

Gifts Optimized: Humility, Faith and Grace

Romans 12:3-8

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Def. Spiritual Gifts are powerful expressions of God's Spirit graciously given through a believer for the good of the Body.

Romans **12** 1 Corinthians **12**

Ephesians **4** 1 Peter **4**

1. Think about your **role** in this local church body
 - a. Don't think you are more important
 - b. Think with sound judgment and **humility**
 - c. Sound judgment result from a **renewed** mind
2. Right thinking about your role takes **faith**
 - a. First, faith to **believe** in His Son, Jesus
 - b. Second, faith to receive (and **use**) a spiritual gift
3. Each is a **grace**-gift, neither **earned** nor deserved
4. Each grace-gift reminds us of two relationships (5)
 - a. Vertically—we belong to Christ
 - b. Horizontally—we are **members** of one another
5. Different faith, different functions, different gifts but one Body
6. A **partial** gift list.
 - a. Prophets*, according to faith
 - b. Servers, in the serving
 - c. Teachers, in the teaching
 - d. Encouragers, in the encouraging (urgent **appeal**)
 - e. Givers, give generously (any sacrifice brings **joy**)
 - f. Leaders, lead **eagerly** (with *haste*)
 - g. Merciful ones, show mercy cheerfully

*New Testament prophets delivered 'news' from God for a specific situation or individual (see Agabus, Acts 11:27-30 and 21:10-11).