

Find your place!

Romans 12:3-8 Chris Mueller FBC 2016

Introduction:

Step 1: _____ **my body to God** ¹

Romans 12:1 Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

Step 2: _____ **competing distractions** ²

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Step 3: _____ **your strengths** ³

Romans 12:3 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.

1 Peter 4:10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Step 4: _____ **with other believers** ⁴⁻⁵

Romans 12:4 For just as we have many members in one body and all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

1st Every believer is a _____ ⁴ *For just as we have many members in one body*

2nd Every believer has a different _____

⁴ *...and all the members do not have the same function,*

1 Corinthians 12:17 If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.

3rd Every ministry is _____ 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ

1 Corinthians 12:21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." 22 On the contrary, it is much truer that the members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary.

4th Every believer must _____

5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

Mark 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Step 5: _____ your spiritual gift 6-8

Romans 12:6 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; 7 if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; 8 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 12:7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

2 Timothy 1:6 And for this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you

Spiritual gifts are God-given spiritual abilities for service within the body

Conclusion:

1st Why do many believers _____ use their giftedness?

2nd What happens when a Christian _____ use their gift?

3rd As a Christian, how do you _____ your giftedness?

1 Serve, 2 Ask/Listen, 3 Fruit, 4 Joy.

4th What if a Churchgoer completely _____ their gift?

QUESTIONS TO PROMOTE GROWTH IN CHRISTLIKENESS - BECOME A DOER OF THE WORD...

- 1-Why does Paul put this teaching on spiritual gifts right at Chapter 12 in the book of Romans?
- 2-Why are spiritual gifts so ignored today by so many Christians, especially reformed Christians?
- 3-How can you tell when a Church truly values the giftedness of each serving member?
- 4-What is keeping so many church attenders from actually serving faithfully and discovering their giftedness?
- 5-The Bible only lists spiritual gifts; it doesn't list talents like being a mechanic, singing or playing guitar. Why do people want to call a talent a spiritual gift? Where is the danger in misunderstanding gifts?
- 6-Where do you think you are gifted, and do others confirm your giftedness?
- 7-What specific steps will you take this week to pursue using and learning your unique giftedness in the body?

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