

“You’re Gifted and Talented”

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Matthew 25:14-30, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 27-31, 13:1

Romans 12:4-8, Ephesians 4:11-12

Matthew 25:14-18 (19-30)

14“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

- 16The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents.
- 17In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.
- 18But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. . . .

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

4Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

5and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord;

6and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

7To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1. 8To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom,
2. and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,
3. 9to another faith by the same Spirit,
4. to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,
5. 10to another the working of miracles,
6. to another prophecy,
7. to another the discernment of spirits,
8. to another various kinds of tongues,
9. to another the interpretation of tongues.

11All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

1 Corinthians 12:27-13:1

27Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

28And God has appointed in the church

1. first apostles,
2. second prophets,
3. third teachers;

4. then deeds of power,
5. then gifts of healing,
6. forms of assistance,
7. forms of leadership,
8. various kinds of tongues.

29Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles?

30Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret?

31But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.—13:1If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal . . .

Romans 12:4-8

4For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, 5so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. 6We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us:

1. prophecy, in proportion to faith;
2. 7ministry, in ministering;
3. the teacher, in teaching;
4. 8the exhorter, in exhortation;
5. the giver, in generosity;
6. the leader, in diligence;
7. the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Ephesians 4:11-12

11The gifts he gave were that some would be

1. apostles,
2. some prophets,
3. some evangelists,
4. some pastors and teachers,

12to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.

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