

**[SERMON NOTES]**

*You Have A Role to Play (Part 1) – 1 Corinthians 12*

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**[DIGGING DEEPER]**

This week's message was our first of two focusing on the diversity of giftedness in the Body of Christ, which is the Church. *We have all been given gifts by the Spirit for building up the Body and reaching the World.* Take some time for further study on some of these gifts by looking at a parallel passage in Romans 12. Follow these steps:

- **Read Romans 12:3-8** (in several different translations if you have time).
- **Rewrite the passage in your own words.**
- **Ask: What are some things these verses teach us about God (Father, Son, & Spirit)?** (i.e. His plan for people, His attributes, His purposes for creation, etc.)
- **Ask: What are some things these verses teach us about people?**
- **Ask: If you were to pull one thing from this passage to apply to your life to better follow Jesus as a disciple, what would it be?**

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS BREAKDOWN

### What are “Spiritual Gifts”?

*As a church, we submit that spiritual gifts are a) imparted into genuine faith-filled disciples of Jesus through b) only the decision of God, not humans, to bestow on individuals for c) the sake of furthering the ministry and mission of God and d) do not serve as distinct signs of spiritual maturity or varying levels of faith nor baptism (“2nd Baptism”) of the Holy Spirit.*

### Where are the spiritual gifts found and described?

Main Scripture references: 1 Corinthians 12, Romans 12, Ephesians 4, 1 Peter 4  
(According to these passages, there are 20 spiritual gifts... if we take into consideration other passages or 'skills,' then the list will grow.)

### 3 CATEGORIES OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

#### “CALLING GIFTS” ⇒ *calling gifts are for the sake of stewarding God’s flock (the church)*

- **Apostleship** : *starting and leading flocks of God’s people to further the Mission of God*
- **Prophecy/Preaching** : *protect and direct the flock by proclaiming God’s truth*
- **Evangelism** : *grow God’s flock by ushering new ‘sheep’ into the flock*
- **Shepherding** : *care and comfort God’s flock*
- **Teaching** : *help the flock understand, apply, and mature in God’s truths*

#### “SERVING GIFTS” ⇒ *servicing gifts are given for serving people in and through the church*

- **Helps** : *naturally serve others by meeting tangible needs and assisting others*
- **Administration** : *naturally serve others by organizing/systematizing people, ministry and/or resources*
- **Hospitality** : *naturally serve others by using resources/home to show tangible love and welcoming*
- **Encouragement** : *naturally serve others by truthfully sharing positive and uplifting words*
- **Contribution (Financial)** : *naturally serve others by unique ability to make, manage and give away money for the sake of furthering ministry*
- **Leading** : *naturally serve others by envisioning and compelling others to accomplish God’s mission*
- **Mercy** : *naturally serve others by feeling physical, mental, spiritual, and/or emotional distress of others*

#### “CHARISMATIC GIFTS” ⇒ *charismatic gifts are active supernatural occurrences of the Holy Spirit to serve as a witness of Jesus as Lord and to further the spread of the Gospel*

- **Miracles** : *actively ushering God’s power override the ‘laws of nature’*
- **Wisdom** : *actively speaking proper guidance unknown situations*
- **Knowledge** : *actively knowing unknown information*
- **Faith** : *actively believing a plan of God, for God*
- **Healing** : *actively ushering in comfort to the distressed at God’s will*
- **Discernment of Spirits** : *actively distinguishing between spirits of good and evil*
- **Tongues\*** : *actively speaking in an unknown language (non-native or ‘prayer language’)*
- **Interpretation\*** : *actively translating a word spoken in tongues to maintain order*

*\*Scripture clearly defines these two gifts must operate together in unison, from separate people, when done in public settings*