
Basic Disciplines for Believers

Discipline #6: Selfless Serving

God's purpose and plan in saving me involves my selfless serving of others for the growth of His body & the advancement of His kingdom.

Romans 12:1-8

¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. ³ For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. ⁴ For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. ⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; ⁷ or ministry, *let us use it in our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

1 Corinthians 12:1-12

¹ Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: ² You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. ³ Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. ⁴ There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵ There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶ And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. ⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*. ⁸ For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills. ¹² For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also *is* Christ.

1 Peter 4:10-11

¹⁰ As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. ¹¹ If anyone speaks, *let him speak* as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, *let him do it* as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 4:11-12

¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

WORDS:

Grace – charis
Gift – charisma
See charisma list

DEFINITION OF A SPIRITUAL GIFT:

An **enhanced ability**, given by the Holy Spirit by His divine choice to each and every believer, enabling one to perform a responsibility more perfectly for the benefit of other believers and for the ultimate purpose of building up the body of Christ.

CHAPTERS (TWO 12s, TWO 4s):

	G's	P's	A's
Rom 12	Gifts	Presents	Abilities
1 Cor 12	Group	Purpose	All needed
1 Peter 4	Gumption	Push	Aggressiveness
Eph 4	Guys	People	Appointees

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT GIFT(S) I HAVE BEEN GIVEN?

Identity What are the gifts?
Subjectivity What do I think I do exceptionally well?
Objectivity What do others think I do exceptionally well?
Productivity What results are gained when I do it?

WHAT DO I DO WITH MY SPIRITUAL GIFT?

Activity Do it.
Ministry For others.
Consistency Regularly.
Maturity While Getting Better.
Intensity With All The Ability God Has Given Me.