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The Epistle to the ROMANS

Spiritual Gift Introduction – Part 2 Romans 12:3–4



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ὑπερφρονέω

hyperphroneō

pres act infin

“to despise; to hold too high a self-opinion, to overthink”

φρονέω

phroneō

pres act

infin “to be wise, to think”

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φρονέω

phroneō

pres act

infin

to be wise,

to think

σωφρονέω *sōphroneō*

pres act infin

to be in a right mind,

reasonable, objective,

self-controlled, prudent

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Rom. 12:4, “For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office:

Rom. 12:5, “So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.”

The Doctrine of Spiritual Gifts: An Introduction

1. Spiritual gift, a definition

Spiritual gift

A talent, ability, or aptitude sovereignly bestowed on every believer in the Church Age by the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation for performing a particular service in and for the Body of Christ (Rom. 12:6–8; 1 Cor. 12; Eph. 4:11; Heb. 2:4).

2. Biblical terminology

πνευματικῶν, *Pneumatikon*, emphasizes the source and nature of the gift, that it relates to the spiritual life of the believer.

χάρισμα, *Charisma*, emphasizes the grace nature of the gifts. The gifts are not based on any merit in the believer. In some believers the spiritual gift may enhance some natural ability, talent or inclination; in others it may not.

μερισμός: a division, separation, or a distribution or apportionment.

Heb 2:4, “God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts [*merismos*, ‘divisions’] of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?”

3. Spiritual gifts are unique to the Church Age. No gifts were given prior to the day of Pentecost and no spiritual gifts are given after the Rapture of the Church.

4. Spiritual gifts are the direct result of the ascension of Christ, His current session and the purposes of God in the present Church Age in preparing a bride for the Lord Jesus Christ and a people to rule and reign with Him in the Millennial Kingdom.

5. As with most activities all three members of the Trinity are involved:

1 Cor. 12:11, “But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”

**6. Spiritual gifts are not earned or deserved.
The gift itself is not developed or learned,
but its use may be learned.**