

## **Spiritual Gifts from God to His Church**

### **Romans 12: 4-16**

#### I. The Purpose and the Plan

- A. God loves His bride so much that He lovingly provides for her. (Romans 8:32)
- B. Every True Member of the Church has been given at least one ministry spiritual gift.
- C. These gifts are to be invested into the Church and not to be buried.
- D. We are all ministers. (Isaiah 61:6)
- E. We do not choose our own gift(s) but rather, cultivate and employ them. (V. 6)

#### II. The Ministry Gifts overview

- F. The spiritual gifted of prophecy is one who sees and proclaims “Black and White, Right and Wrong”.
- A. The spiritually gifted of service sees needs and seeks to fulfill them.
- B. The spiritually gifted of teaching is especially concerned with Orthodoxy correct doctrine.
- C. The spiritual gifted of exhortation is concerned with encouraging the Saints.
- D. The spiritual gifted of special giving is one who sees needs that costs extra and seeks to meet them.
- E. The spiritual gifted of administration is one who helps organize and vitalize the saints to action.
- F. The spiritual gifted of mercy seeks to be a tender heart to the wounded or woundable saints.

#### III. Directions and Dangers

- A. Seeing and meeting needs or seeing differences as problems.
- B. Be “We sighted” and not “Me sighted”.
- C. “What can I do to help” vs. “How can the Church help me?”
- D. Humility in seeing and serving and not haughtiness and attention seeking.
- E. It’s all about His glory and not about our “greatness.” (Mark 9:35; Matthew 20:28)