

Reading: Romans 12:3-12

Topic: The Other Spiritual Gifts

INTRODUCTION: When it comes to the topic of spiritual gifts, often there is reference only to _____ gifts that are mentioned in I Corinthians 12, but when reading and studying the Scriptures, we find that there are other spiritual _____ that are often overlooked in the study.

I. THE GOD-DESIGNED DIVERSITY OF THE BODY OF CHRIST:

A. *Not All The Same:*

1. The Word of God is very clear about the diversity in the church, the _____ of Christ, and it reveals the plan of God to put a spiritual mix of different _____ together to do His work. Rom. 12:4,5
2. Sometimes there are leaders and members who fail to grasp the concept of the _____ of the whole Body of Christ and they attempt to make everyone into the same _____. I Cor. 12:17-22

B. *Everyone Has A Place & A Purpose:*

1. Each individual who is born again into the family of God and becomes part of the _____ of Christ has been given talents and _____ that are to be used for the ministry. Eph. 4:11,12
2. When one does not use the abilities and talents that God has _____ to them, the Body of Christ will be lacking something helpful to the other _____. I Cor. 12:14-16

II. THE LESSER KNOWN SPIRITUAL GIFTS:

A. *Serving:*

1. The Word of God uses the _____, "ministry" in this passage, but it comes from a Greek word which is translated as "attendance" or "serving," which covers a wide range of _____ that need to be done within the Body of Christ, the church. Rom. 12:7
2. This involves things like cleaning, helping with setups and takedowns for special _____, ushering, decorating for special occasions, doing outside cleanup, helping others with their ministry and _____.
3. These serving ministries do not receive a lot of public notice but they are _____ to the smooth flow of the functioning of the _____ of Christ. (list more: _____)

B. *Teaching:*

1. Teaching is imparting knowledge and experience that one has acquired to _____, either in group settings, or in individual one on one Bible Studies. 2 Tim. 2:2
2. Sunday School Teaching, Home Bible Studies, Ten Lesson Studies, Twelve Lesson Studies, One Lesson studies, teaching your own children, etc. – this is all part of teaching gifts in _____. Deut. 6:6,7

C. *Exhortation:*

1. Exhortation comes from a Greek word that translates as: a. imploring – urging, b. comfort and consolation which reveals that this is a _____ of encouragement. Heb. 3:13
2. It is interesting to note that the word, "exhort," does not appear at all in the _____ Testament, but it begins to be used in the Acts and Epistles of the _____ Testament. Acts 2:40
3. Exhortation is a much needed _____ for people in times of difficulty and discouragement. Acts 27:22

D. *Giving:*

1. Everyone becomes a _____ in the Body of Christ, for it is a part of our _____ and honoring

the Lord with our first fruits, but there is also a _____ of giving. Rom. 12:8

2. There are people who have been financially blessed by God and the more that they have _____ of their finances to the _____ of God, the more that God has abundantly blessed them. Lk. 6:38
3. The one with the gift of giving is encouraged to do it with _____, which translates into this kind of giving – generously and without fanfare. Mt. 6:2-4

E. Leading:

1. The Scripture uses the words, “he that ruleth,” which translates, “He that presides over,” which in turn means the one who _____. Rom. 12:8
2. Not everyone is designed to be a _____ of a ministry, a class, or a group, but those who have been given the _____ of leadership must understand the weight of that responsibility. Jas. 3:1
3. The word of advice given to the one with the _____ of leading is to do it with “diligence,” which means with genuine carefulness, not recklessly.

F. Showing Mercy:

1. There is also a _____ of showing mercy, which from the Greek translates to the word, ‘Compassion,’ something that is very much _____ in the Body of Christ.
2. Compassion and mercy is very much lacking in our _____ today, as a spirit of selfishness and egotism has gripped our society.
3. The Church must have the _____ of compassion that Christ had while He ministered here on earth to the lost and downcast people around Him.
4. This same gift of showing mercy must also _____ within the church to help those who are struggling or those who may have fallen, so that they can be _____ and renewed in the work of God. Gal. 6:1

CONCLUSION: All of the above gifts are essential and _____ for the Body of Christ to be functioning and efficient in reaching the _____ and making effective disciples to be light in the darkness of today’s world.