

## Gaining A Greater Grasp On The Gospel of Grace

A Series of Studies From Romans

### *Graciously Gifted For God's Glory:*

### **Equipped, Enabled, Energized, & Enlightened**

Lessons to Learn From Romans 12:1–8; 1 Corinthians 12;  
Ephesians 4:1–16; 1 Peter 4:7–11; and Colossians 4:2–6

7 The end of all things is near; therefore, be of sound judgment and sober spirit for the purpose of prayer. 8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Be hospitable to one another without complaint. 10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 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

2 Be devoted to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. 3 At the same time pray for us too, that God may open a door for the message so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. 4 Pray that I may make it known as I should. 5 Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunities. 6 Let your speech always be prompted by grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer everyone.

—Colossians 4:2–6

7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. ... 8 and He gave gifts to people ... 11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. —Ephesians 4:7–13 (selected portions)

—Reviewing what's been *emphasized* in Our Recent Studies—

Spiritual Gifts are **GOD–GIVEN ABILITIES** provided **INDIVIDUALLY** to every faithful follower of Christ! They are provided for the **PRIMARY PURPOSE** of enabling us to **BENEFIT & BUILD UP** the **BODY** of Christ for **God's glory!**

Every faithful follower of the Lord has been gifted by God in a **UNIQUE** way. We will experience (enjoy) an amazing sense of **UNITY** by **UNDERSTANDING** that God has **perfectly DISTRIBUTED** Spiritual gifts throughout the Church!

Since God has gifted every faithful follower in a *unique* way, it's **PROBABLE** that our individual gifts are **PRODUCTS PRECISELY & PERSONALLY** designed by God for each one of us to **PERFORM** exactly what God desires!

When our spiritual gifts are **PROPERLY EXERCISED & EMPLOYED**, they *should result* in **HARMONY, OBEDIENCE, PRODUCTIVITY, & EQUIPPING** within the Body of Christ!

—Recognizing what's being *emphasized* in Today's Study—

The spiritual gifts listed in the Bible don't appear to be

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that..... how they are..... to

..... & ..... the Body of Christ!

—Observing what Romans 12:4–8 says:

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 the 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.**”

—Observing & Analyzing How Romans Describes God’s Gifts:

- 1 Romans 3:21–26 Faithful followers of Christ are justified as a **gift by God’s grace** through the payment for sin made by Christ Jesus.
  
- 2 Romans 6:22–23 We are being sanctified by God and we enjoy **the free gift of eternal life** in Christ Jesus our Lord.
  
- 3 Romans 8:1–39 Through the ministry of God’s indwelling Spirit, **we are given everything** we need to serve and glorify God.
  
- 4 Romans 12:1–8 From the **presence of God’s Spirit & the provision of His grace**, every individual faithful follower of Christ is **gifted for ministry in a personal & precise way!**

—Practical Principles Before We Define The Gifts Listed in Romans:

—Recognizing How God’s Spirit Works

—1— in the life of an unsaved sinner:

—2— in the life of a faithful follower of Christ

Observing the SPECIFIC DETAILS about our spiritual gifts in Romans 12:

—1) *Exercising gifts according to the grace given to us*

—2) *Prophecy according to the proportion of the faith*

—3) *Service that’s determined to meet needs*

—4) *Teaching that leads to spiritual maturity*

—5) *Exhortation that confronts, comforts, consoles, counsels, & cares*

—6) *Giving that expresses generosity & grace*

—7) *Leadership that provides appropriate oversight & organization*

—8) *Extending mercy without becoming burdened or overwhelmed*