



BAPTIST CHURCH

**Many Gifts But One Body**  
“Connected by Grace through Faith”  
Part Two  
**Romans 12:6-8**

**Introduction**

Over the past few weeks we have been walking through **Romans 12**.

So far in **Romans 12** we have discovered:

Every follower of Christ is:

**Challenged to Live With Purpose.**  
**Called to Live a Transformed Life**  
**Charged to Live and Serve with a Spirit of Unity**  
**Created to Function as One Body**

Every follower of Christ is:

**Connected by Grace through Faith that Leads to Salvation**

Today we will discover:

Every follower of Christ is:

**Connected by Grace through Faith that Leads to Service**

## Scripture

According to the grace given to us, we have different gifts: If prophecy, use it according to the proportion of one's faith;  
7 if service, use it in service; if teaching, in teaching;  
8 if exhorting, in exhortation; giving, with generosity; leading, with diligence; showing mercy, with cheerfulness. CSB

## Quotes Of The Day

“I cannot do all the good that the world needs. But the world needs all the good that I can do.” — Jana Stanfield

“We are uniquely designed by God. He has graciously and generously blessed us with Spiritual Gifts so we can demonstrate His love, share the Good News about Jesus and therefore bring glory to His name.” — Pat Kilby

Every follower of Christ is Connected by:

### **Grace through Faith that leads to Service vv.6-8**

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The phrase translated “**different gifts**” comes from the Greek words:

“**Diaphoros**” meaning distinctive, unique, excellent and valuable.

“**Charismata**” meaning the abilities the Holy Spirit graciously and generously gives to each member of the Body of Christ.

“We are uniquely designed by God. He has graciously and generously blessed us with Spiritual Gifts so we can demonstrate His love, share the Good News about Jesus and therefore bring glory to His name.”

**The local church is strong, wise, unified, fully functional and very effective when the individual members of the body of Christ identify, develop and utilize their gifts to advance God’s Kingdom on the earth.**

The Bible is the best commentary and interpretation of the Bible.

**Ephesians 2:10** “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.” CSB

**2 Timothy 1:9** “He has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.” CSB

**James 2:14-17** “What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Can such faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is without clothes and lacks daily food 16 and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, stay warm, and be well fed,” but you don’t give them what the body needs, what good is it? 17 In the same way faith, if it does not have works, is dead by itself.” CSB

**Authentic faith that leads to salvation is the same faith that leads to a commitment to Know, Follow, Worship and Serve Jesus Christ with our life.**

**We are called to Serve God and advance His kingdom on the earth with the gifts He has blessed us with.**

In **Romans 12:6-8** Paul identifies seven different gifts that have been given to us according to His grace and the proportion of our faith.

## The gifts are:

Prophecy  
Service  
Teaching  
Exhorting  
Giving  
Leading  
Showing Mercy

Every follower of Christ has unique gifts given to us by God's grace and design for our life. Every person that utilizes their gift makes the Body of Christ stronger, wiser, more equipped and better suited to advance the Kingdom of God in their local setting and beyond.

Before we examine the Spiritual Gifts we must understand:

Spiritual Gifts are gifts graciously and generously given to us by God, we did nothing to earn them or deserve them.

Therefore we must exercise our Spiritual Gifts with:

### Honor

**Colossians 3:22-24** “. . . Don't work only while being watched, as people-pleasers, but work wholeheartedly, fearing the Lord. 23 **Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people,** 24 knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ.” CSB

### Humility

**James 3:13-18** “Who among you is wise and understanding? By his good conduct he should show that his works are done in the gentleness that comes from wisdom. 14 But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your heart, don't boast and deny the truth. 15 Such wisdom does not come down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there is disorder and every evil practice. 17 But

the wisdom from above is first pure, then peace-loving, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without pretense. 18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who cultivate peace.

**Philippians 2:3-4** “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. 4 Everyone should look not to his own interests, but rather to the interests of others.” CSB

Two statements from Oswald Chambers about pride in relation to spiritual gifts:

“Pride takes many forms, but spiritual pride is the most grievous. To become proud of spiritual gifts or leadership positions, is to forget that all that all we have is from God, all the position we occupy is God’s appointment.”

“It is very possible to be proud of the Spiritual Gifts God has entrusted to us and to strut about ostentatiously, forgetting that we have nothing which we have not received, that grace is a gift, an undeserved favor. We can actually be filled with pride at the eloquence and brilliance of our sermon on humility.”

## **Holiness**

**Hebrews 12:14-15** “Pursue peace with everyone, and holiness—without it no one will see the Lord. 15 Make sure that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no root of bitterness springs up, causing trouble and defiling many.” CSB

**Matthew 23:27-28** “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which appear beautiful on the outside, but inside are full of the bones of the dead and every kind of impurity. 28 In the same way, on the outside you seem righteous to people, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.” CSB

**2 Corinthians 7:1** “let us cleanse ourselves from every impurity of the flesh and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.” CSB