

Our Gifts & Our Calling Part 5

1 Corinthians 13:8-13 NIV

⁸ Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they **will cease**; where there are tongues, they **will be stilled**; where there is knowledge, **it will pass away**. ⁹ For we know **in part** and we prophesy **in part**, ¹⁰ but **when completeness comes, what is in part disappears**. ¹¹ When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. ¹² For **now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known**.

¹³ And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Romans 12:1-13 NIV

A Living Sacrifice

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Humble Service in the Body of Christ

3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: **Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought**, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so **in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others**. 6 We have **different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us**. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your[a] faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead,[b] do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Love in Action

9 Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Functioning as a Body...

- Service is the Function
- Love is the Heart
- We belong to each other

Bearing each others burdens...

- Galatians 6:2 NIV Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Flowing:

www.spiritualgiftstest.com/spiritual-gifts

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spiritual_gift

Romans 12:6-8

- Prophecy
- Serving
- Teaching
- Exhortation
- Giving
- Leadership
- Mercy

1 Corinthians 12:8-10

- Word of wisdom
- Word of knowledge
- Faith
- Gifts of healings
- Miracles
- Prophecy
- Distinguishing between spirits
- Tongues
- Interpretation of tongues

1 Corinthians 12:28

- Apostle
- Prophet
- Teacher
- Miracles
- Kinds of healings
- Helps
- Administration
- Tongues

Ephesians 4:11

- Apostle
- Prophet
- Evangelist
- Pastor
- Teacher

1 Peter 4:11

- Whoever speaks
- Whoever renders service

Other spiritual gifts

While not specifically defined as spiritual gifts in the Bible, other abilities and capacities have been considered as spiritual gifts by some Christians. Some are found in the New Testament such as:

- celibacy (I Corinthians 7:7)
- hospitality (1 Peter 4:9-10)
- intercession (Rom. 8:26-27)
- marriage (I Corinthians 7:7)
- (effective) witnessing (Acts 1:8, 5:32, 26:22, 1 John 5:6)

Others are found in the Old Testament such as:

- craftsmanship (such as the special abilities given to artisans who constructed the Tabernacle in Exodus 35:30-33)
- interpretation of dreams (e.g. Joseph and Daniel)
- composing spiritual music, poetry, and prose

Announcements: www.hopecommunitysite.com

Morning Prayer Monday to Friday 9 to 10 am at the church

Upward Basketball: There are two signup evaluation dates - **Saturday, October 3rd 10 am - 12 pm, and Wednesday, October 7th 6-8 pm.** Every child must attend one of the signup dates. Cost per child is \$85. It includes a uniform, one practice (Wednesday nights) and one game (Saturday mornings) per week as well as a closing awards event. For more information or to get involved in serving, contact **Barry Elliott at 705-955-4893.**

Church Contact Directory: Please fill out a form with the contact information for you and your family and place it in one of the collection boxes on the back wall of the gymnasium.

God Squad Jr. High: Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 pm. Students grades 6-8 are invited to this great program.

Women's Beth Moore – Living Proof Live Conference: November 6 & 7 at the Hershey Centre in Mississauga Tickets are \$69 US dollars

Men's Promise Keepers Conference: November 13 & 14 at Queensway Church in Toronto Tickets are \$60 (\$50 if we can get a group of 10)