

Gaining A Greater Grasp On The Gospel of Grace

A Series of Studies From Romans

Graciously Gifted For God's Glory: Equipped, Enabled, & Energized to Edify the Church

—Lessons to Learn From Romans 12:4–8
(also 1 Peter 4; 1 Corinthians 4, 7, & 12; & Hebrews 10)

“Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.”
—**Hebrews 10:24–25**

“The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer. Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaint. As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”
—**1 Peter 4:7–11**

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. 6 There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. But to each one is given the embodiment of the Spirit for the common good.”
—**1 Corinthians 12:4–7**

—**Observing what's *emphasized* in Today's Study—**

Spiritual Gifts are provided
..... to every faithful follower of Christ! They are
provided for the of enabling us to
..... the of Christ for God's glory!

—Some initial ideas to *introduce* Today's study:

—Romans 1–11 = a detailed description of God's GIFT of salvation!

—*Romans 12:1–2 = an exhortation asking for complete commitment*

—**Observing what Romans 12:1–8 says:**

1 “Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service of worship. 2 And don't be conformed to this world, **but be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, so that you may demonstrate what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect. 3 For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to **think** more highly of himself than he ought to **think**; but to **think** so as to have **sound judgment**, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. 4 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. 6 Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; 7 if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; 8 or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”

Practical Principles related to God's gracious provisions

—1— God's grace should _____ us leading to _____ to His will.

—2— Every faithful follower of Christ is _____ with _____ that _____ us for ministry!

—3— Spiritual gifts are _____ for us to properly _____ on & _____ in the _____ God _____ from us!

—4— Spiritual gifts are _____ than the _____ of the Spirit!

—5— Having a _____ on spiritual gifts is _____!

—Some personal & practical comments to conclude this message:

- 1 God's Spirit renews our minds best when we take the time to absorb the Scriptures!
"You are either in the Word and the Word is conforming you to the image of Jesus Christ, or you are in the world and the world is squeezing you into its mold." —Howard G. Hendricks
- 2 Only when we recognize the *importance* and *impact* of exercising our God-given abilities to fulfill our roles and responsibilities as faithful followers of Christ, will we fully be able to grasp what it's like to accomplish something that has eternal significance. God has given every faithful follower of Christ the privilege of being part of His perfect plans & purposes that will make a difference for all eternity! To God be the Glory!