

Understanding the Holy Spirit

Gifts from the Spirit

Romans 12:3-8

Bill's not-so-excellent adventure.

What do you think about the comments or actions of these? Were all useful? Which one's did you think were most/least helpful?

Each of these responded through a gift that the Holy Spirit had given them.

Spiritual gifts (*charisma, charismata -pl*): extraordinary powers, distinguishing and enabling Christians to serve the Church, received from the Holy Spirit as gracious gifts.

Can I have one?(or more?)

1 Cor. 12:4-7,11 - to each one, for the common good

The choice of God's Spirit for you.

A variety of gifts. (See list.)

Which of them has God graciously given you?

What are they for?

The common _____.

Not: *special interest*

To be one _____.

Not: *individual fulfillment*

Are their problems with gifts given?

There is only one main problem. Rom. 12:3, 9-11

Each is a capacity that must be developed.

Should I be doing this?

The Church is in a battle.

Do you want to bear the maximum amount of fruitfulness for eternity?

Natural abilities + special, spiritual gifts

1. What do you think is the gift or what are the gifts that God has given you?

2. How are you using it or them presently?
3. What would help you identify & use the gift that God has given you?

EPH 4:7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says, "When He ascended on high, He led captive a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men."

¹¹ And He gave some *as* apostles, and some *as* prophets, and some *as* evangelists, and some *as* pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

ROM 12:3 For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. ⁴ For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

⁶ Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, *each of us is to exercise them accordingly*: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; ⁷ if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

1CO 12:4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. ⁶ There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all *persons*. ⁷ But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another *various* kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

^{12:12} For even as the body is one and *yet* has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ. ¹³ For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

^{12:14} For the body is not one member, but many. ¹⁵ If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not *a part* of the body," it is not for this reason any the less *a part* of the body.

¹⁸ But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. ¹⁹ If they were all one member, where would the body be? ²⁰ But now there are many members, but one body.

