

The Gifts of God for the People of God
Romans 12:1-8

I. Review

- A. The certainty of God's grace should keep us from pride, but also from thinking that we have nothing to contribute to the work of the Kingdom
- B. Gratitude for God's grace should lead us to place whatever gifts He has given us at His disposal, using all that we have and all that we are for His glory.
- C. We glorify God by using our gifts to serve others, not least because we are connected to them in the Body of Christ.

II. Go further – read Matthew 25:14-30

- A. In verse 15, why does Jesus say the master entrusted different amounts to his different servants? To whom do these gifts belong?
- B. What did the three servants do with the gifts entrusted to them?
- C. After hearing their reports, why do you think it is significant that the master said exactly the same thing to the first two servants?
- D. What is the third servant's opinion of his master? How did this affect what he did with his gift?
- E. What two things does the master call the third servant in verse 26? Are these things true, and if so, why?
- F. What does the master say the third servant should have done with his gift?
- G. What did the master eventually do with the third servant's gift?
- H. What did the master eventually do with the third servant?

III. Apply

- A. Do we usually consider the gifts God has entrusted to us (time, talents, treasure) to be ours or His? How does this affect how we use God's gifts?
- B. Do we ever catch ourselves thinking about God the way the third servant did in verses 24 and 25? How does our attitude toward God affect how we use God's gifts?
- C. Look at verse 29. How can this be fair?