

“Your Contribution As A Body Builder”
Romans 12:3-8
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Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “Your Contribution As A Body Builder”

- **Illustration – Leonardo da Vinci**

- Leonardo da Vinci the GREAT Artist
 - Was once at work for a long period of time on a great masterpiece.
 - He had labored long to create this work of art and it was near completion.
- Now Standing near him
 - Was a young student who spent much of his time with his mouth wide open, amazed at the master with the brush.
- Now - Just before finishing the painting
 - Da Vinci turned to the young student and gave him the brush and said,
 - “Now, you FINISH it.”
- The student protested and backed away,
 - But da Vinci said...
 - “Will not what I have done inspire you to do your best?”
- What we see
 - The great Leonardo da Vinci challenging his student to take over where he had left off!

- Jesus has done the same

- **We have Been LEFT here for few Reasons**

- **After we were saved – God did not just take us to be with Him**
 - No matter how much wish He would have
- **He left us here**
 - To WORSHIP and to GIVE God Glory
 - To Be SALT & LIGHT
 - To BUILD His BODY

- **Review – Romans 12**

- **Romans 12**
 - Is all about what God expects from us – how we are to finish what He has started
 - How we need to live our lives in light of ALL that He has done for us
 - Romans 1-11 = DOCTRINE
 - Romans 12 = DUTY
 - Doctrine = DUTY
- **We outlined Chapter 12**
 - Total Commitment To Jesus vs. 1-2
 - Total Commitment To The Body Of Christ vs. 3-8
 - Total Commitment To LOVE vs. 9-21

- **Another way to look at this amazing chapter**

- Romans 12:1
 - In Light of Romans 1-11
 - Were to be a LIVING Sacrifice
 - The rest of the chapter instructs on HOW to do that
- Romans 12:2
 - NOT Conformed But Renewed
- Romans 12:3
 - Right Attitude about yourself

Romans 12:3 (NKJV)

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.*

- Romans 12:4-5
 - You are now a part of His Body

Romans 12:4–5 (NKJV)

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.*

- Romans 12:6-8
 - Today - Use your gift for the glory of God and to build His Body
- Romans 12:9-21

- Next Week - LOVE / Love the Body / Love the World

- **Now This Morning we are going to look at 3 powerful truths in Being a Body Builder**

- Our Calling To Contribute (Romans 12:4-8)
- Clear Up Confusion / Ignorance About Spiritual Gifts (1 Corinthians 12)
- Celebrate Spiritual Gifts (Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4 and 1 Peter 4:10)

Our Calling To Contribute (Romans 12:4-8)

- **First: Your Contribution As A Body Builder (Romans 12:4-8)**

Romans 12:4–8 (NKJV)

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.*

- **1st Context**

- **1st Many MEMBERS ONE BODY**

- We each have a role to do
- We're a BODY
- If part of the body does not function – then the rest of the body struggles

- **2nd Having then (GIFTS) roles & ministries**

- These GIFTS are according to His GRACE, not our Ambition!
- Lessons
 - 1st It ALL a Work of GRACE
 - 2nd RUN in your lane
 - The gifts God has given YOU are what you need to focus on!!!
 - Attempting to do a work you are not gifted in will lead to Frustration
 - Be Content with what God has given you
 - 2nd Every Christ has been Empowered By The Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:1, 13)

1 Corinthians 12:1 (NKJV)

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:

1 Corinthians 12:13 (NKJV)

13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.

▪ **3 Aspects of the Holy Spirit ministry**

- It is represented by three Greek prepositions
 - ‘Para’, ‘En’, and ‘Epi.’
- 1st “Para”
 - Before Conversion
 - He is the One convicting him of his sin, convincing him that Jesus Christ is the only answer.

- The Holy Spirit is constantly testifying of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment to come

John 16:8 (NKJV)

8 *And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:*

- 2nd “En”
 - At the Moment of conversion
 - HS indwells us
 - Keeping us on the right track
 - Comforter – Helper

John 14:26 (NKJV)

26 *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.*

- 3rd “Epi”
 - Empowering us for Ministry Acts 1:8

Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

8 *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

- This is an EMPOWERING – Given GIFTS

▪ **The Holy Spirit has SEALED - FILLED You**

- 1st FINISHED TRANSACTION
 - When important legal documents are processed, they’re stamped with the official seal to signify the completion of the transaction

- Ephesians 1
- 2nd OWNERSHIP
 - The Holy Spirit is God's Seal upon our lives to prove His OWNERSHIP
 - You see, Jesus Purchased you from the Slave Market
 - You were once a slave to sin, but now you belong to Him. (1 Corinthians 6:19–20)
 - We are really NOT OUR OWN to live as we please
 - We MUST DIE to OURSELVES and LIVE FOR HIM
- 3rd EMPOWERING
 - To Do His Will & Work
 - Us your GIFT(S)
- **2nd NOW EVERY Christian Has Been Called to be in the Ministry**
 - At the moment of Salvation, in Christ
 - We were not only given the gift of eternal life
 - But a “Call” to the Ministry!
 - The word for “MINISTRY” is the Greek word “diakonos”
 - Which means TO SERVE
 - God designed you to make a contribution to the church family

Ephesians 4:16 (NKJV)

16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

- Now This call involves special abilities called “GIFTS”
 - That empower a Christian to make a contribution to the church family as a whole.

○ **3rd Scriptural Encouragement**

- Let's look at some Scriptures that really show us our calling & responsibility to make a contribution in the church family
- **1st We have been created for ministry (Eph 2:10)**

Ephesians 2:10 (NKJV)

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

- You were created for ministry!
- You were created “in Christ Jesus FOR GOOD WORKS!”
- **2nd We've been identified as ministers! (1 Peter 2:9)**

1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV)

9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

- Our identity is based on how our heavenly Father sees us!
- In other words, “I am not who I think I am; I am not who you think I am; but I really am who God says I am!”
- **3rd We have been gifted for ministry (1 Peter 4:10)**

1 Peter 4:10 (NKJV)

10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

- **4th We have been authorized for ministry (Matt. 28:18-20)**

Matthew 28:18–20 (NKJV)

18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen.

2 Corinthians 5:20 (NKJV)

20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God.

- **5th We have been Encouraged to Serve (Matt. 20:25-28)**

Matthew 20:25–28 (NKJV)

25 But Jesus called them to Himself and said, “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them.

26 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.

27 And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—

28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

- **6th The Body of Christ needs my ministry (1 Cor. 12:27)**

1 Corinthians 12:27 (NKJV)

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

- This means simply means...
 - You Cheat yourself
 - If I don’t fulfill the ministry God has given me!
 - You Also Cheat the Body of Christ

- The Body Miss out
- Please Understand
 - The church is a family and every person is designed to make a contribution.
 - **Every believer needs a church home**
 - **They need a place where they're making a contribution, they're getting involved**
- 7th We will be rewarded for ministry! (Matt 25:23)

Matthew 25:23 (NKJV)

23 His lord said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.'

- A Great Reward awaits
- 1 Cor 3

Clear Up Confusion / Ignorance About Spiritual Gifts (1 Corinthians 12)

• First: Don't Be Ignorant (1 Cor. 12:1)

- **1st Now Concerning Gifts v. 12:1a**

1 Corinthians 12:1 (NKJV)

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant:

- **1st The word “gifts” is added by the translators**
 - Literally - Paul now addresses “Spirituals”
 - The Text Should Read - Now Concerning Spiritual, Brethren

- Thing of the Spirit
- BUT Adding gifts is justified by the context
- Because that is what he goes onto talk about – GIFTS
- **2nd I find This Fascinating in context**
 - After all the discussing carnality
 - He wants to talk with Them about the Spirit
 - You can hear Paul say LET'S get focused –
 - Look to God
 - Stop looking to the World
 - God Has GIVEN you His Spirit – The Spirit has GIFTED you
 - Rejoice and get to the Lord's Business
- **2nd I Do Not Want You To Be Ignorant v. 12:1b**

1 Corinthians 12:1 (NKJV)

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, **I do not want you to be ignorant:**

- **The Holy Spirit was VERY Active in the church at Corinth**
 - Spiritual Gifts were commonplace
 - But SADLY Common Sense, not SO MUCH

1 Corinthians 1:7 (NKJV)

7 so that you come short in no gift, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,

- **BUT They were IGNORANT over the proper use of spiritual gifts.**

- These gifts were being abused and misused
 - They used their gifts to...
 - Promote themselves
 - Show off
 - Put Others Down
 - Etc...
- **So Paul says DON'T BE IGNORANT**
 - This is NOT the first time he said that in his letters
 - Don't be ignorant of God's plan for Israel (Romans 11:25)
 - Don't be ignorant of spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12:1)
 - Don't be ignorant about the Second Coming of Jesus and the eternal state (1 Thessalonians 4:13)
 - Sadly, many Christians are ignorant on these exact points.
 - God doesn't want you ignorant of spiritual gifts.
 - He wants you educated in them.
- **3rd Sadly - There is Still a LOT of Ignorance in regards to Spiritual gifts**
 - **1st Gifts used for Competition**
 - We see the same things taking place in today's church that took place in Corinth
 - God intends for GIFTS to Unite US

- Instead - they often lead to
 - Division
 - Schism
 - Confusion
- **2nd Body Life Ignorance – Non-Use of the GIFTS**
 - Sadly Some Christians Aren't using their GIFTS
 - Barna Survey 2023
 - The biggest statistical change noted between 2020 and 2023 was a 20-percentage point decline in adults who believe they have a unique, God-given calling or purpose for their life. Before the pandemic, two-thirds of adults (66%) embraced that point of view, compared to slightly less than half of adults (46%) today who do.
 - Reasons WHY – Who knows...
 - 1st Maybe because they don't believe they have them
 - 2nd They don't feel qualified
 - 3rd Or Just lazy
 - 4th Confusion in the Modern Church
 - Many see church as Organization not an Organism
 - Many treat the church like Consumers
 - We Pay the Pastor / Staff to do all the Work...

- There is are a LOT of Problems with this Attitude
 - 1st Pastor Generally Don't have ALL the gifts
 - 2nd Pastor who try – BURN OUT
 - 3rd Produces LAZY believers
- Point out a FEW areas of concern
 - The NON - Committed
 - Barna 2023
 - Prior to the start of the pandemic, six out of 10 adults (60%) made that claim. Today, less than half (48%) claim to be deeply committed
 - Just one out of three adults (33%) currently attends a church service during a typical week—a decline representing the loss of about 15 million churchgoing adults each week.
 - Consumers – Not Contributors
 - Sad to see – they are ripping themselves off from being used by God
 - Half Way – Committed
 - The Bumble Bee Mentality –
- This ALL Leads to a lack of commitment

- Perhaps even lazy
- Produces Lack of Spiritual Maturity
- Critical we get this right –
 - 1st WE ALL need to have a HOME church – be plugged in – committed to
 - Yes we can visit other church and yes we even help other churches
 - But to grow we need to be committed to one body
 - 2nd Christian Growth, Maturity and Reward are what we are talking about
 - 3rd Church Health and Growth
 - The Church is an Organism – The BODY of CHRIST
 - We must be Contributors

Ephesians 4:16 (NKJV)

16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

• **Second: Reason For Our Gifts**

- **1st To Contribute To People “Spiritually”**

2 Corinthians 5:18 (NKJV)

*18 Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has **given us the ministry of reconciliation,***

- **2nd To Help People “Physically”**

Matthew 25:35–36 (NKJV)

35 *for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink;
I was a stranger and you took Me in;
36 I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in
prison and you came to Me.'*

Matthew 10:42 (NKJV)

42 *And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the
name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his
reward."*

○ **3rd To Serve People "Emotionally"**

Romans 12:15–16 (NKJV)

15 *Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.
16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high
things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.*

1 Thessalonians 5:14 (NKJV)

14 *Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the
fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.*

○ **4th Ultimately, the purpose is to "help the entire church!"**

Ephesians 4:16 (NKJV)

16 *from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint
supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share,
causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*

**Celebrate Spiritual Gifts (Romans 12, 1 Corinthians 12, Ephesians 4 and 1
Peter 4:10)**

● **First: Overview Of Gifts**

○ **1st Each Person is given at least ONE**

1 Corinthians 12:7 (NKJV)

7 *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:*

- **A gift is given by the Holy Spirit, it's a special
"endowment" from God**

- That is purposed to bless and strengthen the church family
- They are NOT
 - Natural Talents or Abilities
 - Explain Briefly
- **2nd There are a variety of gifts**

1 Corinthians 12:4 (NKJV)
4 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

 - There are also varieties of ministries or “there are varieties of effects”
 - For Example
 - 2 people can have the same gift like “teaching”
 - But the way in which they teach & who they teach & the impact of their teaching totally varies!
 - There are “Varieties of gifts” – “Varieties of ministries” – “Varieties of effects!”
- **3rd The Word Gift**
 - 1st The other Greek word for spiritual gifts is “Charisma”
 - Which is used five times in this chapter (4, 9, 28, 30, 31)
 - Thayer defines charisma as
 - “A gift of grace; a favor which one receives without any merit of his own.”
 - A spiritual gift is a special ability given by the Holy Spirit according to grace.

- The gifts of the Holy Spirit are special “endowments” from God, that are purposed to bless and strengthen the church family
- It’s noteworthy that the following terms are derived from the same root word:
 - chara = joy
 - charis = grace
 - charisma = gift
 - charismata = gifts

• **Second: The Gifts**

- There are 4 passages of Scripture that identify these “gifts”
 - Romans 12:3, 1 Corinthians 12:4, Ephesians 4:11 and 1 Peter 4:10
- **1st PROPHECY – In our Text today**
 - Forth-telling His Word vs. Foretelling God’s Word...
 - The telling-forth of God’s message in a particular situation
 - Always in accord with His Word and His current work.
 - Sometimes this has the character of foretelling the future, as in (Acts 21:10-11 and Acts 27:21-26)
- **2nd EVANGELISM**
 - Evangelism is the ability to communicate the Good News of Jesus Christ to unbelievers.
 - The ability to sense opportunities to share Christ and lead people to respond with faith.

- People who have this gift are sensitive to how unbelievers feel and think.
- They have a love for lost people and a desire to see them saved.

○ **3rd MISSIONS**

- The ability to adapt to a different culture in order to reach unbelievers and help believers from that culture.
- Paul had this gift. He wrote, “I become all things to all people, that I may in some way save some. When I’m with the Jew, I become like the Jew in order to reach the Jew. When I’m with those outside the Law, I become like those outside the law in order to reach them. I become all things to all men so that I may in some way save some.”
- You have a strong desire to see the great commission fulfilled.
- Often people with this gift have a special heart for a certain group of people like Hispanics, Vietnamese, Chinese etc...

○ **4th APOSTLE**

- The word means “One who is sent!”
- There are NOT “apostles” like those in the early church
- That gift ended with the 12
- I do believe there are those who have “apostolic” type ministries!
- It is the calling & ability to start new churches and oversee their development.
- Paul said his ambition was to not build on another man’s foundation.
- Today we would call these people church planters!

- It's the ability to go out and just start a Body of Christ from scratch.
- **5th PASTOR – TEACHER – In our text today**
 - PASTORING (“Shepherding”)
 - The word “pastor” in literally means “to lead & to feed”.
 - It means to care for
 - Pastors in Acts 20 are told to protect the flock.
 - They are to give their lives for the flock.
 - They are to equip.
 - Those who have the gift of ‘pastoring’ feel very fulfilled in their ministry because they’re out there caring and sharing
 - TEACHER
 - The ability to EDUCATE God’s people by clearly explaining and applying the Bible in a way that causes them to learn.
 - The ability to EQUIP and train other believers for ministry.
 - I believe many Christians have this gift but it needs to be developed.
- **6th EXHORTATION (or encouragement!) – IN our Text Today**
 - The ability to bring out the best in others and challenge them to develop their potential!

- The gift of exhortation demonstrates itself with clear application from Scripture.
- It is a gift that helps people see the right path and get on it!

○ **7th WISDOM**

- The ability to understand God's perspective on life's situations and share those insights in a simple understandable way.
- The ability to explain what to do and how to do it based on Scripture.

○ **8th DISCERNMENT**

- Discernment is the ability to distinguish right from wrong, truth from error, and to give an immediate evaluation based on God's Word.
- The ability to discern whether the source of an experience is Satan, self, or God's Spirit.
- Dave Hunt had this gift.
- It is critical today, as it has always been in the church, in identifying subversive and seductive information or teaching that finds its way in the church.
- This gift protects the church from swinging to one extreme of experience or teaching to another.

○ **9th KNOWLEDGE**

- Daniel 1:17 says, "To these four young men God gave knowledge and understanding of all kinds of literature and learning."
- He gave it to them It was a gift.
- The Bible is very strong in making decisions based on knowledge.

- When you read Proverbs it says, “Get the facts!”
- In a business decision, in a financial decision, in a church decision it says, “Get the facts! Don’t just depend on feelings.”
- **10th SERVICE - HELPS – Ministry – IN our text today**
 - Here’s a gift I believe we all have!
 - And it is critical we exercise it in discovering other gifts God has given us!
 - However, there are some who are FANTASTIC servers who take initiative to provide practical assistance quickly, cheerfully, and without a need for recognition.
- **11th MERCY – In our Text today**
 - The ability to detect hurt and empathize with those who are suffering in the church family.
 - The ability to provide compassionate and cheerful support to those experiencing distress, crisis, or pain.
 - These people have a great ability to show compassion!
 - People with this gift “engage” others.
 - They make the phone call. - Write the encouraging note.
- **12th HOSPITALITY**
 - The ability to make others, especially strangers, feel warmly welcomed, accepted, and comfortable in the church family.
 - The ability to coordinate factors that promote fellowship.
 - You can always tell somebody who’s got the gift of hospitality.
 - You feel immediately comfortable around them.

- This gift is critical in the church.
- We live in a fractured society that is cold and aloof. The church must demonstrate hospitality!
- **13th GIVING – In our Text today**
 - R.G. Laturno is a good example of a person with this gift.
 - He developed the great earth movers and tractors.
 - When he started out he was giving ten percent of his income & living on 90%.
 - As God blessed him, he gave 20%, and lived on 80%.
 - Nobody told him to do this, he just had the gift of giving.
 - By the time at the end of his life when he was dying, he was giving away 90% of what he made and living on 10% and was still a multi-millionaire.
 - He just said, You can't out give God.
 - He had the gift of giving, gradually giving more and more.
- **14th LEADERSHIP – In our text today**
 - Leadership is influence. It's the ability to influence, clarify and communicate direction.
 - It's also backed up by "living it!"
 - A leader motivates others.
 - It's someone who is goal oriented.
 - It's someone who inspires others to follow!
- **15th ADMINISTRATION**

- The Greek word for administration is literally means “to steer a ship.”
- It’s to guide, to pilot.
- This administrative gift is the ability to organize and structure.
- The ability to organize and manage people, resources, and time for effective ministry.
- The ability to coordinate many details and execute the plans of leadership.
- An administrator sees the details and the big picture!

○ **16th FAITH**

- We’re all to have “faith!”
- The gift of faith, however, is the ability to trust God for what cannot be seen and to act on God’s promise, regardless of what the circumstances indicate.
- The willingness to risk failure in pursuit of a God-given vision, expecting God to handle the obstacles.
- You love to take risks.
- It doesn’t threaten you to go out on a limb.
- It also perseveres! You keep, keeping on!
- These people have the ability to believe God when other people are hesitant

○ **17th INTERCESSION**

- The ability to pray for the needs of others in the church family over extended periods of time on a regular basis.

- The ability to persist in prayer and not be discouraged until the answer arrives.
- This is critical.
- HEALING
- The ability to pray in faith specifically for people who need physical, emotional, or spiritual healing and see God answer.
- The ability to sense when God is prompting you to pray this kind of prayer.
- **18th MIRACLES**
 - The ability to pray in faith specifically for God's supernatural intervention into an impossible situation and see God answer.
 - The ability to sense when God is prompting you to pray this kind of prayer.
- **19th TONGUES**
 - 1 Corinthians 14:13-15 talks about praying with my spirit.
 - That's the ability to pray in a language understood only by God or by one who is given the gift of interpretation at that time.
 - More on This in the Weeks to come
- **20th MUSIC**
 - The ability to play music is a gift!
 - It is a gift that played a vital role in temple worship.
 - It is a gift that celebrates God's presence.
- **21st ARTS AND CRAFTS**

- Exodus 31:3-11 “...to make artistic designs to work in gold, silver and bronze, to cut and set stones, to work with wood and engage in all kinds of artistic craftsmanship. He gifted two men to teach these skills to others.”
- Some people are gifted to work with their hands.
- The ability to build, maintain, or beautify the place of worship for God’s glory.

Closing

- 1st Remember, we’re ALL called to the ministry
- 2nd Every Christian is gifted with “Charasmata’s!”
- 3rd If you are unclear what your gifts are, the best way to discover them is to make yourself available and serve when needs arise in the church
- 4th If you know the gifts that God has given you be sure to stir them up and “activate them!”
- 5th It’s critical that we all grow in the calling and the gifts God has given us!
- 6th We Follow God – NOT Gifts – or Experiences
- Ask God for wisdom in making progress in this area.
- Remember, Paul instructed Timothy “do not neglect the gift that is in you!”