

Supplemental Scriptures

Romans 12:3-8 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

1 Corinthians 12:1-7 Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

Ephesians 4:11-13 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

1 Peter 4:10-11 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ

Psalms 139:13-16 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.

Ghost Stories — Ron Marsh

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Gifted: Romans 12:3-9, 1 Corinthians 12:1-7

1. Three gifts God wants to give you:

- ✓ Eternal _____
- ✓ The Holy Spirit
- ✓ Spiritual _____

_____ is the greatest obstacle between you and God's gifts.

A spiritual gift is a supernatural ability given by God to His church to accomplish His mission in the world.

2. Your spiritual gift is designed to accomplish God's _____.

Spiritual gifts are supernatural _____.

Spiritual gifts are given by _____.

Spiritual gifts are to be used to build up the _____.

Spiritual gifts are designed with mutual _____ in mind.

3. Your spiritual gift reveals your _____ and your destiny.

God designed you to make a _____.

God designed you to _____.

God designed you to fulfill His _____.

God's design in you reveals God's _____ for you.

My next step:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Life Group Ice Breaker

1. To date, what has been the best gift you've ever received? What has been the worst?

Discussion Questions

2. Regarding spiritual gifts, is there any truth that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful, or difficult to grasp?
3. On a scale of 1-10 how much do you know about spiritual gifts? What has influenced you the most about your understanding of spiritual gifts? Why do you think so many believers are unaware of their gifts?
4. The Bible lists between 18-22 spiritual gifts in Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4 and 1 Peter 4. While this is not an exhaustive list, which of these gifts do you see in operation at GateWay? Which of them are present in your life?

5. Paul spends 1 Corinthians 12 addressing spiritual gifts in the church. Why do you think he addressed the topic of "love" in chapter 13 and the topic of "abuses" in chapter 14? How are they all related?

6. What do you think about the concept of "every member is a minister"? How does your personality, experience, passion, and natural abilities work with or work against your spiritual gifts?

Application Questions & Prayer

7. What can you do as a group to encourage discovery and development of spiritual gifts? (Use the website below to take an assessment or create a Venn Diagram: Ability, Affinity and Need.)
8. Pray for the unity of your group as you navigate life together in the days ahead. As ministers in the Body of Christ ask God to show you how He is using you to build up the church.

Free Spiritual Gifts Assessment: www.spiritualgiftstest.com

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