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**Unwrapping Your Spiritual Gifts**

Romans 12:3-8

**Key Truth**: God equips all believers to serve His Kingdom using their spiritual gifts.

**What Is A Spiritual Gift?**

It’s a Divinely given manifestation of the Holy Spirit given to every believer.

**The Purpose Of Spiritual Gifts**: 1 Corinthians 12:25, Ephesians 4:13-16

1. Unify the church.

2. Strengthen the church.

3. Edify for the church.

4. Grow the church.

**Operating In Your Spiritual:**

1. Believe that you are uniquely gifted for service.

 A. There are no spare parts in the body of Christ. We all have

 a purpose. **1 Corinthians 12:12, 14-26**

2. Spiritual gifts are to be used with humility.

 A. Our gifts don’t make us better than anyone else.

3. Don’t covet someone else’s gift. **1 Corinthians 12:11**

**Discovering Your Spiritual Gift:**

1. As we walk with the Spirit, we discover the gifts He has put

 inside us for His mission and the building up of His kingdom.

2. We need to be mentored and discipled by mature Christians.

 **2 Timothy 1:5-7**

3. We need to develop a servant’s heart as we live in community

 with other believers.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for uniquely gifting you for a specific purpose. Find joy in serving within your giftedness, for God’s honor and glory.

**Connection Group Discussion Questions**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

What is one thing you wish you had the ability to do?

Why do you think Paul chose the “body” imagery to describe the church? Do you think this is an effective metaphor? Why or why not?

Why do you think people tend to focus more on what they can’t do than on what they can do?

Read Romans 12:6-8 AND 1 Corinthians 12:7-11: Why do you think it was important for Paul to emphasize that the Holy Spirit gave each believer a specific spiritual gift?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-13: What modern-day illustrations could be used to communicate Paul’s point?

How is the use of spiritual gifts a means for fostering unity within a local congregation? How can the misuse of spiritual gifts cause disunity?

Read Ephesians 4:11-13: To whom did the Lord Jesus Christ give these gifts?

How are the specific gifts in these verses essential to our mission of making Jesus known and making disciples?

Question: Do you know what your spiritual gift is? Are you exercising your gift? Why or why not?