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first things first sermon series

ALL FOR ONE & ONE FOR ALL

ROMANS 12:3-8



ROMANS 12

- **ALL OR NOTHING**

v1-2 'Consecration to Christ'

- **All For One And One For All**

v3-8 'Contribution the Church'

- **All For All**

v9-21 'Conduct in the Community'

first things first series

ROMANS 12:3-8

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. ⁴ Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

ROMANS 12:3-8

⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. ⁷ If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; ⁸ if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

ROMANS 12:3-8 (PARAPHRASED BY SIMON SAY)

“Just as I, Paul, received God’s grace to be an apostle, the first thing I want to teach you is that through that same grace you are to contribute to the Church using your God-given gifts. You have a vital part to play because you belong to Christ’ body, the Church. Everyone is responsible for his or her part of the work. So don’t esteem yourself higher than is necessary. Instead you are to humbly think about how you can contribute effectively to the health of the body. Failure to do so will affect the church in a negative way. So whether you are gifted with say, the prophetic, or serving, teaching, encouraging, giving, leading, or showing mercy, do it well, do it willingly, do it all for the glory of God.”



ONE BIBLICAL WORLDVIEW VS SECULAR WORLDVIEW

The Body of Christ Cooperates

vs

The World Competes



ROMANS 12:5

**"...so in Christ we who are many form one body,
and each member belongs to all the others."**

All For One and One For All

**God has endowed each
believer with gift/s for:**

Romans 12:3 • **SPIRITUAL SERVICE**

Romans 12:4–5 • **SIGNIFICANT SERVICE**

Romans 12:6–8 • **SPECIFIC SERVICE**

**3 BIBLICAL TRUTHS
FROM ROM 12:3–8**



ROMANS 12:3

gifts

for

**Spiritual
Service**



- **Our service, our worship is to God** (Rom. 12:1)
- **God is spirit** (John 4:24; 2 Cor. 3:17)
- **Gift, in Greek, 'charisma' i.e. 'gift of grace'** (Rom. 12:6)
- **Gift is given by the grace of God**
- **Given by God, Son & Holy Spirit** (Rom. 12:3; Eph. 3:7; 1 Cor. 12:7-11)
- **Bearing the fruit of the Spirit as we use our gifts**

BEARING THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT, USING GIFT/S

“If you preach, just preach God’s Message, nothing else; if you help, just help, don’t take over; if you teach, stick to your teaching; if you give encouraging guidance, be careful that you don’t get bossy; if you’re put in charge, don’t manipulate; if you’re called to give aid to people in distress, keep your eyes open and be quick to respond; if you work with the disadvantaged, don’t let yourself get irritated with them or depressed by them. Keep a smile on your face.” (ROMANS 12:6–8 MSG)

ROMANS 12:4-5

gifts for **Significant Service**



- **We serve a great God**
- **A small role in God is a Big role!** (Ps 84:10)
- **God establish position of men**
(Gen. 1:26; Rom. 13:1; Ps. 8:3-5)
- **All are called to work together for God's glory!**
- **"... so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."** (Rom. 12:5)
- **'All For One and One For All!'**



UNDERSTANDING OF CHRIST'S BODY



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ROMANS 12:6-8

gifts for Specific Service



- V6-8: 'If' is a conditional word, i.e. the gifts are examples and list is not exhaustive
- To establish gifts for service:
 - Determine the gift(s);
 - Pray and determine where to serve the gift(s);

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GLIMPSE OF LIFEWAY'S SPIRITUAL GIFTS TEST

Spiritual Gifts Survey
LifeWay Christian Resources

SPIRITUAL GIFTS SURVEY

DIRECTIONS

This is not a test, so there are no wrong answers. The *Spiritual Gifts Survey* consists of 80 statements. Some items reflect concrete actions; other items are descriptive traits; and still others are statements of belief.

- Select the one response you feel best characterizes yourself and place that number in the blank provided. Record your answer in the blank beside each item.
- Do not spend too much time on any one item. Remember, it is not a test. Usually your immediate response is best.
- Please give an answer for each item. Do not skip any items.
- Do not ask others how they are answering or how they think you should answer.
- Work at your own pace.

Your response choices are:

- 5—Highly characteristic of me/definitely true for me
- 4—Most of the time this would describe me/be true for me
- 3—Frequently characteristic of me/true for me—about 50 percent of the time
- 2—Occasionally characteristic of me/true for me—about 25 percent of the time
- 1—Not at all characteristic of me/definitely untrue for me

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- _____ 1. I have the ability to organize ideas, resources, time, and people effectively.
 - _____ 2. I am willing to study and prepare for the task of teaching.
 - _____ 3. I am able to relate the truths of God to specific situations.
 - _____ 4. I have a God-given ability to help others grow in their faith.
 - _____ 5. I possess a special ability to communicate the truth of salvation.
 - _____ 6. I have the ability to make critical decisions when necessary.
 - _____ 7. I am sensitive to the hurts of people.
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Examples **OF AREAS OF SERVICE**

- **Administration, Mercy, Giving, Others (Joanna)**
- **Children (Kevin)**
- **Family Life (Jason)**
- **Prayer (Ps Siong Yeng)**
- **Worship & Audio/Video (Nicole)**

Conclusion

- **Romans 12:3-8 teaches us that every true believer is given gift(s) by the amazing grace of God**
- **'We are saved to serve, not serve to be saved'**
- **Every believer is to serve the Church with their gift(s) for the building of the Body (see also Eph 4:11-13)**
- **"Gifts are not for personal consumption. Gifts are for contribution to the Church."**



Response

- What is /are your gift(s)?
- Where are you serving with your gift(s)?
- How do you resolve serving in too many areas?
- What is God saying to you?

