

# *“Of Fingerprints and Snowflakes”*

## Spiritual Gifts in Romans 12 & 1 Corinthians 12

### I. Pride & Humility Homework

**Romans 12:3**    *“Don’t think of yourself more highly than you ought to think.”*

#### **The New Lifestyle of Romans 12-16**

- A.    The pride issue I am addressing in my life is \_\_\_\_\_
  - B.    The Scripture I am focusing on is \_\_\_\_\_
  - C.    The behavior I am putting off is \_\_\_\_\_
  - D.    The behavior I am putting on is \_\_\_\_\_
  - E.    A specific example of how I put off and put on this week is \_\_\_\_\_
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### II. The Source and Purpose of Spiritual Gifts

**1 Corinthians 12:4-7; Romans 12:4-8; 1 Peter 4:7-11**

#### A. A Variety of Gifts (1 Cor. 12:4)

- 1.    *“Charisma”* = “gifts of grace, \_\_\_\_\_ gift.”
- 2.    Spiritual gifts are not \_\_\_\_\_.
- 3.    Spiritual gifts are not \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4.    Unity is not \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- 5.    *“Varieties”* = “allotments, \_\_\_\_\_”  
(God distributes His gifts by the Spirit in many forms and varieties.)

#### **Three General Categories**

(Not a rigid, precise, exhaustive compilation.  
Be careful not to overdefine spiritual gifts; the Bible doesn’t.)

- a.    Sign Gifts (ceased their purpose after birth of the Church);
- b.    \_\_\_\_\_ Gifts;
- c.    \_\_\_\_\_ Gifts. (**1 Peter 4:11**)

#### B. A Variety of Ministries (1 Cor. 12:5)

- 1.    Different Christians; same gift; \_\_\_\_\_ demonstrations.
- 2.    *“Ministries”* is same Greek word as “\_\_\_\_\_, servant, deacon.”  
**Mark 10:45**, *“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.”*
  
- 3.    All gifts are for \_\_\_\_\_, but types of service are limitless.  
**1 Peter 4:10**, *“Employ your spiritual gift in serving each other.”*

C. A Variety of Effects (1 Cor. 12:6)

1. “Effects” = “what is worked \_\_\_\_\_, or energized.”
2. Gifts cannot be exercised in one’s own power.
3. Different Christians; same gift; same God; limitless \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Matthew 13:23**, “*Who indeed bears fruit, and some bring forth a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.*”

**\*Results are always God’s business, not mine.**

**1 Corinthians 3:6-7**, “*...God was causing the growth. Neither the one who plants, nor the one who waters, is anything, but God who causes the growth.*”

**Warning**: Don’t \_\_\_\_\_ other “success” stories, but use God’s gifts in God’s power to serve Him and the church. Church isn’t “one size fits all.”

D. A Common Good (1 Cor. 12:7)

1. Spiritual gifts make the Holy Spirit \_\_\_\_\_.  
“same Spirit, same Lord, same God”
2. Spiritual gifts are \_\_\_\_\_, and mutually beneficial to the church.  
**1 Corinthians 14:26; Ephesians 4:12**
3. Spiritual gifts \_\_\_\_\_ others with their spiritual gifts.

### III. The Blessings of Spiritual Gifts

- A. \_\_\_\_\_ receive great blessing.
- B. The Church has a dynamic \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. God’s \_\_\_\_\_ become apparent.
- D. The Church experiences the joy of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.