



#7 "Receiving and Giving Gifts"

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Sermon Notes

⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully. Romans 12:3-8

Faithful Presence is Experienced by RECEIVING GOD'S

GIFTS AND SHARING THEM WITH OTHERS

I. 1 Corinthians 12:12-20, 27-31

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many... ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

In the Church, Gifts...

ARE MOST EFFECTIVE WHEN INTERDEPENDENT AND

SUBMITTED TO THE COMMUNITY

II. 1 Corinthians 14:23-25

²³ So if the whole church comes together and everyone speaks in tongues, and inquirers or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your mind? ²⁴ But if an unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying, they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all, ²⁵ as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, “God is really among you!”

In the Neighborhood, Gifts...

CREATE A REASON TO GATHER AND CELEBRATE

III. 1 Peter 4:7-11 NCV

The time is near when all things will end. So think clearly and control yourselves so you will be able to pray. ⁸ Most importantly, love each other deeply, because love will cause people to forgive each other for many sins. ⁹ Open your homes to each other, without complaining. ¹⁰ Each of you has received a gift to use to serve others. Be good servants of God’s various gifts of grace. ¹¹ Anyone who speaks should speak words from God. Anyone who serves should serve with the strength God gives so that in everything God will be praised through Jesus Christ.

In the World, Gifts...

PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO INTRODUCE PEOPLE TO THE GIFT GIVER