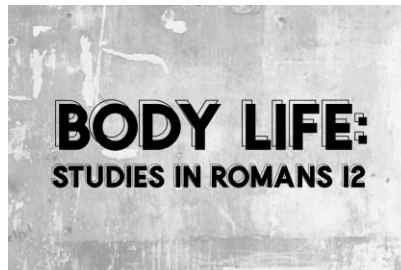


DISCIPLE'S QUEST

*If you continue in My word, then you are
truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31



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Body Life Part 4: Spiritual Gifts

Romans 12:6-8

Main idea:

All believers receive at the time of their regeneration a spiritual gift (or gifts) from the Lord. As it has been said, the Holy Spirit uniquely blends these gifts in the life of the Christian like a skilled painter blends the colors on his palette. One implication of this reality is that no gift or gifts are unimportant. The ministry of every believer matters! Therefore, we must all identify, develop and humbly utilize our gift or gifts. In doing this, we will honor our Lord, help Him build His church and encourage the spiritual well-being of one another.

Outline:

1. A (Quick) Primer on Spiritual Gifts

2. The Practice of Spiritual Gifts in the Lord's Church
 - Prophecy
 - Service
 - Teaching
 - Exhortation
 - Giving
 - Leading
 - Mercy

Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 In the message, Pastor Vaughn said that the sign gifts, including miracle-working, tongues and revelatory prophecy are no longer in operation today. Why aren't they?

What were the 2 related primary purposes of the sign gifts?

How does God speak to believers today?

#2 Read Ephesians 4:12-13. Why has God given spiritual gifts to His believers?

What is the aim of the use of these gifts?

#3 What ministry in the local church today might require the gift of prophecy? Why? What is prophecy in this context?

#4 How would you define the ministry gift of service? What activities might the one with this gift participate in? Might participating in the church's praise ministry be a kind of spiritual service?

#5 Other than the pastor and elders, who in the local church might have the gift of teaching?

How about the gift of exhorting?

#6 What is the gift of mercy?

Why is it important?

#7 Is it a sin to ignore your spiritual gift/gifts?

Why?

What is the alternative?