

Mission Statement: *to passionately serve GOD and to compassionately serve others—ALL to the glory of GOD!*

Floyd Barackman – "Spiritual gifts" are various measures of divine grace, or power, by which the Lord Jesus through the Holy Spirit enables His people to perform special ministries in His work of building the Church.

Q: Are you using your God-given gifts to the glory of God and the benefit of others?

Q: How are you developing what God has given you?

I. Consider the _____ of the Gifts (1 Peter 4:10-11)

1 Peter 4:10-11 As every man hath received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of **God**.¹¹ If any man speak, *let him speak* as the oracles of **God**; if any man minister, *let him do it* as of the ability which **God** giveth: that **God** in all things may be glorified through **Jesus Christ**, to **Whom** be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

The gift that each of us has been given is the gift of grace as well as individual gifts to be used with that grace.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the **Father** of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

II. Consider the _____ of the Giver (Romans 12:6a)

- God gives each of His children these gifts to use but also gives us the grace to use them.
- The grace the God gives represents God's power in action.

2 Corinthians 9:8 And **God** is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work:

Philippians 2:13 For it is **God** which worketh [*energizes*] in you both to will [*intentional, planned purpose*] and to [*the power*] do of **His** good pleasure [*perfect will*].

III. Consider the _____ of the Giver (Romans 12:6-8)

A. _____ Gifts (v. 6-8)

1. The gift of _____ (v. 6)

A prophet of God is a spokesperson for God.

1 Corinthians 14:3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men *to* edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

The preaching of God's Word must have:

- † A edifying emphasis—_____ others by being firmly grounded in truth.
- † An exhortation emphasis—_____ others to obedience.
- † A comforting emphasis—coming along side and _____ those in trouble or a time of need.

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

The preaching of God's Word must also have:

- † A reproving emphasis—addressing or _____ others of sin
- † A rebuking emphasis—_____ of the consequences of sin
- † An exhortation emphasis—_____ others to obedience.
- † A longsuffering emphasis—_____ in teaching, understanding that change takes time

What is my next step?

(*Put off*) What must I put off that is both hinder my walk with Christ or someone else's?

(*Renew your mind*) What qualities or Words of Christ must I meditate upon?

(*Put on*) What qualities of Christ must I seek to have as a characteristic of my life?