

-Romans 12:1-8

Understanding Your Gift

-Moses and Joshua

15th century BC

-Jesus and His disciples

-Moses & Joshua: ~65 yrs (establishing the Mosaic Covenant of law and entering the land)

-Elijah and Elisha: ~65 yrs (prophetic call to repentance for violating that covenant and law; warnings of judgment)

-Jesus and His disciples: ~65 yrs (bringing the law of grace & establishing the church in the New Covenant)

-1 Peter 4:10-11 (LSB) 10 As each one has received a gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God-- 11 whoever speaks, as one speaking the oracles of God; whoever serves, as one serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and might forever and ever.

Amen.

**-Prophecy, service, teaching,
exhortation, giving, leading, and
mercy.**

**-Wisdom, knowledge,
distinguishing of/discerning of
spirits**

**-Matthew 28:19 (LSB) “Go therefore
and make disciples of all the
nations, baptizing them in the name
of the Father and the Son and the
Holy Spirit,**

-Hebrews 3:13 (LSB) But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called “TODAY,” so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

**-Hebrews 10:25 (LSB) not forsaking
our own assembling together, as is
the habit of some, but encouraging
one another, and all the more as
you see the day drawing near.**

-Matthew 5:7 (LSB) Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

-Luke 6:36 (LSB) “Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

-Ephesians 4:1-16 (LSB) 1 Therefore I, the prisoner in the Lord, exhort you to walk worthy of the calling with which you have been called, 2 with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, 3 being diligent to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace... 7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. ...11 And He Himself gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ, 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ, ...15 but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, that is Christ, 16 from whom the whole body, being joined and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the properly measured working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

-1 Peter 4:8-9 (LSB) 8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because LOVE COVERS A MULTITUDE OF SINS. 9 Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.

-Colossians 3:14 (LSB) Above all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

-“You need to grow your relationship with Christ.”

**-When you love the Lord and know
Him more and more, you cannot
HELP but love His church more and
more.**

-1 Peter 4:10 (LSB) As each one has received a gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God--

-2 Timothy 4:1-2 (LSB) 1 I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: 2 preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and teaching.

-2 Timothy 4:5 (LSB) But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

-2 Timothy 1:6 (LSB) For this reason I remind you to kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

-2 Timothy 1:8-12 (LSB) 8 Therefore do not be ashamed of either the witness about our Lord or me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, 9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus from all eternity, 10 but now has been manifested by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, 11 for which I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher. 12 For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed; for I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.

-Romans 6:23 (LSB) For the wages of sin is death, but the gracious gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

-Ephesians 3:14-21 (LSB) 14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that He would give you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being firmly rooted and grounded in love, 18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God. 20 Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or understand, according to the power that works within us, 21 to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

-The prophetic ministries of Elijah and Elisha

8th century BC