



## ***Use Your Spiritual Gifts***

### ***Romans 12:3-8***

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#### **I. The Idea of Spiritual Gifting is antithetical to PRIDE**

#### **II. What ARE the Spiritual Gifts and what are their PURPOSE**

- A. Definition by Wayne Grudem: *Spiritual gifts are given to **EQUIP** the church to carry out its ministry until Christ returns*
- B. The New Testament is clear that the spiritual gifts are given for the body of Christ to **EQUIP** and **BUILD UP** one another as we glorify God
- C. Key Biblical Passages
  - 1. *1 Corinthians 12:4-7* — Our gifts are for the common **GOOD**
  - 2. *1 Corinthians 12:12-26* — Our gifts are a outworking of us function as a member of a single **BODY**

3. *1 Corinthians 14:12-26* — Our gifts are given for the **BUILDING** up of the local church
4. *Ephesians 4:12* — Our gifts are given by Jesus to **EQUIP** and **BUILD** up
5. *Romans 12:3-8* — Because we are different members as part of one body, we each have different **FUNCTIONS** in that body
6. *1 Peter 4:10-11* — Our gifts are given to us to **SERVE** one another

### III. What are the **SPECIFIC** Spiritual Gifts?

### IV. **HOW** do I know where I'm gifted?

- A. We must **PROVIDE** and **IDENTIFY** areas of gifting and ministry as church leaders and ministry leaders
- B. We must be willing to **EVALUATE** and **ENCOURAGE** one another and our particular gifts and the way the Lord does (or does not) use that for the building up of this body
- C. We must be willing to **PURSUE** and **PRIORITIZE** meeting the needs that are in our congregation and fulfilling our role in the church
- D. We must be willing to **REACH** outside of our comfort zone and see where the Lord may be gifting us and using us even in ways that we would not expect (or even necessarily want)

### V. **Biblical CHALLENGES** and Reminders

- A. You, as a member of this local church, are a key **MEMBER** and component of this body
- B. You, as a member of this local church, are **GIFTED** by the Spirit in at least one way, perhaps several, to serve this local body and build it up
- C. You, as a member of this local church, are **VITAL** for the health, strength, unity, and function of this local church and its mission to advance the Kingdom of God
- D. You, as a member of this local church, may be **NEEDED** to serve and strengthen the church in ways that you don't think you are gifted, but in ways that you can honor God and love your brothers and sisters by meeting that need
- E. You, as a member of this local church, **ROB** the church, its members, and God by choosing not to use your gift(s) for the building up of this body