

# Message Notes

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Gifts  
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## Gift Exchange

- ◆ The Holy Spirit empowers us to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the way of Jesus.
- ◆ \_\_\_\_\_ Christianity is a dysfunctional church culture marked by 3 things:
  - Individualism – Not being \_\_\_\_\_ on each other’s gifts.
  - Passivity – Gathering to receive but not to \_\_\_\_\_ benefit to others.
  - Professionalism – \_\_\_\_\_ ministry to paid gifted leaders.
- ◆ Your gifts are the Spirit’s grace in \_\_\_\_\_. And when you use your gifts, they become the Spirit’s grace for \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ Spiritual gifts are \_\_\_\_\_ of grace from the Spirit for the good of the common life.

## Expressions of Grace

- ◆ Grace = \_\_\_\_\_.
- ◆ Gift = \_\_\_\_\_.

## From the Spirit

- ◆ We have all these gifts because we have the One whom the book of Acts repeatedly calls “The \_\_\_\_\_:” the Holy Spirit. (Acts 2:38; 8:20; 10:45)
- ◆ Spiritual gifts are only given to \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus, because only the Spirit is given to followers of Jesus.
- ◆ Spiritual gifts are not the same thing as \_\_\_\_\_ talents or skills.
- ◆ We flourish best when we walk in our gifts, but can also \_\_\_\_\_ and practice a whole range of \_\_\_\_\_ for the church.

## For the Good of the Common Life

- ◆ Gifts of the Spirit are given \_\_\_\_\_ you, not \_\_\_\_\_ you.

## “Sign” Gifts

- ◆ Not \_\_\_\_\_ will have these gifts.
- ◆ Any gift that isn’t motivated by \_\_\_\_\_ and exercised with love is unhealthy.
- ◆ The church gathering is for edifying \_\_\_\_\_, not edifying ourselves.
- ◆ The church \_\_\_\_\_ for the Spirit’s presence and \_\_\_\_\_.

Spiritual Gifts in Paul’s Letters*		
Romans 12	1 Corinthians 12	Ephesians 4
Prophecy	Message of wisdom	Apostles
Service	Message of knowledge	Prophets
Teaching	Faith	Evangelists
Encouraging	Healing	Pastors (lit., shepherds)
Giving	Miraculous powers	Teachers
Leading	Prophecy	
Mercy	Distinguishing spirits	
	Kinds of tongues	
	Interpretation of tongues	
	Apostles	
	Prophets	
	Teachers	
	Helping	
	Guidance (aka administration)	

\*The book of Acts narrates uses of gifts but does not provide example lists. The only other significant mention of Spiritual gifts outside of Paul’s writings is 1 Peter 4:10–11, which only mentions speaking and serving. Thus, the usual lists of spiritual gifts are drawn primarily from Paul’s letters.