

SERMON NOTES

EQUIPPING

THE WORK OF MINISTRY

Romans 12:1-8

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.
2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.
4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:
5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.
6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether xprophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;
7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on ateaching;
8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

Equipping: The Discovery of Your Spiritual Gifts | Romans 12:1-8

Big Idea: Discovery follows devotion.

1. Present Yourself. [Rom. 12:1]

- Discovering and employing your spiritual gift begins with a _____ presentation.

Have you ever really said that to God? "You can have all there is of me. I present myself as a sacrifice. That means I am expendable. All of my plans, all of my goals, all of my so-called possessions, I sacrifice them, Lord, to You."

2. Let God Change You. [Rom. 12:2]

Conformed = squeezed in/molded, it literally refers to the act of an individual assuming an outward expression that does not come from within.

- The presentation of the body and the renewal of the mind results in a _____ life.

Transform = Metamorphosis, it literally describes that which happens when the inner nature comes to the surface. [Mat. 17:2]

3. Think Straight. [Rom. 12:3]

- Our usefulness depends on a proper attitude of _____.

4. Plug In. [Rom. 12:5]

- When you give yourself to Jesus, you become part of a _____. And bodies only work when the parts are connected.

5. Get to Work. [Rom. 12:6]

- Get activated. Pick out something that you think may be your gift and get _____. It's hard to steer a ship that's not moving.
- Don't be a **pew potato**.

Practical Principles for Discovering Your Gift. The Four E's.

- _____ – The Holy Spirit will **enlighten your mind**.
- _____ – You will **enjoy** what God calls you to do.
- _____ – Others will be **blessed by it**.
- _____ – God will **enable you** to do it. [1 Tim. 1:12]