

1 Corinthians 12:1-31

Gifts Part 3: What are the Gifts?

Introduction

Gifts – χαρισμάτων – (5486): a gift of grace; a favor which one receives without any merit of his own; in the NT used as a gift of divine grace.

- No boasting in gifts.
- No taking credit for gifts.
- 100% God given.

Same compound word used in Romans 6:23 (CSB): *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 (CSB)

- Wisdom – σοφίας (4678): used of the knowledge of very diverse matters, so that the shade of meaning in which the word is taken must be discovered from the context in every particular case.
 - Simply: knowing how to apply knowledge (truth).
- Knowledge – γνώσεως (1108): signifies in general intelligence, understanding.
- Faith – πίστις (4102): conviction of the truth of anything, belief. Trust.
- Distinguishing between – διακρίσεις (1253): distinguishing; discernment; judging. Knowing the difference between right and wrong.
 - Spirits – πνευμάτων (4151): the effective force of any power, affection, emotion, desire, etc.

Romans 12:4-8 (CSB)

⁴ Now as we have many parts in one body, and all the parts do not have the same function, ⁵ in the same way we who are many are one body in Christ and individually members of one another. ⁶ According to the grace given to us, we have different gifts: If prophecy, use it according to the proportion of one's faith; ⁷ if service, use it in service; if teaching, in teaching; ⁸ if exhorting, in exhortation; giving, with generosity; leading, with diligence; showing mercy, with cheerfulness.

- Service – διακονίαν (1248): service, ministering, esp. of those who execute the command of others.
 - 2 Timothy 4:11
- Teaching – διδάσκων (1321/1319): to hold discourse with others in order to instruct them, deliver didactic discourse. (where we get our word doctrine)
 - Matthew 28:19-20
- Exhorting - παρακαλῶν (3870): to admonish, exhort. Firmly, urgingly calling for others to do right. To beg, entreat, beseech.
 - Luke 3:18; 2 Timothy 4:2
- Giving - μεταδιδούς (3330): to share a thing with any one, to impart.
 - Ephesians 4:28
- Leading – προϊστάμενος (4291): to be a protector or guardian; to give aid; to rule.
 - 1 Timothy 5:17; Titus 3:14
- Mercy - ἐλεῶν (1653): to succor the afflicted, to bring help to the wretched.
 - Matthew 9:27; Jude 1:22