**The human body has *many* members, yet *each one has a unique role to play*. The health and welfare of the body depend on the proper functioning of *each* member. That is how it is in the body of Christ.**

**God's Seven Spiritual Gifts**

In God's great gift of salvation, we have a number of benefits and responsibilities. Gifts of the Spirit are benefits to *each believer* [one gift per believer], but they come with *responsibilities*.

There are two Greek words that are primarily used to describe the gifts of the Spirit. *Pneumatika* refers to their source, the Holy Spirit (*pneuma*) of God, and *charismata* refers to the fact that they are granted as an act of God's grace (*charis*). Since they are *given by grace*, we are reminded that they are not based on our worthiness or personal abilities, but on God's *sovereign choice*. Since they are given by the Spirit of God, they are a part of the *new life granted to us in Christ* (and may be drastically different from our perceived capabilities or desires prior to salvation).

See [Romans 12:6-8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+12.6-8&t=NKJV) [gifts], [Ephesians 4:11](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+4.11&t=NKJV) and [1 Corinthians 12:28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+12.28&t=NKJV) [ministries], [1 Corinthians 12:6-10](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+12.6-10&t=NKJV) [effects].



(**Note**: Different Gifts applied to different Ministries produce different Effects [results].)

**Serving through Spiritual Gifts** ([Romans 12:3-8](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+12.3-8&t=NKJV))

Paul speaks through the grace that was given to him as an apostle of the Lord Jesus. He is going to deal with various forms of straight and crooked thinking.

First he says that there is nothing in the gospel that would encourage anyone to have a superiority complex. He urges us to be *humble* in exercising our gifts. We should *never* have exaggerated ideas of our own importance. Neither should we be *envious* of others. Rather, we should realize that each person is *unique* and that we all have an important *function* to perform for our Lord. We should be *happy* with the place God has dealt to us in the Body, and we should seek to *exercise* our gifts with all the strength that God supplies.

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That is how it is in the body of Christ. There is *unity* (one body), *diversity* (many), and *interdependency* (members of one another). Any gifts we have are *not* for selfish use or display but *for* the good of the body. No gift is self-sufficient and none is unnecessary. When we realize all this, we are thinking soberly.

Our gifts differ according to the grace that is given to us. In other words, *God's grace deals out differing gifts to different people*. And *God gives the necessary strength or ability to use whatever gifts we have*. So we are responsible to use these God-given abilities *as good stewards*.

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Spiritual gift – One per Christian. God's spiritual gift gives one the *desire* and *power* to achieve His purpose. Gifts help *perfect* the body of Christ. Exercising our gift causes us *joy*.

Prophecy – convict people of sin – Peter at Pentecost ([Acts 2:1-47](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Acts+2.1-47&t=NKJV))
Serving – meeting practical needs of others – Mary and Martha ([Luke 10:38-41](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+10.38-41&t=NKJV))
Teaching – ability to present and clarify biblical truth -- pastors
Exhortation – comes along aside another Christian to help solve their problems using the Word
Giving – desire and ability to use person assets to further the cause of Christ
Lead – coordinating activities of others to achieve a common goal
Mercy – identify with and comfort those who are hurting

**Seven Christians around a dinner table – hostess walks in with a dessert tray and spills the tray.**

