

Gifted Servants Together

Outline (Exodus 3:1-12, 4:10-17 & Romans 12:3-8)

- I God has given all of us talents/gifts to serve Him together.
 - A. It takes many of us to put on a worship service: pastor, liturgist, musician, media tech, ushers, greeter, etc.
 - B. It takes many of us to do the ministries of the church-some help with finances, with administration, with building maintenance, cleaning, soup kitchen, teaching/preaching etc.
 - C. Rom. 12 & other NT passages give us lists of spiritual gifts:
 - 1. Prophesying means preaching/speaking God's messages.
 - 2. Serving means ministering to the needs of others.
 - 3. Teachers are usually articulate, clear thinkers.
 - 4. Encouragers are good at motivating others.
 - 5. Gifted givers are usually generous and trusting.
 - 6. Gifted leaders are good organizers and managers.
 - 7. Gift of mercy is shown by one's compassionate presence
 - D. We should pray for the gifts needed to do vital ministries:
 - 1. If there's a spiritual gift you desire, ask God for it & then be willing to cooperate w/the HS in forming it in you.
 - 2. If there's a need for you to help, don't just cop-out by saying "that's not my gift". Really pray about it! Most need encouraging to let God develop new gifts in them.
- II We need faith & healthy self-esteem to use our gifts unhindered.
 - A. Rom 12-folks needed reminding they're only 1 part of Body
 - B. Most, like Moses, need encouragement for low self-esteem.
 - 1. Moses didn't feel qualified or righteous enough for task but God knew he was just the right man for the job!
 - 2. God assured Moses that He would be with him.
 - 3. Moses must act in faith despite doubts/self-questioning.
 - 4. Like us, Moses would see God's hand in it all afterwards
 - 5. Feeling inadequate Moses said, "send someone else". God was angry, but allowed Aaron to go w/him. Yet Aaron's idolatry almost jeopardized God's plan.
 - 6. Listening to Jethro, Moses learned to appoint helpers.
 - C. We need everyone to help build-up & serve the church!