

Christian Living: Gifted Service

Romans 12:3-8

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Mercy precedes duty; grace motivates Christian living.

Our first duty is to respond to God's mercy with loving service.

Busy week?

Christian Living Requires a Sober Self-assessment

How has God gifted you for service?

What does "by the grace given" to him mean?

How well do you know yourself?

Don't be proud, of what God has given you.

The least that you could do.

We are to own our strengths and know our weaknesses.

"Humility is not thinking lowly of yourself, it is not thinking of yourself at all."

Thinking too highly of yourself is thinking that you have a gift you don't.

Thinking too lowly of yourself is thinking that you have no gift at all.

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

We are to know ourselves *and then to be ourselves* in the body of Christ.

The Christian faith must come to full, unique expression in you.

Your gifts don't belong to you.

We are one piece of a very large puzzle.

Christian Living requires serving the body of Christ with your gift.

What is our motivation?

Is serving the church priority number 6?

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

Seven gifts are listed as examples.

One piece of the puzzle does not a picture make.

Christian living is like a good marriage.