

“Establishment and Encouragement”

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Scripture

Romans 1:11-12

“For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be **established**; that is, that I may be **encouraged** together with you while among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.”

The Apostle Paul

Paul's Humility

The Roman Church

- House Churches
- Mostly Gentiles (although definitely a small group of Jews)
- Jews had been kicked out by Emperor Claudius in A.D. 49.

Spiritual Gifts

What Spiritual Gifts are Not

Gifts are not developed Skills

Many of you have learned skills in order to make a living in a job

I was trained in Accounting and Finance, so I have a skill that has been developed over time. I completed a Master's degree in Law specializing in taxation and I eventually learned to do taxes. This is not a spiritual gift, though.

Acts 18:1-4

“After these things he left Athens and went to Corinth. And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, having recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome. **He came to them, and because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and they were working, for by trade they were tent-makers.** And he was reasoning in the synagogue every Sabbath and trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.”

Paul was a tentmaker and developed that as a skill by which he could earn income.

Gifts are not roles in the church

Ephesians 4:7, 11-12

“But to each one of us grace was given **according to the measure of Christ's gift**”

“He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, **for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ**”

We have worked through these in our Wednesday evening study of Ephesians. These individuals have been given to the church by Jesus to build-up and strengthen the church.

Given by the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:1-4

“Now there are varieties of gifts, **but the same Spirit**. And there are varieties of ministries, **and the same Lord**. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons. But **to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit.**”

Each One is given a spiritual gift

“What if I don't have a spiritual gift?”

- 1) You may not have the Holy Spirit within you (you are not His)
- 2) You may not have devoted yourself to the Lord's church (The gift has not been shown)
- 3) You may have a spiritual gift but do not know what it is (you have not been taught)

This study is for you to find out about spiritual gifting and perhaps identify your spiritual gift

Categories of Gifts

1 Peter 4:11

“Whoever **speaks**, is to do so as one who is **speaking the utterances of God**; whoever **serves** is to do so as one who is **serving by the strength which God supplies**; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

Speaking Gifts -> Using your mouth to proclaim the Word to others

Logos -> The Utterances of God -> The Oracles of God -> **The Word of God**

Romans 3:1-2

“What advantage has the Jew? Or what is the benefit of circumcision? Great in every respect. First of all, **that they were entrusted with the oracles of God.**”

Serving Gifts -> Using your body to become a willing servant to another for an event

Diakonos -> General word for servant, where we get the word Deacon

“ability which God giveth” -> *chorégeó* – “To abundantly fund” as in funding chorus at an event

Purpose of spiritual gifts

“So that in all things, God may be glorified” -> gifts are given for the purpose of God’s glory in their use

1 Corinthians 12:7

“But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit **for the common good.**” (Profit withal)

1 Corinthians 14:12

“Since you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek to abound **for the edification of the church.**”

They cannot be purchased

Simon the Sorcerer (Acts 8:9-25) tried to purchase the Holy Spirit with money

What category of spiritual gift do you think you have?

Romans 12:3-5

“For through the grace given to me **I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think;** but to think so as to have sound judgment, **as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.** For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”

“I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think”

Gifts were not given to be able to say or Roles in the Church were not given to be able to say, "Hey, look at me! I'm special!"

"God has allotted to each one a measure of faith"

Repeatedly, Paul writes that "Each One" has a gift

Why do you think Paul wrote that, again and again, to the Roman and Corinthian Church?

List of Gifts

- A) Romans 12:6-8,
- B) 1 Corinthians 12:8-10,
- C) 1 Corinthians 12:28-30

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Romans 12:6-8

"Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness."

1 Corinthians 12:8-10

"For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues."

1 Corinthians 12:28

“Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues.”

Paul wanted to impart some spiritual gift to the Roman church

Romans 1:11-12

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If we know that spiritual gifts are given by the Holy Spirit, what does Paul mean when he writes “impart some spiritual gift to you”?

“Impart” is *metadidómi* which means “to give a share of” something. KJV has “impart” also.

Paul desired to come to Rome to share His spiritual gift with the church.

What was Paul's spiritual gift?

Acts 14:12

“They began calling Barnabas, Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, **because he was the chief speaker**”

Established

stērizō means “to make to stand firmly” or “to solidly plant or fix in place”

Paul desires to teach them the basics of the faith – since Paul had not been able to come, the book of Romans is that teaching.

Encouraged (Comforted in the KJV)

symparakalēō – “to affirm together and agree about what God says”

Paul desires that he and the church would be encouraged by agreeing together about the truth

I feel the same desire

Prayer