

INSIDEout Series

Part 4 Week 2

6.6.21

Romans 12:3-8

## THE unTOTAL PACKAGE

### I. **Think about it!** (Vs 1-3)

#### A. Sober Judgement

-2 potential take-aways apart from the Gospel

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| 1. "I'm not gifted enough to be here" | -self-loathing  |
| 2. "I'm too gifted to be here"        | -self-pride     |
| end up ALONE                          | -self-isolation |
| and PARALYZED                         | -self-doubt     |

#### B. With Minds Renewed: Grace-given and Faith-filled Self-awareness

-Gospel-Humility isn't thinking less of yourself, it's the freedom of simply thinking of yourself less

SOBER JUDGEMENT IS THE GRACE-GIVEN,  
FAITH-FILLED, SELF-AWARENESS OF WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST

### II. **Unwrapping Spiritual Gifts** (Vs3-8)

#### A. Spiritual Gifts are **GIVEN** not earned

##### 1. Given **Personally** to every believer by the Holy Spirit

-1 Cor. 12:4

*"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them."*

##### 2. Given **Particularly** to you

-1 Cor. 12:18

*"But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be."*

-Bestowed especially for such a time that has been ordained by him

#### B. Spiritual Gifts are for **GROWING** not getting

##### 1. Grown **Purposefully** (vs 4)

-to build up the Church (the body of Christ)

-in Christ we are all-together necessary in form, fit and function

-members:

-serve sacrificially

-give generously

-connect relationally

##### 2. Grown **Practicably** (vs5)

-we grow, develop, cultivate the gifts of which we are STEWARDS

-1 Cor. 12:7

*"Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good"*

C. Spiritual Gifts are for **GLORIFYING** not gloating

1. Glorify **Praisingly**

-Because it's not about US; our gifts are not about us feeling fulfilled, capable, appreciated, special, loved, or even useful... It's about HIM!

2. Glorify **Provably**

-Spiritual giftedness is not a sign of spiritual maturity -Spiritual Fruit is!

-Gal. 5:22-23 *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."*

-Spiritual gifts are a means to which we love one another and glorify God

-They give context to the function of the Church

SPIRITUAL GIFTS ARE  
GIVEN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,  
GROW THE BODY OF CHRIST,  
& GLORIFY OUR HEAVENLY FATHER.

### III. PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT EXCELLENCE

A. PRAY in PRIVATE

-Am I Seeking His Kingdom or My Own?

-Check motives at the door

-Pray for the Lord to break down the idols we create in our lives

B. DISCERN with DISCIPLINE

-How has God uniquely shaped, molded, and impassioned me? How am I growing and positioned for such a time as this?

-Take a Spiritual Gifts Survey as a start

C. CONFIRM in COMMUNITY

-Who are two or three others who are trustworthy that can help bring understanding to how I fit?

-Seek wise guidance from other followers of Jesus who serve in His Church.

D. DO SOMETHING

-Where might timing, position, and giftedness intersect need, opportunity, and function in the Body?

-Start where you are, with what you've got.

THE GOSPEL MOVES US TO:  
PRAYER NOT PRIDE  
DISCERNING NOT LOATHING  
COMMUNITY NOT ISOLATION  
DOING NOT DOUBTING