

Christian Living: Gifted Service
Romans 12:3-8
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God gives what he requires. Grace motivates service.

Our first duty is entire consecration.

God, through Paul, is urging every Christian to soberly assess their gifts and then diligently and fruitfully exercise their gifts for the building up of the body of Christ.

Christian living requires a sober self-assessment of how God has gifted us for service.

He speaks to everyone among you.

What does he say?

Do not be high-minded. Do not toot your own horn; or seek praise?

We are not to think too highly of ourselves, or of the gifts that we have been given by God, but rather we are to think accurately of ourselves.

We are to name our strengths and know our weaknesses.

Christian living requires fully participating in the unity and diversity of the body of Christ.

There are no cookie-cutter Christians.

We need to be ourselves, our spirit-indwelt, unique, and faithful selves.

Once you know your gifts, you must realize that your gifts are not yours.

We are one piece of the puzzle

Christian living requires serving the body of Christ with your gifts.

You are your gift.

Why does God ask for the first fruits, and not the last fruits, or leftover fruits?

Seven gifts are listed in the text.

One piece of the puzzle does not a picture make.

Christian living is like a good marriage.