

UNWRAPPING MY SPIRITUAL GIFTS

I Corinthians 12

Three gifts God gives when we trust Christ:

1. _____
For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23 (TLB)
2. _____
"... God has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love." Romans 5:5 (LB)
3. _____
"God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well. . . ." Romans 12:6 (LB)

A question answered, a rumor dispelled (w. 2-3)

"Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead of a fish, will he? "Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?" Luke 11:11-13

My gifts reveal God's _____ (w. 4-6)

Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly... Romans 12:6

My gifts are the source of _____

By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.... "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. John 15:11

Purpose of the gifts: _____ (v.7)

God chooses who gets _____ (v.11)

The body as an illustration (w. 12-24)

The Church is an _____ not an _____ (v.12)

"Baptized into one body" _____ (v.13)

My gifts reveal _____ (w.14-20)

Gifts are given to _____ not to _____ (v.25)

When I use my gift _____

...from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love. Ephesians 4:16

Unity of the body, diversity of gifts (w. 27-31)

What does God want me to do with my gift?

1. _____ it!
"... Eagerly desire spiritual gifts..." 1 Corinthians 14:1
2. _____ it!
"Do not neglect the spiritual gift that is in you..." 1 Timothy 4:14 (GN)
3. _____ it!
"Fan into flame the gift God gave you..." 2 Timothy 1:6 (JB)
God has given each of you some special abilities; be sure to use them to help each other, passing on to others God's many kinds of blessings. 1 Peter 4:10 (TLB)

Why is it that he gives us these special abilities to do certain things best? It is that God's people will be equipped to do better work for him, building up the Church, the body of Christ, to a position of strength and maturity; Ephesians 4:12 (TLB)