

Using Your Gifts For One Another

Ephesians 4:16 “... *according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*”

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Know Your Gifts

- **Gifts Differing According To Grace**
 - **Romans 12:4-6** *"For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: ..."*
- **Minister Your Gifts To One Another**
 - **1 Peter 4:10** *"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God."*

Speaking or Ministering

- **1 Peter 4:11** *"If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."*
- **Romans 12:6-8** *"... if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness."*
- **Speaking Gifts: Prophecy, Tongues, Teaching, Exhorting, Singing**
- **Ministering Gifts: Healings, Miracles, Giving, Leading, Mercy**

Minister With God Given Ability

- **1 Peter 4:11** “... *If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, ...*”
- **Minister** = generally to render service in a variety of ways either at someone’s behest or voluntarily and frequently with suggestion of movement. (BDAG), This word is a form of the word deacon. It is often translated “serve” in the NT.

Giving with Liberality

- Rom 12:8 “... *he who gives, with liberality; ...*”
- Gives = *metadidomi* ~ give (a part of), impart, share (BDAG); “to give a share of, impart” (*meta*, “with”), as distinct from “giving.” (Vines)
 - Giving = *didomi* ~ this is the root of 6 different words used in the NT for giving which each has its own special meaning.
- Liberality = *haploteti* ~ In our literature especially of personal integrity expressed in word or action *simplicity, sincerity, uprightness, frankness* (BDAG)
- The interpretation *generosity, liberality* has frequently been proposed for Rom 12:8; 2 Cor 8:2; 9:11, 13 but this sense is in dispute, and it is probable that meaning 1 in the sense of *sincere concern, simple goodness* is sufficient for all these passages. (BDAG)

Sharing With Sincerity

- **Romans 1:11** *"For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established; "*
- **Ephesians 4:28** *"He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need. "*
- **Luke 3:11** *"And he would answer and say to them, 'The man who has two tunics is to share with him who has none; and he who has food is to do likewise.'"*
- **1 Thess 2:8** *"Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us. "*
- **Rom 12:8** *"... he who gives, with liberality; ... "*