

# You are Gifted!

Insights on Romans 12:3-8

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## Understanding who we are:

(Romans 12:3-8, 1 Cor. 12, Psalm 139, Ephesians 2:10, 1 Samuel 17)

1. Giftedness always starts \_\_\_\_\_.

- Humility is not a \_\_\_\_\_,

but an \_\_\_\_\_.

- Our gifts make us \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Our greatest gifts will always \_\_\_\_\_.

- A gift is...

- Don't think your gift is...

3. Spiritual giftedness does not \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Our gifts are to be \_\_\_\_\_,

not \_\_\_\_\_.

## This weeks discussion guide:

### Welcome to "Week 6" of our small group session!

We are glad that you have taken this journey with us digging into God's Word with others. We pray this is a time of growth, encouragement, and fun as you deepen friendships and make new friends along the way!

### Looking Back:

Each week we'll look and have an opportunity to share with our group how the week went and also share a few things to help us get to know each other better. What is something encouraging or not so encouraging that happened since our last meeting?

1. This past week was Valentines day. What was one of your most memorable Valentines day and why?

It may be for good reasons...or not so good!

2. Most people attending church for a while have heard the term "spiritual gift" before. Despite this, many people are still unaware of their gifting(s). Why do you think this is?

Each week in "looking back," we also want to give each other the opportunity to look back since our last meeting and share how we applied something to our daily lives that we learned or discussed previously from God's Word.

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged you or needs some clarification?

## Looking Up:

1. Part of the free will we've been given, is that God gives us talents, strengths and abilities but does not force our hand in using them. This means we can choose to use something intended for good in a different way than God intended. What might it look like to use the gifts and strengths below in misguided or unhealthy ways?

### - Service, Compassion, Giving, Encouragement, Teaching

How could **Ephesians 4:11-16** help us realign using our gifts for the right purpose?

2. One of the first steps in understanding our gifts and abilities is to increase our self-awareness. Self-awareness is the ability to understand who we truly are and what God has made us to be. As you go through the verses below, write down principles that could help someone grow in self-awareness.

### - Proverbs 20:5, Romans 12:3, Psalm 26:2, 1 Timothy 4:16

What principles above do you need to work on the most? How can you begin to work on those this week?

3. We live in a very individualistic society where depending on others can be seen as a weakness or looked down upon. Because of this, the idea of working together or being one "body" of Christ can feel somewhat foreign. What guidance does **1 Corinthians 12:12-26** give on being a united body of Christ?

What could happen if someone isn't playing their part?

How does this passage address diversity and unity occurring at the same time?

## Looking Forward:

This last section is based on passages like the one below.

*But don't just listen to God's Word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves. For if you listen to the Word and don't obey, it is like glancing at your face in a mirror. You see yourself, walk away, and forget what you look like. But if you look carefully into the perfect law that sets you free, and if you do what it says and don't forget what you heard, then God will bless you for doing it.*  
*James 1:22-25 (NLT)*

Let's take a few minutes to silently pray and reflect back on this last week's message and what we discussed in our group. As we reflect, let's all pray and ask God for a specific application that He might prompt us to live out this week. If you are willing, share this with the group.

To help us as we reflect, here are some possible applications to get us thinking...

- One way to help discover your Spiritual gifts is by taking a Spiritual gifts assessment. Visit [gracepointsd.com](http://gracepointsd.com) and click on the media tab, then click on the resources tab, scroll down and click on Spiritual Gifts questionnaire, then click on the link to the article.
- If you don't know your gifting, what friend, counselor, Small group leader, etc. could help you discover what your gifts are?
- Pray through ways that you might use your gifts to serve the Kingdom. Write down your ideas, and begin to put them into practice!

As we look forward to this week, let's pray for one another!