

## DISCOVERING OUR GIFT OCTOBER 16, 2016

### ROM. 12:4-8 (NIV)

There are three categories of gifts: Ministry, manifestation and motivational gifts. Here, Paul lists seven motivational gifts: Prophecy, serving, teaching, exhorting, giving, administering, and mercy or compassion. Whatever the gift, it's a manifestation of the grace of God that is to be recognized and used to benefit people and glorify God.

### 1 PET. 4:10-11

"Gift" in the Greek is "charisma". It means divine gratuity a spiritual endowment, or a free gift. The idea is that every one has a spiritual endowment that he is to be a good steward of.

### HOW DO I DISCOVER MY GIFT?

1. Basic facts about the Body of Christ.
  - A. Compared to a human body. **1 COR. 12:12**
  - B. Has many members, but one body. **1 COR. 12:14**
  - C. Each member has its own function. **1 COR. 12:15-17**
  - D. God is the master designer. **1 COR. 12:18**
  - E. Every member is needed. **1 COR. 12:21**
2. What knowing our gift does for us.
  - A. Know God's will. **PHIL. 2:12-13**
  - B. Discover our spiritual job description.
  - C. Take our appropriate place in the body.
  - D. See ourselves a channel of God's grace.
  - E. Maintain the true purpose of the body.
  - F. Avoid spiritual burn-out.
3. Discovering our gift.
  - A. Have a true experience with Jesus. **ACTS 9:3-6**
  - B. Spend time in prayer. **ACTS 9:11-12**
  - C. Spend time in the Word. **PS. 119:105**
  - D. Do what your hand finds to do. **ECCL. 9:10**
  - E. Listen to what others say about you. **JOHN 4:19**
    - Sometimes others can see what we can't see!
  - F. What brings joy to your heart?
    - Working with children, teaching, encouraging.
    - Compare **LUKE 10:38-42** with **JOHN 12:1-3**.
4. The objective.
  - A. **ROM. 12:9**
    - Create an atmosphere of love that is sincere without and without hypocrisy.
    - Abhor evil, means to avoid hate and turn from it. This refers to malice, jealousy or unkindness.
    - Cleave to good, means to glue, weld or unite firmly. We are to attach ourselves to what is good. **PS. 133:1**
  - B. **EPH. 4:11-13**
    - To promote spiritual maturity, and the building up of the Body of Christ.
  - C. **1 COR. 12:7**
    - To benefit the well being and function of the body.

**CONCLUSION:** Everyone is accountable to God to do his part in promoting the well being of the Body of Christ on earth. As we spend time seeking God's face in prayer, studying the Word and doing what our hand finds to do, the Spirit will enlighten us as to what our primary gift is.