




ROMANS: A FIRM FOUNDATION

Considering Gifts and Sacrifice

Romans 12:3-9




³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. ⁴ Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.




IMPLICATIONS

1. No one has the right to a “big head.”
2. The church will not be all that it is called to be without the inclusion of “your” gift.
3. You will not grow in the way that God intends without the influence of the other members of the body.
4. The TV church is no substitute for the real thing.



⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. ⁷ If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; ⁸ if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.



- Prophecy (1 Corinthians 14)


³ But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.

²⁹ Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said. ³⁰ And if a revelation comes to someone who is sitting down, the first speaker should stop. ³¹ For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged. ³² The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of the prophets

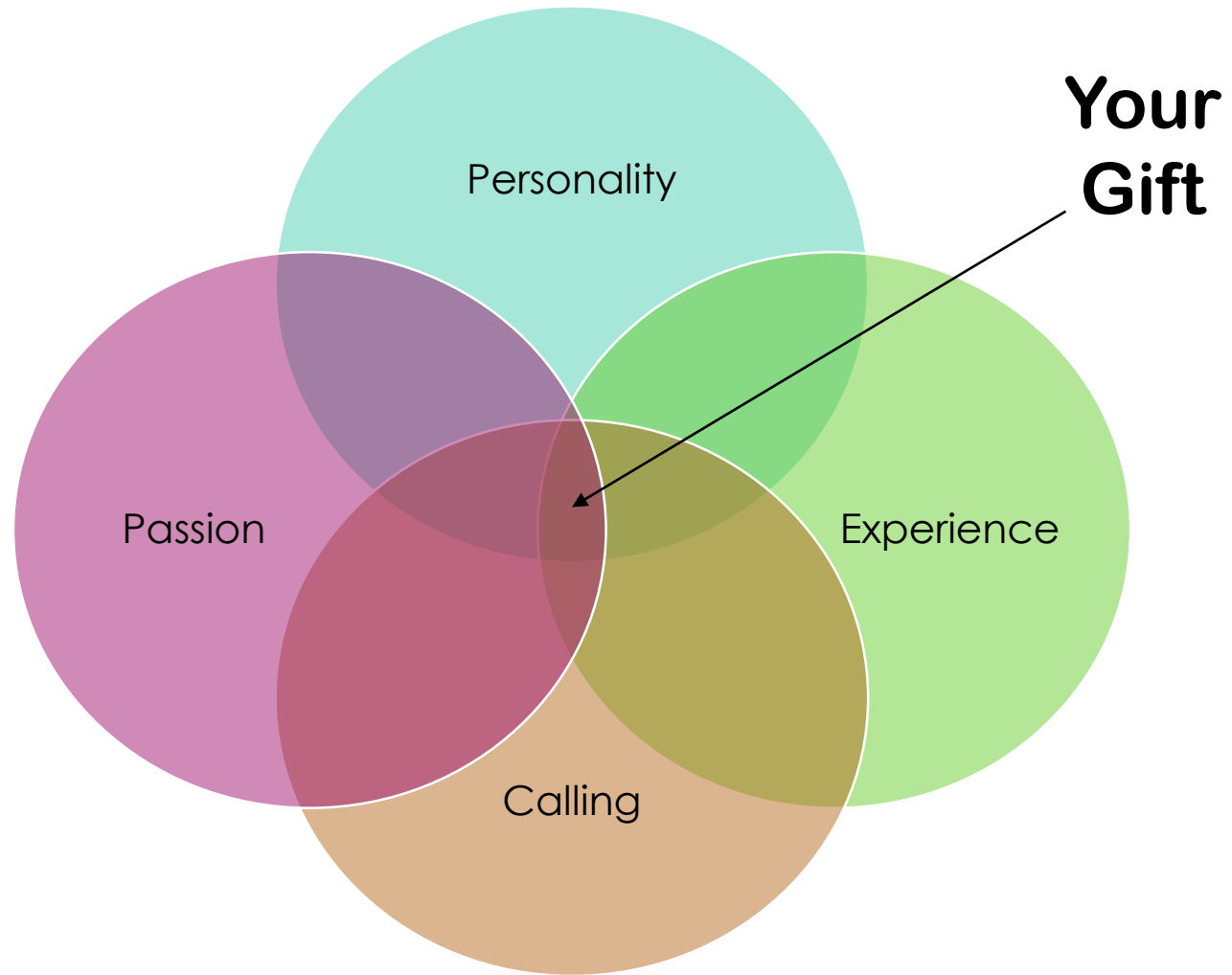


³³ For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—
as in all the congregations of the Lord's people.

²⁴ But if an unbeliever or someone who does not
understand comes in while everybody is
prophesying, he will be convinced by all that he is
a sinner and will be judged by all, ²⁵ and the
secrets of his heart will be laid bare. So he will fall
down and worship God, exclaiming, "God is really
among you!"

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- Prophecy
 - Serving
 - Teaching
 - Encouraging
 - Contributing
 - Leadership
 - Mercy

IDENTIFYING YOUR GIFT





TO GO

How has your spiritual life been shaped by the spiritual gifts of others.

What is your spiritual gift?

How are you using the gift that you have been given for the glory of God?