

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

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

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

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

God gives us the grace to do what He calls us to do.

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

Douglas J. Moo – Paul is describing the way in which God, in His grace, has distributed different gifts to His people **as a means of building the unity of the body.**

A. Speaking Gifts (v. 6-8)

1. The gift of prophecy (v. 6)

Now a prophet would be one who delivers the Word of God.

2. The gift of _____ (v. 7)

Donald Grey Barnhouse – When you receive a blessing from the Word of God, pass it on at once. When you learn something from a sermon, tell two or three other people at the earliest possible opportunity. Above all, apply the teaching to your own heart first; thus it comes to the listener with the impact of Heaven and the warmth of your own experience.

Consider the process of teaching in Ephesians 4:22-24

Q: Who are you presently helping to grow and change by teaching them to renew their mind?

3. The gift of _____ (v. 8)

This gift emphasizes the _____ of others to grow in their relationship with Christ through obedience to Christ.

The key to being a good encourager is to be faithful in God's Word.

B. _____ Gifts (v. 7-8)

1. The gift of _____ (v. 7)

Voluntary service; behind the scenes servitude. This is one who is willing to serve when the lights are off, when no one is around.

Consider the mind of Christ as a servant in Philippians 2:2-8.

Consider Christ's example and command in John 13:4-15

2. The gift of _____ (v. 8)

"*Giving with simplicity*" carries the idea of _____-mindedness and _____ generosity. (Cf. Luke 6:38)

Proverbs 3:9-10 Honour the **LORD** with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: **10** So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine.

3. The gift of _____ (v. 8)

"*with diligence*" carries the idea of attention and _____.

Seek to be a leader that leads others to Christ and encourages them to follow Christ. Have a "follow me as I follow Christ mentality."

4. The gift of _____ (v. 8)

In showing mercy we are seeking to help _____ the misery of another.

Proverbs 17:22 A merry heart doeth good *like* a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

Q: What is my God-given role in this body of the PIBC family?

Q: What does your Christian service look like to God?

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?