

## I. INTRODUCTION.

### A. Scripture text: **Romans 12:3-8.**

For through the grace given to me I say to every man 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] And since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, *let each 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.

- B. Today's sermons are about spiritual gifts. This morning we will talk about the non-miraculous gifts listed in Romans, Chapter 12.
- C. Tonight, the lesson will concern itself with the miraculous gifts of the HS as listed in 1Cor. 12.

## II. A CHARISMATIC PEOPLE.

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### B. Three erroneous views about gifts:

1. I can do everything that needs to be done.
2. My gift is the most important gift.
3. My gift is not important to the body of X.

### C. Four reasons for having gifts in the body of X:

1. It helps the body function in a systematic and coordinated way.
2. It provides a place for every member to perform a needed service.
3. It helps expel disharmony in the body.
4. It glorifies God, who has "tempered the body together..."

### D. Classification of the gifts:

1. Three speaking gifts; preaching, teaching, and exhorting.
2. Four serving gifts; serving, giving, leading, and showing mercy.

## III. A BRIEF LOOK AT THE SEVEN GIFTS.

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### B. First, prophecy (1Tim. 4:14):

Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed upon you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery.

1. Have ability to articulate well.
2. Have a strong desire to see book, chapter, and verse validation.
3. Have a strong desire to see people publicly respond.
4. Have a compulsion to talk to others about the Word of God.

### C. Second, service (Mt. 20:28):

just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

1. Enjoys manual projects and meeting other's needs.
2. Will often give extra, unexpected service.

3. Will find it difficult to say “no” even when overcommitted.
  4. The true joy of the server is bringing joy to another by the work done.
-  D. Third, teaching (2Tim. 2:2):  
*And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.*
1. This person will be very alert to recognizing false doctrine.
  2. Is concerned that the truth is presented in good balance.
  3. Will find a particular joy in the preparation of classes.
  4. Will examine new information in light of Bible teachings.
-  E. Fourth, exhortation (Ti. 2:15):  
*These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.*
1. Will encourage, comfort, console, and counsel effectively.
  2. Finds joy in sessions where others spiritually grow.
  3. Can usually discern the spiritual maturity of others easily.
  4. Finds practical steps for others to grow spiritually.
-  F. Fifth, giving (Lk. 6:38):  
*“Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, they will pour into your lap. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.”*
1. Can handle large sums of money without worry or bother.
  2. Stays alert to the needs of others.
  3. Willing give to the Lord’s work even when the need is not obvious.
  4. Looks to the Lord for provision and direction.
-  G. Sixth, leading (Jn. 13:13-17):  
*“You call Me Teacher and Lord; and you are right, for so I am. [14] “If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet. [15] “For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you. [16] “Truly, truly, I say to you, a slave is not greater than his master; neither is one who is sent greater than the one who sent him. [17] “If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.*
1. An eagerness to see jobs completed as soon as possible.
  2. The ability to delegate without being dominant.
  3. To be organized in such a way as to get difficult jobs done.
  4. Able to make decisions and carry them out.
-  H. Seventh, showing mercy (see Lk. 10:25-37):
1. Can easily, sense an atmosphere of joy or stress.
  2. Enjoys working with those less fortunate (handicapped).
  3. Avoids being firm unless it will yield some benefit.
  4. Always has a sense of loyalty, even when attacked.

#### IV. CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

-  A. We have looked at the non-miraculous gifts of the HS:
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| 1. Prophecy.    | 5. Giving.        |
| 2. Serving.     | 6. Leading.       |
| 3. Teaching.    | 7. Showing mercy. |
| 4. Exhortation. |                   |
- B. Tonight, a look at the miraculous gifts of the HS as found in 1Cor. 12.
- C. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.