

A Gifted Body
(Romans 12:3-8)

The New Testament gives several analogies for Christians:

- We are the _____ of God
- We are the _____ of Christ
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But one of Paul's favorites is of the Church as the _____ of _____. (first learned in Acts 9:1-5)

Eph. 4:11-16 - God gave the Church the gift of Apostles, prophets, evangelists, and pastor/teachers to _____ of the saints to do the _____ of _____ to build up the _____ of Christ. (the Church)

I. Be _____ of Your Gifts - Key thought: _____

To obey God's imperative in v.3 we will have to _____ with honest and sound _____.

1) Do Not _____ Your Gift (I Corinthians 12:7)

Spiritual gifts are specific spiritual _____ by which God's graces _____ into _____ and then _____ to _____ people. They are more than _____ abilities. They are _____ from God enacted by _____. (v.3, 6)

2) Do Not Be _____ of Your Gift

Verse 3 shows that we should not be _____ over our gifts or anything else, because even our _____ has been _____ out and _____ to us by God.

3) _____ Your Gift

The two main _____ verbs in v.3 and 6 (_____ and _____) tell us how to _____ our gifts.

Chip Ingram believes each believer has _____ primary gift listed in Romans 12, but we can possess a _____ of ministry gifts. He believes a Christian is most _____ and _____ when they spend the _____ of their time and energy in using their _____ gift.

MacArthur offers that spiritual gifts "_____ be _____ except as we _____ them."

II. Be _____ of Your Gifts - Key thought: _____

I Peter 4:10-11 breaks spiritual gifts into the two categories of _____ gifts and _____ gifts. _____ should _____ and _____, but some have a gift.

I Cor. 12:12-27 teaches that though some members of the Body are more _____ in their _____ than others, we must not _____ because the function of _____ in the Body is _____.