

New Sermon Series: Gifts of the Holy Spirit

11/24/24 “All Are Valuable,” 1Cor 12:12-31, MEV

INTRODUCTION Sometimes feel as though not needed here? Feel not considered valuable here? Or to God?

“The worst kind of loneliness is when you’re surrounded by people, yet no one sees you.”

MAIN IDEA: Show value for every person in Christ’s local body. How? Here are four things we can do.

I. First, accept

- A. God’s appointments... people to offices, gifts to individuals, ministries to individuals (18, 28)

Established: to make for one’s use, to appoint

1. people serve in obedience to Him, in cooperation with His Spirit, for the common good
2. we are not to resist His appointments by elevating ourselves through self-sufficiency (15-16) or by putting others down (21)

B. others in their functions & using their gifts

C. our own place, function, and gifts God gives us

ILLUSTRATION:

II. Second, cooperate

A. with others to serve God’s purposes, His work His way

B. with others in their functions, giftings

C. with others in our function, using our giftings

1. helping others as God empowers & leads
2. accepting help from others

Independence says “I can do it myself.” Interdependence says, “I cannot do it alone; we need each other.”

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III. Third, care (25-26)

A. for others by rejoicing with those who have cause to

B. for others by joining in their suffering

1. listening to them

2. praying for them

3. bearing their burdens when we should (**Gal 6:2**), by helping meet needs tangibly (*Stamp*)

Burden: weight, anything grievous and hard to bear (*Mounce*)

4. encouraging them as they bear tasks alone (**Gal 6:5**)

Burden: task or service; normal amount each person must carry for himself (*Ryrie*)

ILLUSTRATION:

IV. Finally, covet (31)

Covet: to desire earnestly, aspire eagerly after (*Mounce*)

greater: the gift best suited to the given situation (*SFLB*)

A. God’s gifts for any given situation, on behalf of His body for its good

B. motivated by love for His body & for God

B. with others, all seeking together His gifting for the body

C. with others, all desiring God be glorified by His own hand

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CONCLUSION: Every one of us has giftings God wants to use for our body. We need you. Let each of us go out of our way to show value to others, not just our friends.

ALTAR: Repent of attitude? Determine today to show value.

Gifts test, water baptisms