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We Are Spirit-Filled People

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1. Open in prayer
2. Pastor Derwin said, "Mercy precedes obedience (worship)."
Read Romans 12:1-2
 - a. Discuss your insights?
3. Pastor Derwin said, "Grace produces humility." Read Romans 12:3-5
 - a. How does humility foster unity in the church and why is this important?
4. Pastor Derwin said, "Grace gives us spiritual gifts. Will you use your gift(s)?"
 - a. Note: Pastor Derwin discussed God giving the gift of speaking a language unknown to the speaker as a means of evangelism. Read Acts 2:5-8
 - Many scholars believe that the tongues in 1 Corinthians 14:1-4, is a prayer language that is to be used in private for self-edification.
 - Speaking in tongues is not a sign of being baptized in the Spirit. Every believer is baptized in the Spirit at conversion (read 1 Corinthians 12:13).
5. Read Romans 12:6-10.
 1. Prophecy (Rom. 12:6; 1 Cor. 12:10, 28-29; 14:1-40; Eph. 4:11)--The ability to receive and proclaim a message from God. This could involve the foretelling of future events, though its primary purpose as seen in 1 Corinthians 14:3 is forttelling: one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouragement, and consolation. This gift provides a word from God to a specific group, not the normative Word of God to all believers. Some maintain that prophecy is still operative in this sense today, while others say that the nearest current equivalent is Spirit-empowered preaching.
 2. Service (Rom. 12:7)--The ability to identify and care for the physical needs of the body through a variety of means. The Greek word for this gift is the same as that for ministry or deacon, but the gift should not be confused with the office.
 3. Teaching (Rom. 12:7; 1 Cor. 12:28-29; Eph. 4:11)--The ability to clearly explain and effectively apply the truths of God's Word so that others will learn. This requires the capacity to accurately interpret Scripture, engage in necessary research, and organize the results in a way that is easily communicated.
 4. Exhortation (Rom. 12:8)--The ability to motivate others to respond to the truth by providing timely words of counsel, encouragement, and consolation. When this gift is exercised, believers are challenged to stimulate their faith by putting God's truth to the test in their lives.

5. Giving (Rom. 12:8)--The ability to contribute material resources with generosity and cheerfulness for the benefit of others and the glory of God. Christians with this spiritual gift need not be wealthy.
6. Leadership (Rom. 12:8)--The ability to discern God's purpose for a group, set and communicate appropriate goals, and motivate others to work together to fulfill them in the service of God. A person with this gift is effective at delegating tasks to followers without manipulation or coercion.
7. Mercy (Rom. 12:8)--The ability to deeply empathize and engage in compassionate acts on behalf of people who are suffering physical, mental, or emotional distress. Those with this gift manifest concern and kindness to people who are often overlooked.
8. All of our gifts are needed so we can reach our redemptive potential as church!

Close in prayer

Note: For further study see <https://bible.org/article/gifts-spirit>