

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. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. 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. Romans 12:6-8 (NLT)

Gifts

I have designed you. I have made you. I am molding and shaping you. I have given you gifts with which you can serve me. I have given you gifts with which you can serve others. You are a tool in my hand. My hand is on your life. I will use you for my purposes. I have a plan for your life that is very good. You will know me. You will walk in my ways. You will bear an abundance of fruit for my kingdom as you allow me to work in and through your life. That sounds very exciting to me. I want to be used by you.

Do you have any questions? I have several questions. How will I know the gifts that you have given to me? How will I understand how you want to use me? How will I know what to go and do for you? **You will follow me. You will listen to me. You will go where I guide you. You will do what I ask of you. As you serve me you will begin to know the spiritual gifts that I have given to you. As you serve me you will also begin to know what are not your spiritual gifts. You must learn to say yes to me. You must learn to say yes to what fits the way I have designed you and will make use of the gifts I have given to you. Don't think that you will always be doing what ideally suits you. You will serve me in many different ways as you follow me. It will be just as important for you to learn what does not fit you as what does fit you. Once you begin to know your spiritual gift, allow me to grow and develop and refine the spiritual gifts that I have given to you. Give yourself fully to growing in the use of your spiritual gifts. Do you understand what I am saying to you?** Yes Lord, I understand.

I have one more thing to say to you. What's that? **I know you.** Don't look around and compare yourself with others. **Be thankful for the gifts that I have given to you. Don't wish you had the gifts that others have. I will powerfully use you with the gifts that I have given to you. You will have great joy as you bear an abundance of fruit for my kingdom and bring glory to my name. You can count on that.** Yes Lord, I will.

Lord, thank you for helping me to discover my spiritual gifts. Guide me to where I can use my spiritual gifts. Grow and develop my spiritual gifts so I can bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. Thank you for the joy I have in serving you. Amen

If *Grace Given Us*

We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

NIV Romans 12:6-8

If *Grace Given To Us*

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.

ESV Romans 12:6-8

If *God Has Given You*

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

NLT Romans 12:6-8

If *Grace That Is Given To Us*

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

NKJV Romans 12:6-8

If *Grace Given To Us*

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

NRSV Romans 12:6-8

If *Be What We Were Made To Be*

let's just go ahead and be what we were made to be, without enviously or pridefully comparing ourselves with each other, or trying to be something we aren't. If you preach, just preach God's Message, nothing else; if you help, just help, don't take over; if you teach, stick to your teaching; if you give encouraging guidance, be careful that you don't get bossy; if you're put in charge, don't manipulate; if you're called to give aid to people in distress, keep your eyes open and be quick to respond; if you work with the disadvantaged, don't let yourself get irritated with them or depressed by them. Keep a smile on your face.

MSG Romans 12:6-8

If *Grace Given Us*

Having gifts (faculties, talents, qualities) that differ according to the grace given us, let us use them: [He whose gift is] prophecy, [let him prophesy] according to the proportion of his faith; [He whose gift is] practical service, let him give himself to serving; he who teaches, to his teaching; He who exhorts (encourages), to his exhortation; he who contributes, let him do it in simplicity and liberality; he who gives aid and superintends, with zeal and singleness of mind; he who does acts of mercy, with genuine cheerfulness and joyful eagerness.

AMP Romans 12:6-8

If *God Has Given Each Of Us*

God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, then prophesy whenever you can—as often as your faith is strong enough to receive a message from God. If your gift is that of serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, do a good job of teaching. If you are a preacher, see to it that your sermons are strong and helpful. If God has given you money, be generous in helping others with it. If God has given you administrative ability and put you in charge of the work of others, take the responsibility seriously. Those who offer comfort to the sorrowing should do so with Christian cheer.

TLB Romans 12:6-8

If *Grace Given To Us*

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.

NASB Romans 12:6-8

If *Grace God Gave Us*

We all have different gifts, each of which came because of the grace God gave us. The person who has the gift of prophecy should use that gift in agreement with the faith. Anyone who has the gift of serving should serve. Anyone who has the gift of teaching should teach. Whoever has the gift of encouraging others should encourage. Whoever has the gift of giving to others should give freely. Anyone who has the gift of being a leader should try hard when he leads. Whoever has the gift of showing mercy to others should do so with joy.

NCV Romans 12:6-8

God Has Given You

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

If – Romans 12:6-8

In Context: *Read Romans 12*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. 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. Romans 12:6-8 (NLT)

Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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. | If your gift | is serving others, | serve them | well. | If you | are a | teacher, | teach well. | If | your gift | is to | encourage others, | be encouraging. | If it is giving, | give generously. | 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. Romans 12:6-8 (NLT)

Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, thank you for helping me to discover my spiritual gifts. Guide me to where I can use my spiritual gifts. Grow and develop my spiritual gifts so I can bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. Thank your for the joy I have in serving you. Amen

What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

How have you been able to discover the spiritual gifts that God has given to you?

Why is it a counter productive waste of time and energy to compare your spiritual gifts with others?

Where might you go and use the spiritual gifts that God has given to you?

How are you allowing God to grow and develop the spiritual gifts that He has given to you?

How has using your spiritual gifts allowed you to bear fruit for the Kingdom of God?

How has your life been blessed by God as you have used the spiritual gifts He has given to you?

What joy have you had in knowing that using your spiritual gifts is bearing fruit and bringing glory to God?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Use the spiritual gifts God has given you to bear fruit for His kingdom and bring glory to His name.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that God has given you spiritual gifts so you can bear fruit for His kingdom and bring glory to His name.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are using your God given spiritual gifts to serve Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you faithfully use all the gifts God has given you to serve Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will faithfully use all the gifts you have given me to serve you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I faithfully use the gifts you have given me to serve you today?
