

Romans 12:3 (NLT)

...I give each of you this warning:
Don't think you are better than you really
are. Be honest in your evaluation of
yourselves, measuring yourselves by
the faith God has given us.

Romans 12:4-5 (NLT)

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function,
⁵ so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

Romans 12:6 (NLT)

In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well.

So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you.

Romans 12:7-8 (NLT)

If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. ⁸ If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously...

Romans 12:8 (NLT)

...If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

MANY Parts ONE Body

Romans 12:4-8

Who am I?
Where do I Belong
What am I here for?

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather **think of yourself with sober judgment,** in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.

COMPARISON:

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- our bodies have **MANY** parts
- these parts form a **UNITY**
- each part is **DEPENDENT** on other parts
- the parts do **DIFFERENT** work

⁵...in Christ we who are **MANY form ONE body**, and **EACH** member belongs to **ALL** the others.

There is **unity** (one body), **diversity** (many), and **interdependency** (members of one another). BBC

1 Corinthians 12:12 (NLT)

The human body has **MANY PARTS**,
but the many parts make up
ONE whole body. So it is with the
body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:17 (NIV)

If the **whole body** were an eye,
where would the sense of hearing be?

If the **whole body** were an ear,
where would the sense of smell be?

1 Corinthians 12:17-20 (NIV)

¹⁸ But in fact **God** has arranged the parts
IN the body, every one of them,
just as HE wanted them to be.

1 Corinthians 12:19-20 (NIV)

If they were **all one part**, where would
the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are
MANY parts, but ONE body.

James 1:16-17 (NIV)

Don't be deceived, my dear brothers.

¹⁷ Every **good** and **perfect GIFT** is

from above, coming down from the

Father of the heavenly lights, who does

not change like shifting shadows.

Grace-Gifts are manifestations of the presence and activity of the Holy Spirit.

He not only gives the gifts just as He determines but He also empowers their use for the common good. HNTC

We are **ONE** body- **UNITY**

We have **MANY** members/parts- **DIVERSITY**

The members do **NOT** have the
Same Function but they share the
Same PURPOSE. Ingram

Ephesians 4:15-16 (NLT)

Instead, we will speak the truth in love,
growing in every way more and more like
**Christ, who is the head of His body,
the church.**

Ephesians 4:15-16 (NLT)

16 He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As **each part** does its own special **work**, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Spiritual Gift- a **God-granted**
empowerment for ministry HBD

Spiritual Gift- a special ability or
skill **GIVEN by God** for the
BENEFIT of the Church

1 Peter 4:10-11 (NLT)

God has **given EACH** of you a **GIFT**
from **His** great variety of **spiritual gifts**.
Use them **WELL** to **serve one another**.

1 Corinthians 12:7 (ESV)

To **EACH** is given the manifestation
of the Spirit **FOR the COMMON good.**

Spiritual Gifts

- are **GIVEN** by God
- to **EACH** believer
- **FOR** the **COMMON** Good

Spiritual Gifts are **TOOLS** to build with,
NOT toys to play with,
or **weapons** to fight with.

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When we **Emphasize Spiritual Gifts** **OVER** Spiritual Maturity...

- we focus on the **GIFT** rather than the **GIVER**
- we become **SELF-ABSORBED** in **DOING OUR** thing
- we refuse to **SERVE** in **ANY** other way

In Light God's **MERCY** we...

- **OFFER** ourselves as a Living Sacrifice
- refuse to be **CONFORMED** to the World
- are **TRANSFORMED** as our minds are Renewed
- do **NOT** have an **EXAGGERATED** view of ourselves
- remember we are **ONE BODY** with **MANY PARTS**
- **SERVE** others willingly

Three Questions

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- **WHO** am I?
- **WHERE** do I Belong?
- **WHAT** am I here for?

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)

For it is **by grace** you have been **saved**,
through **FAITH** - and this not from yourselves,
it is the **GIFT of God** - ⁹ not by works,
so that no one can boast.

Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)

¹⁰ For we are **God's workmanship**, created
in Christ Jesus **to DO good works**,
which **God prepared** in advance for us to do.