

We Are Glad *You* Are Here

Sunday, August 16, 2026



sermon: "Walking in Your Gifts" Ephesians 4:7-16

Big Idea: The Church works best when we work together

I. The Grace of Gifts (vv. 7-11)

- A. By His grace, God has generously given all of us spiritual gifts (vv. 7-8; cf. Rom. 12:3-6a). Spiritual gifts are not only a practical means of accomplishing God's will in the church, but they also reveal God's goodness and lovingkindness.
- B. Through spiritual gifts we see:
 - 1. God's grace in action (vv. 7-8; cf. 1 Pet. 4:10) – Spiritual gifts are an expression of God's grace toward His people.
 - 2. The majesty of Messiah Jesus (vv. 8-10; cf. Ps. 68:18) – Jesus has the power and authority to bestow gifts as He pleases.
 - 3. A larger purpose at work (v. 11; cf. 1 Cor. 12:4-7) – Our gifts are to be used to build up others and glorify God.
- C. It's important that we don't take for granted the spiritual gifts God has graciously given us. We are called to steward our gifts in a manner that glorifies God and encourages others (see Matt. 25:14-30).

II. Walking in Your Gifts (vv. 11-16)

- A. Our spiritual gifts from God have a larger impact than we often realize. On the one hand, exercising our gifts provides a great deal of personal satisfaction. But on the other hand, God also accomplishes His purpose through our gifts (vv. 11-12).
- B. Exercising our spiritual gifts:
 - 1. Creates unity in the church (v. 13; cf. 1 Cor. 12:7).
 - 2. Causes growth and maturity in the church (vv. 12-13).
 - 3. Cultivates knowledge, wisdom and discernment in the church (vv. 13-14).
 - 4. Creates an environment where truth is treasured (v. 15; cf. Jn. 14:6; 17:17).
 - 5. Creates a church environment where love grows and flourishes (vv. 15-16; cf. 1 Jn. 4:7-12).
- C. The church works best when we work together. How will you use your gifts to glorify God and build up the church?

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