

Gifts in the Church

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1Pe 4:10 As every man hath received the gift,
even so minister the same one to another,
as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1Pe 4:11 If any man speak, *let him speak* as the oracles of God;
if any man minister, *let him do it* as of the ability which God giveth:
that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ,
to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

I. The first response to knowing grace is to change your life

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Eph 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy...

II. Becoming a part of a church is a God-expected part of your changed life

Rom 12:4 ...many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

Rom 12:5 So we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.

Eph 4:3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Eph 4:4 *There is* one body...,

III. God gives spiritual gifts to His children in His churches

Eph 4:7 ...unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Eph 4:8 Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men...

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Rom 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of faith;

Rom 12:7 Or ministry, *let us wait on our* ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

Rom 12:8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, *let him do it* with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

IV. Gifts are different—But all are important

1Co 12:4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

1Co 12:14 For the body is not one member, but many.

1Co 12:15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body?

1Co 12:17 If the whole body *were* an eye, where *were* the hearing? If the whole *were* hearing, where *were* the smelling?

1Co 12:18 ...God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

1Co 12:21 And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.

1Co 12:22 Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary:

1Co 12:23 And those *members* of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour...

1Co 12:25 That there should be no schism in the body; but *that* the members should have the same care one for another.

1Co 12:26 And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it.

1Co 12:31...covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.

1Co 13:1 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity...

V. Spiritual gifts in Romans

A. The gift of prophecy (to speak of things that cannot be known by natural means)

1Co 14:3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men *to* edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

Luk 8:39 Return to thine own house, and shew how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him.

1Co 14:34 Let your women keep silence in the churches...

Mat 28:7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead..

Act 18:26 ...Aquila and Priscilla...took him unto *them*, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.

B. The gift of ministry (Gk-*diakonia*) (to be a servant of others)

Act 6:1 ...there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily **ministration**. (*diakonia*)

Act 6:2 Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples *unto them*, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and **serve** (*diakoneo*) tables.

Act 6:3 Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

Act 6:4 But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the **ministry** (*diakonia*) of the word.

Eph 4:11-12 And he gave some...pastors...for the work of the **ministry** (*diakonia*)...

Luk 8:3 And Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which **ministered** (*diakoneo*) unto him of their substance.

1Co 16:15 ...they have addicted themselves to the **ministry** (*diakonia*) of the saints,

C. The gift of teaching (church and home) (by word and example)

Mat 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations...

1Th 1:7 So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.

Tit 2:3 The aged women...*be* in behaviour as becometh holiness...teachers of good things;

Tit 2:4 That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

Eph 6:4 And, ye fathers...bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

2Ti 3:15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures...

D. The gift of exhorting (Gk-*paraklesis* [beside-comforter]) (to be an encourager)

2Co 1:3 ...the God of all comfort; (*paraklesis*)

2Co 1:4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

Act 4:36 ...Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) (*paraklesis*)...

Gen 2:18 ...*It is* not good that the man should be alone...

Ecc 4:9 Two *are* better than one...

Ecc 4:10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow...

E. The gift of giving with simplicity (Gk-*haplotes*) (generously & without self-seeking)

2Co 8:2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.

2Co 8:3 For to *their* power, I bear record, yea, and beyond *their* power *they were* willing of themselves;

2Co 8:5 ...but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.

2Co 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

Act 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak...It is more blessed to give than to receive.

1Co 9:14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.

1Co 9:18 What is my reward then? *Verily* that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.

F. The gift of ruling (Gk-*proistemi*) (to lead in the practice of good) with diligence

1Ti 3:4 One that ruleth (*proistemi*) well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

Tit 3:8 ...that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain (*proistemi*) good works...

Joh 8:9 And they which heard *it*, being convicted by *their own* conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, *even* unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst.

1Sa 17:33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou *art but* a youth, and he a man of war from his youth.

G. The gift of showing mercy with cheerfulness (Gk-*hilarotes*) (hilarious)

Mat 9:11 And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Master with publicans and sinners?

Mat 9:12 But when Jesus heard *that*, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

Mat 9:13 But go ye and learn what *that* meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Hos 6:6 For I desired mercy, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.

Luk 10:36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves?

Luk 10:37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

Heb 13:3 Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; *and* them which suffer adversity, as being yourselves also in the body.

Mat 5:7 Blessed *are* the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

2Co 9:7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.