

# Study on Spiritual Gifts

Text: Romans 12:3-8

## Overview of Spiritual Gifts in the New Testament

### Lists of Gifts in the New Testament

1. Romans 12:3-8
2. Ephesians 4:7
3. 1 Corinthians 12:7-10
4. 1 Corinthians 12:27-30

### Four Divisions of Gifts (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

1. Charisma- Grace Gifts
2. Diakonia- Ministries
3. Energma- Operations
4. Phanerosis- Manifestations

One Way of Understanding the Lists of Gifts with regard to the four divisions:

1. Charisma- Grace Gifts (Romans 12:3-8)
2. Diakonia- Ministries (Ephesians 4:7; 1 Corinthians 12:27-28)
3. Energma- Operations (no lists in the N.T.; possible example of Peter and Paul in Galatians 2:8)  
-Paul was “energized” to minister to the Gentiles and Peter was “energized” to minister to the Jews.
4. Phanerosis- Manifestations (1 Corinthians 12:7-10; 28-30)

### Romans 12:3-8

In verses 3-5 we see four characteristics of the body of Christ as we look at spiritual gifts:

1. Equality (v.3) - Everyone has worth and value. No one is better than another.
2. Diversity (v. 4) - There are many gifts in the church. We are not all alike.
3. Unity (v. 5a) – Though there are many gifts, we are one in Christ. There is a unity of the Holy Spirit that we must preserve.
4. Reciprocity (v. 5b) – We need each other. There is mutual dependence in the body of Christ.

## Seven Grace Gifts Listed in Romans 12:6-8

1. Prophecy
2. Serving
3. Teaching
4. Exhorting
5. Giving
6. Ruling
7. Mercy