

“Play Your Position”

On This Team Everyone Plays Week #4

Message Outline

Romans 12:3-6a (NRSV):

3 “For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. **4** For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, **5** so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. **6** We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us....”

1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 11 (NRSV)

⁴ “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” ...

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

1. Our spiritual gifts reveal God’s Grace.

2. God’s gifts are not to be abused, misused, or unused.

3. The Importance of Discovering Your Spiritual Gift(s) as a Believer in Jesus Christ.

4. I’m Gifted – Now What?

The following quote, from A.T. Pierson found in *The Holy Spirit and His Gifts* by J. Oswald Sanders (Zondervan 1970), captures how the Apostle Paul wants each of us to begin to understand Spiritual Gifts:

- Everyone has some gift, therefore, all should be **encouraged**.
- No one has all gifts, therefore all should be **humble**.
- All gifts are for the one Body, therefore all should be **harmonious**.
- All gifts are from the Lord, therefore all should be **contented**.
- All gifts are mutually helpful and needful, therefore all should be **studiously faithful**.
- All gifts promote the health and strength of the whole Body, therefore **none can easily be dispensed with**.
- All gifts depend on His fullness for power, therefore all should **keep in close touch with Him**.