1. What gift do they have in common? – p_____
 2. Why are the lists so different?
 - a. 1Cor 12:8-10 lists **spectacular** gifts that are a t_____ possession (one has the gift only during the time it is in use)
 - 1) 1Cor 12:11 states that the Spirit d_____ these gifts (present tense not past tense)
 - 2) 1Cor 12:11 states that the Spirit distributes these spectacular gifts as He w_____
 - a) There are two Greek words translated as “will”
 - #1 - One refers to merely w_____;
does God always get what He wills or wishes? – He does not will you to sin but you do!
 - #2 - The other refers to the working of a determined p_____ (we fail at this but God does not and no one can resist His determined plan – Rom 9:19)
 - b) The Greek word in 1Cor 12:11 is #2
 - i. Acts 2:1-8 – the gift of tongues was given to the 120 disciples only for the duration of the speaking; they could not decide to speak in tongues at any time.
 - ii. 2Tim 4:20 – Paul left his traveling companion behind s_____ (Paul healed others, why not him? The Spirit did not distribute the gift of healing to Paul at that time)
 - iii. Jer 20:9 – Jeremiah tried not to prophecy but he could not hold it in.
- b. Rom 12:7,8 - lists **stewardship** gifts that are a p_____ possession (we have until death).
 - 1) 1Pet 4:10 – we have to choose to be a good s_____ of these gifts
 - 2) 1Pet 4:10 – we have to choose to use these gifts in s_____ each other
 - 3) 1Pet 4:11 – we must exercise these gifts in a manner that g_____ God.