

# God Gifts

## Part 5

### Romans 12:6–8 (NASB95)

**6** Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if **prophecy**, according to the proportion of his faith;  
**7** if **service**, in his serving; or he who **teaches**, in his teaching;  
**8** or he who **exhorts**, in his exhortation; he who **gives**, with liberality; he who **leads**, with diligence; he who shows **mercy**, with cheerfulness.

### How do we properly operate within our gifting?

### Romans 12:9–21 (NASB95)

**9** Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.  
**10** Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;  
**11** not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;  
**12** rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer,  
**13** contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.  
**14** Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.  
**15** Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.  
**16** Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.  
**17** Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men.  
**18** If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.  
**19** Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, “VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY,” says the Lord.  
**20** “BUT IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD.”  
**21** Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

### Romans 12:9 (NASB95)

**9** Let **love** be without hypocrisy...

### 1 Timothy 1:5 (NASB95)

**5** But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

### 1 Corinthians 13:1–6 (NASB95)

**1** If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.  
**2** If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

**3** And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

**4** Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant,

**5** does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered,

**6** **does not rejoice in unrighteousness**, but rejoices with the **truth**;

#### **Romans 12:9 (NASB95)**

**9** Let love be without **hypocrisy**....

**g0505.** ἀνυπόκριτος *anypokritos*; unfeigned, **undisguised**, sincere.

#### **Two Myths about Love**

- Feeling
- Acceptance

#### **Romans 12:9 (NASB95)**

**9** Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.

**g0655.** ἀποστύγῃω *apostygeō*; to detest utterly: — abhor; to dislike, abhor, have a horror of

#### **Two false views**

- Ignore it!
- Accept it!

#### **How do you define evil?**

#### **Romans 1:18–19 (NASB95)**

**18** For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness,

**19** because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

#### **Romans 1:26–32 (NASB95)**

**26** For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,

**27** and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

**28** And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper,

**29** being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips,

**30** slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

**31** without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful;

**32** and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also **give hearty approval** to those who practice them.

**We define evil not based on our feelings, but based on what God says!**