

"GIFTS DIFFERING"

ROMANS 12:6-8

I. SIX ESSENTIAL FACTS PERTAINING TO SPIRITUAL GIFTS

II. SEVEN GIFTS ARE LISTED IN THIS CONTEXT (12:6-8)

- A. What Causes The Differences In The Use Of Gifts Among Believers?
- B. Why Are These Particular Gifts Listed Here?
- C. What Are The Gifts?

1. Prophecy

- a. The Temporary Office Of The Prophet
- b. The Permanent Ministry Of Speaking For The Lord
 - i. Encompasses The Realm Of Music
 - ii. Primarily For Believers
 - iii. Convinces Unbelievers That God Is Among Us
 - iv. Governed By What Paul Calls "The Proportion Of Faith"

2. Ministry: Assistant To The Verbal Gifts

3. Teaching: Instruction In Doctrine

4. Exhortation: Coming Alongside For Encouragement & Comfort

5. Giving: Generous Liberality Regarding Percentages

- a. Involves Wisdom & Discernment In Distribution
- b. Involves The Absence Of Any Ulterior Motive

6. Ruling: Administration With Zeal

7. Mercy: Compassion (Not Pity) Without Becoming Negative

"SPIRITUAL GIFTS"

(SIX ESSENTIAL FACTS)

- I. A Spiritual Gift Is A God Given Ability For Gracious Ministry To The Body Of Christ.**
- II. Every True Believer, Without Exception, Became The Possessor Of One Or More Spiritual Gifts At The Time Of Salvation.**
- III. These Gifts Are Delineated In The New Testament In At Least Four Separate Listings.**
- IV. The Sum Of The Contents Of The Four Lists Include Nineteen Separate Gifts.**
- V. These Nineteen Gifts Function In Two Categories: Verbal And Manual.**
- VI. These Nineteen Gifts Are Divided By The Longevity Factor.**

Temporary

**Apostle
Prophet
Tongues
Interpretation Of Tongues
Healing
Miracles
Discerning Of Spirits**

Permanent

**Evangelist
Pastor/Teacher
Prophecy
Teaching
Exhortation
Knowledge
Wisdom
Helping
Ministering
Giving
Ruling (Governments)
Mercy
Faith**