

A Grace Attitude Regarding Spiritual Gifts, (#2)
[The Grace Activity of Gifts]

We are currently studying the following two lessons on Spiritual Gifts taken from Rom.12:1-8.

- Rom.12:1-3 Spiritual Gifts Grace Attitude of Gifts
- Rom.12:4-8 Spiritual Gifts Grace Activity of Gifts

Paul emphasizes the importance of grace in both the receiving and the serving of Spiritual Gifts in Rom.12:1-8.

In Rom.12:1-3, Paul warns against **conformity to the world** viewpoint of Spiritual Gifts that leads to “thinking more highly of himself than he ought to think” (Rom.12:3a).

Paul believed that grace orientation leads to **transformation to the Will of God** and “sound judgment / thinking” regarding Spiritual Gifts (Rom.12:3b).

“Sound judgment” is the Greek verb (so/phroneo – (sozo) [to save] and (phroneo) [thinking].

We will study five aspects of the Grace Activity of Spiritual Gifts.

1. Sophroneo used with Spiritual Gifts refers back to the milk doctrine of the eight works of the Holy Spirit at salvation.

(1 Pet.2:2) “Like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you grow in respect to salvation.” (Heb.5:13-14)

The eight (Grace) works performed by The Holy Spirit at the moment of Salvation are:

Adoption	(Rom.8:14-17)	Sanctification	(2 Thess.2:13-14)
Baptism	(Gal.3:26-28)	Seals and Earnest	(2 Cor.1:21-22)
Indwelling	(1 Cor.6:19-20)	Spiritual life	(Rom.8:9-11)
Regeneration	(Titus 3:5-7)	Spiritual Gift	(1 Cor.12:11)

(1 Cor.12:11) “But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to **each one individually** just as He wills.”

(Gal.3:2-3) “This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?”

2. This reassures us that there are no spiritually ungifted Church Age Believers (CAB).

(Rom.12:3-4) “For through the grace given to me **I say to everyone** among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith. For just as we have many **members in one body** and all the members do not have the same function.”

Remember that the function is to edify the local body of Christ (1 Cor.12:4-7)

(1 Cor.14:12) “So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the edification of the church.” In Rom.12:6-8, Paul list **7** of 19 Spiritual Gifts distributed during the Church age. (Rom.12:6-8; 1 Cor.12:8-11, 28-30; Eph.4:11; 1 Pet.4:10-11).

3. In Rom.12:6-8, Paul list 7 of 19 Spiritual Gifts distributed during the Church age (Rom.12:6-8; 1 Cor.12:8-11, 28-30; Eph.4:11; 1 Pet.4:10-11).

(2 Pet.3:16) “As also in all his (Paul) letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction.” [Requires concentration]

The first gift that Paul listed would cease during the church age (1 Cor.13:8-10). Prophecy was 1 of 10 temporary spiritual gifts.

Prophecy:

(1 Cor.13:8a) Love never fails; but **if** *there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away with* “**If** (eite) [disjunctive condition particle] (1cc) [and it’s true] [*there are any gifts of*] **prophecy** (propheteia / **asf**), [according to] (kata + accusative) [norm and standard] the proportion (ten analogian / asf) of the faith (tes pistis / gsf).”

Service

(1 Peter 4:11) “whoever serves is to do so as one who is **serv**ing by the strength which God supplies” “**If** (eite) service (diakonia / **asf**), in (en+loc of sphere) the serving (te diakonia / 1st Class Condition “if” [and it’s true].

NOTE: There are **no verbs** with the first two gifts listed (prophecy and service). They are **accusatives** (direct objectives) attached to the verb **have** (echo/ p.a.ptc.nplm/protasis with eite/ 1cc) of Rom.12:6.

- These two gifts do not have a definite article with the gift but do with their function.

4. The next six spiritual gifts listed are part of the remaining nine permanent gifts.

Service [or ministry], teaching, exhorts, gives, leads, mercy (**Rom.12:7-8**); helps, administrations (1Cor.12:28); evangelists (Eph.4:11).

The disjunctive conditional particle (eite / if) is used four times with these seven spiritual gifts.

If prophecy (gift) (definite article **only** with function)

If service (definite article **only** with function)

- The last five gifts all have (articular p.a.ptc.nsm) with the gift. (1Cor.12:8). This is similar to the verb (have) (p.a.ptc) [no definite article] in (1Cor.12:6). These participles are attached to **allotted** (merizo / a.a.ind of (1Cor.12:3).

If he who teaches (definite article with gift **and** function)

If he who exhorts (definite article with gift **and** function)

he who gives

he who leads

he who shows mercy

5. All six permanent gifts have similar patterns. It gives the gift and then the function.

If service (gift) **in** (en+loc of sphere) the serving (function).

If he who teaches **in** (en) the teaching (p.a.ptc)

If he who exhorts **in** (en) the exhortation.

Instrumental of manner is a method by means of which an act is performed or an end achieved.

He who gives, **with** (en+inst of manner) liberality (haplotes).

He who leads, **with** diligence (spoude). He who shows mercy, **with** cheerfulness (hilarotes).