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Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

1 Peter 4:7-10

The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. 8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1. Grace Must Shape the Use of Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. 7 Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Romans 8:14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

“If you want to judge how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God’s child, and having God as his Father. If this is not the thought that prompts and controls his worship and prayers and his whole outlook on life, it means that he does not understand Christianity very well at all... Our understanding of Christianity cannot be better than our grasp of adoption.”

J.I. Packer

2 Samuel 9:1-13

“I remember Charles Spurgeon in one of his sermons said if you cross the will of justice, the face of justice is a terrible thing to see, but if you cross the will of mercy, it’s even more terrible. What he simply meant is the motive of Christians is when I meet my Master, I’m not going to be afraid he’s going to cast me out. What I’m going to be afraid of is I will know immediately that I have not been living as if I was completely loved.”

Tim Keller

**2. As We Are Christ-Centered,
We Will Be Others-Centered
With Our Gifts**

1 Corinthians 14:12

So with yourselves, since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.

“We should speak of such gifts as God’s presence rather than his presents. In bestowing these gifts, God does not grant us something other than himself. The Spirit is himself the gift that he gives. Or again, spiritual gifts are nothing less than the Holy Spirit himself in us, enlightening our minds with revelatory truths, empowering our wills, and imparting to us the strength and wisdom to accomplish his gracious purposes in the church. Spiritual gifts must never be thought of as some “thing” granted to us by a distant and uninvolved deity. They are, instead, the Holy Spirit on display in and through human words and works to build up the body of Christ.”

Sam Storms

“God means his church to be a community of mutual support. “comfort one another,” (1 Thes. 4:18); “encourage one another,” and “build each other up” (1 Thes. 5:11) ... The word “one another” or “each other” emphasizes the reciprocity (res uh pros it tee) of Christian care. We are not to leave it to an elite of professional comforters or counselors. These have an important role to fulfill, of course, but supporting, caring, encouraging and comforting are ministries which belong to all members of the Body of Christ.”

John Stott

Romans 12:10

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love

Hebrews 3:13

Encourage one another daily

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Paul prays in 1 Thessalonians 3:12

may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all

Romans 15:14

I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.

Ephesians 4:1-2

urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love

Galatians 6:2

Bear one another's burdens

2 Timothy 1:6

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands,

Romans 12:6

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them

1 Corinthians 12:11

All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Listing of Spiritual Gifts

Romans 12

Encouragement
Giving
Leadership
Mercy
Prophecy
Service
Teaching

1 Corinthians 12

Administration	Apostle
Discernment	Faith
Healing	Helps
Interpretation of Languages	Knowledge
Languages	Miracles
Prophecy	Teaching
Wisdom	

Ephesians 4

Apostle
Pastor
Teaching

Evangelism
Prophecy

1 Peter 4

Serving
Teaching

**The gifts in italics are repeated in one of the other passages.*

1 Peter 4:10-11

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**3. God Will Be Glorified
And He Will Bless**

“Spiritual gifts are nothing less than God Himself in us, energizing our souls, imparting revelation to our minds, infusing power in our wills and working His sovereign and gracious purposes through us. Spiritual gifts must never be viewed deistically, as if a God “out there” has sent some “thing” to us “down here.” Spiritual gifts are God present in, with and through human thoughts, human deeds, human words, human love... Spiritual gifts are the presence of the Spirit Himself coming to relatively clear, even dramatic, expression in the way we do ministry. Gifts are God going public among His people.”

Sam Storms

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Ephesians 1:13-14

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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