

A Spiritually Gifted Community
Romans 12:3-13

What does it require to become a healthy spiritually gifted community?

CLARITY AROUND A CORE MESSAGE

Romans 12:3

For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment...

“In fact, what is called the secular mentality is those, so to speak, who mortgage themselves to the world. They use their talents to amass wealth, they carry on enterprises, perhaps even making a name for themselves, but themselves they have not become. Spiritually speaking, they have no self. No self with which they could venture everything, no self before God—however self-seeking they are otherwise.”

—Soren Kierkegaard

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A spiritually gifted community needs clarity around their core motivational gift
(Romans 12:4-8)

For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of workings, but the same God who works all of them in all men.”

(1 Cor 12:4-6)

“Gifts”	“Service”	“Workings”
Motivational Rom.12	Ministry Eph. 4 1 Cor. 12:28	Manifestation 1 Co. 12:8-11
Prophecy	Apostolic	Word of Wisdom
Service	Prophetic	Word of Knowledge
Teaching	Evangelistic	Faith
Encouragement	Pastoring / Shepherding	Healing
Giving	Teaching	Miracles
Ldrship/Admin/Orgnizr	Working of Miracles	Prophecy
Mercy/Care-giver	Gifts of Healing	Discernment
	Helping	Tongues
	Tongues	Interpretation of Tongues

1. Every believer has one primary motivational gift given by God through sheer grace. (Romans 12:4)

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2. This motivational gift can express itself through a variety of ministry gifts (Eph 4; 1 Cor. 12:28).

3. When we exercise our motivational gift through our ministry gift, the Holy Spirit determines what manifestation, or impact, other believers experience.

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PROPHECY	Declares the will of God	Spiritual	Keeps us centered on what God wants
SERVING	Meeting practical needs in love	Practice	Keeps the work of ministry moving
TEACHING	Studying, teaching, explaining truth	Intellectual	Keeps us learning and growing
ENCOURAGEMENT	Championing spiritual progress	Psychological	Keeps us applying spiritual truth
GIVING	Sharing abundance	Material	Keeps us resourced for mission
LEADERSHIP	Providing vision and direction	Direction	Keeps us focused on mission
MERCY	Personal and emotional care	Emotional	Keeps us centered on love

1) What is your motivation gift? You can discover it by asking two questions:

a) Where do I find the most Fruit?

b) Where do I find the most fulfillment?

2) What is my motivational gift for?

(v.5) “So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

Romans 12:9-13

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10 Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

A spiritually gifted community needs clarity around the Cross

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