

Exercising Your Gifts: Part 1

Text: [Romans 12:6-8](#)

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[2 Corinthians 5:21](#) “For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.”

[1 John 2:15](#) “*Do not love* the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

[Romans 12:1-8](#) (ESV)

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function,

⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith;

⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching;

⁸ 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.

What has God uniquely given you to do the work of the ministry?

Ephesians 3:20–21 “Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.”

[2 Corinthians 12:12](#) “The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works.”

[Hebrews 2:3–4](#) (ESV)

³ (The gospel) was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard,

⁴ while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His will.

[Mark 16:20](#) “And they went out and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by accompanying signs.”

[Romans 12:4–5](#) (ESV)

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Prophecy

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The gift of prophecy does not pertain to the content but rather to the means of proclamation.

[1 Corinthians 14:3](#) “... The one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation.”

[1 Peter 4:11](#) “... whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God... in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

[Exodus 4:10](#) “But Moses said to the Lord, “Oh, my Lord, I am not eloquent, either in the past or since you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and of tongue.””

[Exodus 4:14–15](#) (ESV)

¹⁴ Then the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses and He said, “Is there not Aaron, your brother, the Levite? I know that he can speak well. Behold, he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart.

¹⁵ You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you both what to do.”

[1 Corinthians 14:24–25](#) (ESV)

²⁴ But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all,

²⁵ the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.

[2 Timothy 4:2-5 \(ESV\)](#)

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⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.

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“Prophecy at this day in the Church is hardly anything else than the right understanding of the Scripture, and the peculiar faculty of explaining it.”

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[Jude 3](#) “Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for *the faith* that was once for all delivered to the saints.”

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People will easily follow empty preaching.

Do the work of ministry.

Evangelize.