

# The Ministry of Spiritual Gifts, Part 2

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## I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 12.

B. Self-absorption is the characteristic of extreme mental illness.

C. We are called to selfless ministry that starts with presenting ourselves as living sacrifices and then letting our gifts flow rightly with humility (a right estimate of our giftedness) for the edification of the body (1 Corinthians 4:12) for signs (which passed away), speaking or serving (2 Corinthians 12:12, 1 Peter 4)

II. Every Christian should feel an internal drive to belong, serve and use his or her gift in the body of Christ.

## III. Prophecy is preaching.

A. This is a very important gift. (1 Corinthians 14)

B. It means to speak before people. (1 Peter 4:11, Exodus 4)

C. God has always had his spokesmen whether the revelation was direct or reviewed.

D. If one has the gift of prophecy, that person should use it. (1 Thessalonians 5)

IV. Serving. This is a practical gift. (Acts 6)

V. Teaching gifts are important for pastors and elders. (1 Timothy 1, Acts 18)

## Application Questions:

1. What principles are important to keep in mind before exercising our gifts?

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2. What does it mean to prophecy according to the speaker?

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3. What are your gifts and how can you put them to use in a godly way?

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