

Title: Resilient with Spiritual Gifts

Text: Romans 12:3-8

Target: Every Jesus follower has been graced with a spiritual gift that is to be used for the glory of God and for the service and caring of others.

- I. **Saving Grace:** *“For by the **grace** given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.” Romans 12:3*
 - A. **Caution Against Pride:** *“Not to think...more highly”*
 - B. **Clarity of Perspective:** *“sober judgement”*
 - C. **Compelled by Purpose:** *“measure of faith...assigned”*
 1. **Made in the Image of God**
 2. **Filled with the Spirit of God**
 3. **Called to the Plan of God:**

- II. **Sanctified Grace:** *“For as in **one body** we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.” Romans 12:4-5*
 - A. **One Body Many Faces:** *“many members”*
 - B. **One Body Many Functions:** *“do not have the same function”*
 - C. **One Body Many Facets:** *“individually members one of another”*

- III. **Serving Grace:** *“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, **let us use them:** if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.” Romans 12:6-8*
 - A. **Discovery of your Spiritual Gift: (1 Cor. 12:8-10, Eph. 4:11)**
 1. **Affinity-** What you love to do!
 2. **Ability-** What you are good at!
 3. **Affirmation-** Visible to others!
 4. **Attributes-** Personality & Experiences!

 - B. **Development of your Spiritual Gift:** *“let us use them”*
 1. Who/what/where is God calling you to see?
 2. What are you going to do about it?

Takeaway: Pursue the Giver of the Gift, not the Gift, and your Gift will keep on Giving.