

Your Gift is Needed – Bible Study Lesson

Romans 12:6-8 (NLT)

6 In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you.

7 If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well.

8 If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly

Spiritual gifts are special abilities given by the Holy Spirit to help us serve others and build up the Church. These gifts are not earned but are bestowed upon us by God's grace. **Jesus is God's gift to us. The spiritual gifts He gives us allow us to be a blessing to others.** The passage we read highlights the importance of focusing on and utilizing the diversity of gifts that are placed in the Body of Christ. This lesson will serve as a foundational understanding of the gifts of the Spirit and their significance in the life of the believer. With this in mind, let's examine: **Your Gift is Needed.**

Ephesians 4:12 (AMP)

12 [and He did this] to fully equip and perfect the saints (God's people) for works of service, to build up the body of Christ [the church];

The primary purpose for spiritual gifts is so the Holy Spirit can use us to edify the church, promote unity among believers, and ultimately bring glory to God.

Spiritual Gifts can be categorized into three main categories.

Romans 12:7-8 (NASB)

7 if service, in the act of serving; or the one who teaches, in the act of teaching;

8 or the one who exhorts, in the work of exhortation; the one who gives, with generosity; the one who is in leadership, with diligence; the one who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

- I. **Service Gifts – These include: The Ministry of Helps, Administration, and Hospitality.** This category of gifts serves to embody the core Christian value of putting others first, allowing the church to function effectively by meeting practical needs, fostering community, and demonstrating love through tangible actions. **They essentially allow us to act as the "hands and feet" of Jesus by serving others within the congregation and wider community.**

1 Corinthians 12:9-10 (NASB)

9 to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

10 and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues.

- II. **Sign Gifts – These include: The Gift of Faith, Working of Miracles, Gift of Healing, and the Gift of Tongues and Interpretation.** The scriptures teach us that certain “SIGNS” shall follow them that believe. The signs not only serve to be a blessing to people. They also serve to mark the miraculous power that separates us from other religions whose God is not alive. **Knowing that man alone cannot perform miracles, signs prove that there must be a God working.**

1 Corinthians 12:28 (NASB)

28 And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, and various kinds of tongues.

III. Teaching gifts – These include: The Gift of Teaching, The Gift of Exhortation, and The Gift of Prophecy. God gives us pastors according to His heart to feed us with knowledge and understanding (teaching). He gives us preachers to proclaim His Word and lead us to a relationship with Him through Jesus (exhortation). He gives us prophets to tell us what is to come so we can get excited about His plans for us in the coming days (prophecy). **The teaching gifts help to develop our faith and keep us from being deceived by the enemy.**

1 Peter 4:10 (AMP)

10 Just as each one of you has received a special gift [a spiritual talent, an ability graciously given by God], employ it in serving one another as [is appropriate for] good stewards of God's multi-faceted grace [faithfully using the diverse, varied gifts and abilities granted to Christians by God's unmerited favor].

God expects us to use our spiritual gifts actively. - It is important for believers to work together, recognizing that every gift is valuable and contributes to the overall mission of the church. When we use our gifts, it glorifies God and helps the believers walk in faith and obedience to God. Remember: **Your Gift is Needed.**