

# ROMANS 49 – 12:3-8

## *Gifts According to Grace*

### 1. 12:2

- a. What does our reasonable service to the Lord look like? We need instruction.
- b. The form of this world: pursue pleasure, possessions, power - 1 John 2:16
- c. The renewed mind is when you put on Christ – Eph 4:23, Col 3:10, Titus 3:5

### 2. 12:3

- a. *“grace given unto me”* – the dispensation of grace - 1Cor 15:10, Rom 15:15, Eph 3:2
- b. *“every man”* – Be grateful for clear answers to dispensational questions.
- c. *“not to think of himself more...”* – Religious pride as in Rom 11:18, 1 Cor 4:6, Gal 6:3
  - i. Why? They had powers, they had gifts – remember we are in mid-Acts.
- d. *“soberly”* – the lost art of a sound mind, a level head, in control – 1 Cor 9:19, 26-27
  - i. The ability to discipline yourself to do what you know is right.
- e. *“God hath dealt to every man”* – not just you, can I say you are not special?
- f. *“measure of faith”* – The allotment, portion, the means – 2 Cor 10:7-18
- g. Not God gifting you the ability to believe, nor is it measured in a cup.
- h. When faith has power it is because of God not us – 1 Cor 12:9, 13:2, Mk 11:23
- i. What is the measure of faith? Gal 3:2; Abraham’s was Rom 4:19, ours is Rom 4:24

### 3. 12:4-6

- a. 12:4 is referring to the human body having different parts with different roles
- b. *“one body in Christ”* - A doctrine unique to Paul’s office and ministry (not a tree)
- c. The body is still one, even with different offices - Eph 4:4-6
- d. *“having gifts”* – This is when gifts were still given, it is not you – 1 Cor 12:4-14
- e. *“gifts differing according to the grace”* – a different function, not for show of power.
- f. The gifts here were not a talent or ability for showing God’s power (Tebow, Idol)
- g. The gifts are different than the snake handling and poison drinking of Mark 16
- h. These gifts are for the edification of a new creature – Eph 4:7-12
- i. Gifts were given till we have the mature doctrine to grow up - Eph 4:13-15
- j. *“proportion of faith”* – That is the right doctrine, according to the grace given Paul

### 4. 12:6-8

- a. Prophecy was to be for the edification of the church – 1 Cor 14:3-4
- b. Ministers, teaching, exhortation (preaching) = perform your role - Eph 4:12
- c. *“let us wait”* – Like a waiter, it means attend to that, not for your own profit
- d. *“Giveth with simplicity”* – not with duplicity, or boasting - 2 Cor 9:7
- e. *“ruleth with diligence”* – not being lazy, or vainglorious – Phil 2:3
- f. *“mercy with cheerfulness”* – Mercy given should be a gift, not a bitter pill.
- g. The point: the gifts according to grace established God’s will, not theirs.

# The Complete List of Spiritual Gifts in Paul's Epistles

## **1 Corinthians 12:8-11 – Gifts by the Spirit**

1. Word of wisdom
2. Word of knowledge
3. Faith
4. Healing
5. Working of miracles
6. Prophecy
7. Discerning of spirits
8. Divers kinds of tongues
9. Interpretation of tongues

## **1 Corinthians 12:28-30 – God set positions in the church *(not listed as gifts)***

1. Apostles
2. Prophets
3. Teachers
4. Workers of miracles
5. Healing
6. Helps
7. Governments
8. Diversities of tongues

## **Romans 12:3-8 – Gifts and offices differ; they all function according to grace**

1. Prophecy
2. Ministry
3. Teaching
4. Exhorting
5. Giving
6. Ruling
7. Mercy

## **Ephesians 4:11 – God gave these for edification of the saints**

1. Apostles
2. Prophets
3. Evangelists
4. Pastors
5. Teachers