

## SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS - Jan. 9-10, 2021

**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.

### GETTING STARTED:

**Question #1:** Did you know that every follower of Christ is given spiritual gifts by the Holy Spirit? The purpose of spiritual gifts are to glorify God and to build-up the church (Ephesians 4, Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12). Some examples include administration, apostleship, discernment, encouragement, evangelism, faith, giving, hospitality, leadership, knowledge, shepherd/pastor, prophecy, teaching, serving, mercy, wisdom and others. What are your top 3 gifts? Share with the group if you know them. (If you don't know, you can take this 15-minute online test here: <https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/spiritual-gifts-survey/> ).

### GOING DEEPER:

- 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:**

**Question #2:** Verse 3 gives us a caution against pride, as we are instructed "not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think". Paul echoes this same sentiment in his letter to the Philliipians, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves." (Philippians 2:3) Why is it important that we stay humble in regards to our faith? What role does humility play in the use of our spiritual gifts?

- 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”*

**Question #3:** The body of Christ has many faces, functions, and facets. We’re all different, but are “one body in Christ and individually members of one another”. (Vs 5) What happens in a human body when certain parts or organs stop working? What is the parallel here to the body of Christ?

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?

**Question #4:** Our use of spiritual gifts not only glorifies God, but they are also used to edify and build-up the church (“let us use them”, verse 6 says). Some lead, some serve, some give or show hospitality, while others are administrators, shepherds, or evangelists. Share with the group the unique interests God has given you (kids ministry, hospitality, homeless ministry, community group ministry, caring for the sick, etc.) and how you desire to be a blessing and to build-up others.

**Take Away:** Pursue the Giver of the Gift, not the Gift, and your Gift will keep on Giving.

**FINISH BY PRAYING AS A GROUP.**

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**

- Spiritual Gifts Test: <https://gifts.churchgrowth.org/spiritual-gifts-survey/>
- Serving opportunities at CBC ([full list here](#)).
- Serving opportunities in SA ([full list here](#)).