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At Romans 12, Paul begins to apply the doctrinal truths he has set down in the preceding 11 chapters. Spiritual gifts are the divine enablement which empower the Christian to worship God through serving Him as a part of the church, the body of Christ. Paul exhorts every Christian to exercise their spiritual gift, to do what God has equipped them to do. He also indicates the dangers which accompany each of several gifts. In 1 Corinthians These gifts probably represent those gifts most highly valued by the Corinthian saints. Apostles, prophets, and teachers seem to emphasize a particular function or office in the church, while there are the more unusual gifts of tongues and interpretation of tongues, miracles, and healings named as well. In verses , Paul names gifts which some have, while in verses Paul stresses that while some may possess a particular gift, not everyone does, nor should they be expected to possess it. Each gift listed is a possibility for all and a reality for some. In the context, Paul emphasizes Christian unity and its corollary, humility. Billy Graham, all would likely agree, is an evangelist. No one expects his primary ministry to be in this church because his gift has a broader sphere of ministry. The gifts mentioned in Ephesians 4: In 1 Peter 4: Peter emphasizes the need for all who exercise their spiritual gifts to do so by divine enablement and not in the power of the flesh. Those who speak are to speak as though their words are the utterances of God. And those who serve should serve in the strength which God supplies. It is very easy to serve in the strength of the flesh and not by the power of the Spirit. Spiritual gifts, whether speaking or serving gifts, are a stewardship. We should employ these gifts as that which belongs to God, entrusted to us to be used for His glory, and for the advancement of His kingdom. These are the only texts which actually list certain spiritual gifts. There are other texts e. In 2 Timothy, Paul has at least three lessons for Timothy and for us. First, in 2 Timothy 1: Since spiritual gifts are sovereignly given, we are responsible to employ them in the most beneficial and efficient way. Second, in 2 Timothy 2: Timothy was to commit himself to faithful men who would also be able to teach others. Third, spiritual gifts are not an excuse to sidestep our responsibilities in areas where we are not gifted. I take this principle from 2 Timothy 4: Perhaps so, but it seems that teaching was his primary gift. If Timothy had been a little slack in employing his spiritual gifts 1: Nevertheless, evangelism was important and necessary, even if it was not his gift. Allow me to digress a moment to develop this thought a little further before concentrating on our text. The command to develop and exercise our spiritual gifts must never be used as an excuse for failing to obey the commands of Scripture which are given to all. Because I do not have the gift of giving, I am not excused from the commands of Scripture to give see Romans Because I do not have the gift of evangelism, I am not excused from sharing my faith with others cf. Those who possess these gifts not only contribute to the body of Christ in an extraordinary measure in the area of their gifts, they also serve as mentors to the rest of the body, helping to encourage and equip us to do better in those areas in which we are lacking. Overall Observations Concerning Spiritual Gifts Our brief survey of the New Testament teaching on spiritual gifts thus far allows us to make some observations regarding spiritual gifts. No list of the spiritual gifts includes all the gifts mentioned in the New Testament. Each list of gifts includes some of the gifts mentioned elsewhere but has its own unique elements. There are significant differences in the way gifts are viewed, even by the same writer i. In every listing of the spiritual gifts where tongues is included, it is listed last. If this does not prove that tongues are the least important gift a conclusion a number would embrace , it at least sends an important signal to those who think tongues is the most important gift. Finally, it seems the spiritual gifts listed in the New Testament are not a complete list but only a partial listing. Common Characteristics of the Spiritual Gifts If there may be other spiritual gifts than those specifically identified in Scripture, how would we know them? What sets a spiritual gift apart? These abilities are not native within us; they are transmitted to us. I know some speak of a close relationship between natural abilities and spiritual gifts, but I am unconvinced by their arguments. Spiritual gifts are given to us to enable us to do what we cannot do in and of ourselves. How frequently we speak of those who could do so much for the Lord if they were saved. Spiritual gifts are not

given primarily for our own edification but for the edification of the body of Christ. Spiritual gifts are divinely bestowed strengths through which we may minister to the weaknesses and needs of others. Spiritual gifts may be exercised through rather normal and mundane activities, but they differ from natural abilities in that they produce spiritual fruit. Spiritual gifts build up the body of Christ. A family may be facing a time of crisis or sorrow, and spiritual gifts may be exercised in ministering to them in their time of need. Someone may go to their home and clean; another may visit in the hospital; another may mow the grass. But the difference with ministry inspired and enabled by spiritual gifts is that a spiritual result occurs. Granted, the family could call a commercial lawn service to tend the yard, but the spiritually-inspired ministry of a Christian mowing the grass may produce encouragement for a Christian family or may result in evangelism if someone is unsaved. Spiritual ministry may look much the same as mere human service, but the result of spiritual service is spiritual. Every Christian then has a certain measure of enablement in every area of his or her Christian duty i. Those spiritually gifted in an area show a greater measure of enablement than those who are ungifted in that area. And some seem even to be more gifted than others. It may well be through the prayers of a Christian who does not have any particular gift in this area that one dying of an illness may be cured. We should expect the one who has the gift of healing to see healings more often. I suspect that most of us have been taught that the first order of priority is to discover our spiritual gifts, then to develop them, and finally to find a place of ministry where these gifts can be put to use. It may be the opposite in some, if not many, cases. In the Old Testament, men were divinely gifted to carry out the task God had given them to perform. Bezalel and others whom God designated to be craftsmen for the construction of the tabernacle and its fixtures were gifted by God to carry out this task Exodus Saul was chosen by God and designated as the king, and then he was endowed with the power of the Holy Spirit 1 Samuel 9: The same could be said of our Lord on whom the Spirit of God descended and remained at His baptism, equipping Him for His messianic ministry Mark 1: We know the Corinthians are proud and arrogant 1 Corinthians 1: From what Paul has to say in chapters see We do know the Corinthians prize certain gifts and disdain others. Those possessing the visible, verbal gifts seem intent upon showing these gifts off in the church meeting see Paul has some well-chosen words for these carnal Corinthians about the relationship between spirituality and spiritual gifts, words which knock the props out from under their pride and self-sufficiency. In chapter 12, Paul stresses the nature of spiritual gifts and the necessity of each and every gift for the proper functioning of the church, the body of Christ. Diversity of gifts must not become the cause of disunity but must promote the unity and interdependence of Christians. Those who promote certain gifts above others fail to understand that all are not meant to possess any one of the gifts. In chapter 13, Paul moves from the gifts themselves to our attitude as we exercise them. Chapter 13 is all about love. Without love, even the greatest gifts are of diminished value. Love is most lacking in Corinth and causes the great wealth of giftedness in the church to be nullified or at least greatly hindered. The Corinthians valued the gifts more than love, but Paul shows that while the gifts all of them! In chapter 14, Paul focuses on two gifts in particular: Here he introduces a guiding principle for the exercise of any and all gifts—the principle of edification. Gifts exercised in love are those gifts exercised with a view to edifying or building up others. Tongues which are not interpreted are not edifying, for no one knows what was said. Prophecy, on the other hand, does not require an interpreter, and thus it is the more profitable gift, unless tongues are interpreted. The principle of edification Paul sets out in the earlier verses of chapter 14 should be applied in the context of the church meeting In these closing verses of chapter 14, Paul lays down specific guidelines for public participation in the church meeting to be sure that the edification of others is achieved. In chapter 15, Paul sets out to correct some false teaching regarding the resurrection of the dead. Unity in Diversity The Corinthian church has been short-changed, buying into the error that really significant ministry occurs on a very limited band width. The important ministries are apparently those carried on by a very few of the elite leaders whose gifts everyone else covets. Less than a handful of gifts, and the same number of ministries, are considered significant by the Corinthian Christians. If any Corinthian Christian wants to play an important role in the ministry of that church, he or she will have to imitate the gifts and ministries of a very small group. Verses are meant to knock the props out from under those with an elitist view of spirituality and ministry. Paul contends that the gifts of God which equip men and women for ministry are many-splendored things. There

are diversities of gifts verse 4 , diversities of ministries verse 5 , and diversities of effects verse 6.

2: The Faulty Foundation of the Five-Fold Ministry - News about religious cults and sects

Goodreads is the world's largest site for readers with over 50 million reviews. We're featuring millions of their reader ratings on our book pages to help you find your new favourite book.

Part 2 of 4 by Rev. Martinez, Co-Director, Spiritwatch Ministries The five-fold ministry is a concept of church leadership based upon the ministry of men and women who have been supposedly divinely called and "anointed" with one of five "ministry gifts" listed in Ephesians 4: Unfortunately, as in other corps of ministerial tribes across Christendom, there are also aberrant and unstable members of this fivefold ministry that have institutionalized imbalance not only in doctrinal but practical matters to the great ruination and shipwreck of Christian faith for those hapless believers who have submitted to their authority. But I also contend that not all who claim to be in a fivefold office are necessarily involved in such serious errors. That is the last thing I would believe about the fivefold ministry! Do not claim I have said that the next person claiming to be an apostle or prophet is necessarily and automatically in error, for I have said no such thing! There is a far greater company of five fold ministers who are steadfastly doing their best to lead the Christians who they care for into deeper depths with God. They labor largely in obscurity and humility, seeking to serve the Christian Church wherever they go. Such men and women of God are not directly responsible for the frightful kinds of imbalance that can be too easily seen today. Sadly, their inestimable good is what is so tragically spoken evil of by the abuses that do take place, but it is a credit to their walk with God that they continue pressing on in their service of His flocks worldwide. There is much spoken of and practiced concerning the fivefold concept nowadays that is Biblical and Christ-centered, but not all of it is that spiritually healthy. That is the point that I need to make very clear: Instead, the concept will be examined here to help provide some insight on its function from a Pentecostal perspective. This is crucial in understanding the imbalanced application and the abuses of the concept that has adversely affected Christians worldwide. We first need to understand how those of the five fold ministry see themselves and how they represent their work to the Church at large. There are three New Testament verses that they cite as a Biblical mandate for what they perceive as divinely appointed leadership: And he gave some apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: These verses are Scriptures that fivefold ministers contend are Biblical principles for Christian leadership and spiritual formation that directly mandate their calling and leadership. Fivefold ministers are to empower the church community to become active participants in the outreach and activity of the local church. And within the literature, teaching and culture that has developed among the fivefold ministry-led churches, additional Scriptural supports are used to support the fivefold ministry ideal which provide a crucial insight into how it is to practically worked out in the church community: Wherefore I beseech you, be ye followers of me. The fivefold culture which is to ardently devote itself to helping Christians achieve full spiritual maturity is seen as best doing this through the intentional usage of close interpersonal relationships with them to bring about this mentoring influence. Called "spiritual fathering" in some circles, the fivefold "fathers" are to pour their lives out by godly, patient example in intimate spiritual relationships. Some fivefold ministries have established so-called "spiritual tribes" where intimate modeling occurs on a regular, even daily basis in communal settings involving itinerant traveling ministry. Spiritualizing interpretations of these two verses as well as others throughout the Bible are employed by fivefold-influenced ministries to further expand upon this relational dimension of fivefold ministerial influence. This is one of the most notable features of fivefold ministry that can be seen beyond the identification of someone being an apostle or prophet. A heavy emphasis on allegory and symbolism is used in fivefold-oriented teaching to bring some hidden insight about current events, social controversy and even the tension between various factions in church circles. There are various metaphors drawn from the acts of romance, fathering, creation and birthing to explain the body life of fivefold oriented ministries and congregations - interpretations that have ranged from the profound to the bizarre. One example is the spiritualized allegory employed by fivefold advocates who use 1 Kings And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop

thee not. The literal rainstorm signified His sovereignty to apostate Israel after his clash with the false prophets of Baal, but those who advance fivefold ministry using this verse have to do so on a very shaky supposition: Seven times Elijah sent his servant to look for any signs of rain. The sea represents a multitude of peoples, nations, and tongues. The hand coming out of the sea of people represents the five fold ministry God is raising up in the earth: Today there is a sea of over six billion people on the earth. There has never been this many people on the earth at one time in history. Out of that sea of people, God is raising the little hand ministry. It is coming with the cloud of glory, and it will minister with the power and glory of God. This goes on to beg the question: Some fivefold advocates claim that the thumb and index finger of this dubious illustration of the five fold ministry relate are fulfilled by the apostolic and prophetic offices and go to great lengths in providing elaborate expansions upon the symbolism of the word picture. Others make no such distinctions and indeed downplay them. So what are the fivefold ministries generally trying to accomplish? Why do they exist and who is involved in them? A full discussion of this goes way beyond the scope of our article, and rightly deserves a better investigation than I can provide here but I think I can safely say that there are three overall objectives that five fold ministers would generally agree upon as the measure of their ministerial achievement: As the passages in Ephesians 4 point out, the mature believer will be one no longer tossed to and fro by the currents of doctrinal falsehood, but will be rooted firmly in the Faith. Dutch fivefold pastor J. Koning concisely explains how the five ministerial "gifts" are to interact in the context of the local Christian church. As a father provides for the family, so will the apostle feed with the Word. The prophet will then bring light, revelation and the truth. The evangelist brings the salvation message, he directs to the Lamb. The shepherd ministry is the ministry close to the heart of God and finally the teacher will wash with the Word. With the glaringly and even woefully anemic spiritual state of believers as well as churches worldwide in a spiritual malaise all too obvious to behold, it would seem to be most encouraging and heartening to know that there are spiritual mentors and shepherds actively dedicated to the betterment and strengthening of the members of the Church. For man has had his turn to do it his way, and they have arranged the offices of my callings as they have seen fit. I say no more. And I am raising up through these apostles the new form and the new move of my Spirit, which moves in the five fold ministry, not in the one fold ministry. It begins with the apostles and the prophets and the evangelists and the pastors and the teachers. [Click here to watch the prophecy Church Leadership](#) - As has already been mentioned, the raising up of the five fold ministry in the local church is seen as a provision of divinely appointed leadership for the Body of Christ. They are leaders with special "offices" and ministries to guide and govern the Christian Church that drew upon the leadership gifts present in believers other than the traditional Pentecostal leadership roles of pastors. Such leadership, specially chosen of God and empowered by His Spirit, should be entrusted with the role of appointing church elders whose ministry they in turn will oversee as well known fivefold pastor Bob Yandian observes: Paul and Barnabas were the ones who ordained the elders. What office did they stand in? They stood in the office of apostle. The principle should be clear. Those in ministry offices choose the elders; therefore, they have the authority over them. Who chooses the elders? The pastor does Titus 1: Who has authority over them? We are not talking about authority in a natural sense of understanding. In recent years, with the onset of the "church growth" enterprise in Christian church leadership circles, much has been done to intentionally create new leadership models where church staffs adopt a team-based leadership structure based on intensely relational and interactive sharing and planning. Such innovations seemed tailor made for the fivefold ministries in Charismatic and Pentecostal churches worldwide. They have lead to their enthusiastic creation of "apostolic teams" and "spiritual father" mentoring programs as one of many new forms of Christian leadership, as advanced by fivefold "teaching apostle" Jim Hodges: The Lord is shifting the Church into a five fold paradigm of ministry. We are abandoning one man ministry patterns for the team pattern. We are also moving from maintenance leadership into visionary leadership. This issue is addressed by both George Barna and Dr. Peter Wagner in their writings. This shift has to do with prioritizing the apostolic dimension of leadership while strongly embracing the pastoral dimension of leadership. The Church needs to pursue divine mission apostolic and to be maintained pastoral. The church has shifted and continues to shift from a democratic form of government into a theocratic form of government. We are moving from a religious bureaucratic system to a

fatherly-relational government which we find illustrated in the relationship of Paul and Timothy. This is a profoundly insightful quote with implications consistent with the fivefold view of mentoring discipleship drawn from 1 Corinthians 4. The importance of this connection will be discussed later and should be intentionally noted for reference. Hodges here concurs and commends a specific kind of discipling model that is advocated by C. Peter Wagner, one of the most influential church leaders of the twentieth century. And yet he is almost an invisible figure among them, even as his teachings are readily accepted as authoritative guidance by hundreds of thousands of fivefold ministers as well as millions of Christians globally for the past two decades. In fact, the fivefold ministry would assert, the Body of Christ cannot function properly nor come remotely close to the divine potential her Head has ordained she should rise to without His usage of their ministry to evangelize the world and equip the saints, as the Fountaingate Christian Foundation, a fivefold international teaching ministry in Australia emphasizes: Christ has distributed ministry gifts, which enable the Church to function as His Body. But the five gifts of Ephesians 4: These five ministry gifts are not titles eg. John an apostle, Jack a prophet, Paul a pastor. There is nothing "elevated" about these gifts see 1 Corinthians 4: They simply have a special purpose.. Only when the ministries of Ephesians 4: These ministries are not just an extension of Body ministry, but an extension of the headship of Christ to His Body, the Church. This statement Hamon makes here is another one that should be noted for future reference, for as we shall see, his instruction here is not the idealized wish of a man yearning for Christian perfection but the foundation of a theology with staggering implications. I will allow the passionate pen of Canadian fivefold "senior elder" Michael Scantlebury to provide what would seem to be the best summarization of how the fivefold ministry today view themselves. The five-fold ministry gifts are examples of how "grace has been given as Christ apportioned it" Ephesians 4: All ministry is simply the ministry of Christ expressed through the believer by the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Regarding the "Five-fold" ministry gifts; it is as if the Lord Jesus Christ when He was about to leave planet earth did similar to what Elijah did to Elisha and released his mantle to him.

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4: Spiritual Gifts

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Spiritual Gifts 1 Corinthians The first is that far too few Christians are involved in any kind of ministry. They conceive of themselves as spectators rather than participants. We shall assume that on the basis of our study in Ephesians 4: A second problem is with those who are actively involved in the ministry of the local church, but who are not functioning in a ministry which corresponds to their spiritual gifts. Their dilemma is illustrated by the story of a certain sea captain and his chief engineer who were having an argument as to which one of them was the more important to the ship. Failing to agree, they resorted to the unique idea of swapping places. The chief ascended to the bridge, and the captain descended into the engine room. After a couple of hours, the captain suddenly appeared on the deck covered with oil and soot. The primary qualification for most tasks in the church is a willingness to try, or at least too little fortitude to turn down the job. The solution to both these problems is a proper understanding of the subject of spiritual gifts. You will understand that many books on the subject of spiritual gifts have been written and that no one message will deal with every important issue. But it is my contention that Bible expositors have often made of this subject something far more mystical and mysterious and complicated than it really is. And you know that if there is anyone who can look at a matter with simplicity, it is me. My friends often remind me how simple I really am! The Importance of Knowing Your Spiritual Gift For various reasons, many have played down the importance of knowing your spiritual gift. The prominence of spiritual gifts in Scripture. One of the ways we can measure the importance of a principle or a doctrine is to determine the amount of space devoted to it in the Bible. Subjects or doctrines which are merely implied are surely of less significance than those clearly stated. Matters mentioned infrequently should not be regarded as crucial as those frequently dealt with. Using this standard of measurement, the subject of spiritual gifts is a vital one, for we find gifts addressed specifically in four major portions of Scripture: In addition to these central passages, spiritual gifts are mentioned elsewhere in the Bible. Spiritual gifts must be important to the Spirit of God Who inspired the writing of the Word of God and thus they should be important to us. The elementary nature of spiritual gifts. When the book of First Corinthians was written, it was addressed to those who were obviously not very mature in the faith. There were many forms of carnality cited by Paul in this epistle. Due to the emphasis on spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians, we conclude that the doctrine of spiritual gifts is important and that it is foundational and fundamental to the Christian life. Spiritual gifts are a matter of individual stewardship. When Peter spoke of spiritual gifts in his first epistle, he considered them a matter of personal stewardship: As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God 1 Peter 4: Peter meant that just as we must give account of our use of the material things God has placed under our control, and just as we must give account of the use of our time, so we must also be accountable for the use of our spiritual gifts. Now it is very hard to be a good steward of something we know nothing about, and of something which we do not even know we possess. If you were given the responsibility of managing the assets of someone else, the first thing you would do is to take inventory of what resources were at your disposal. You would demand to know what assets you were to use wisely. So, also, the Christian cannot be a good steward in the matter of spiritual gifts without knowing what his gifts are: Spiritual gifts are of great practical value and benefit to the believer. Spiritual gifts are of such great practical value to the Christian he simply cannot afford to be ignorant in this matter. Let me suggest some areas of practical benefit. Knowing your spiritual gifts will enable you to find your place of ministry in the local church. Since every Christian has a particular function in the body of Christ, and since your spiritual gifts equip you to carry out this function, knowing your gifts help you to plug in to the ministry of a local church. Knowing your spiritual gifts will enable you to determine your priorities. One of the most common problems we all face is having more things to do than we have time to do them. Paul indicates in Romans chapter twelve, verses six through eight, that we should make the use of our spiritual gifts a priority in our lives. In simple terms, when we have too many things to do we must choose to function in the

area of our spiritual gifts. You must know your spiritual gifts to set these priorities. To extend our last point just a little bit further, knowing your spiritual gifts can be of great help in discerning the will of God. There is a very distinct relationship between knowing the will of God Romans The Purpose of Spiritual Gifts Probably the simplest definition of a spiritual gift would be this: A spiritual gift is the God-given capacity of every Christian to carry out his function in the body of Christ. The thrust of the first half of Ephesians chapter four is that the effective functioning of the body of Christ is dependent upon the contribution of each individual part of the body. Spiritual gifts enable us to carry out our task within the body of Christ in a way which no one else can. Using the analogy of the physical body in 1 Corinthians chapter twelve, Paul reinforced this same concept. Every part of the body is essential to the well-being of the body. When one member fails to do his part, the body suffers. There are two important corollaries to this truth that spiritual gifts equip the Christian to carry out his unique contribution to the body. First, spiritual gifts are not primarily given to benefit the individual, but the entire body. Perhaps this is the most serious criticism of the contemporary tongues movement. Not only has one gift been exalted above all the others, but the primary purpose of this gift seems to be self-edification. Second, if spiritual gifts are given to enable us to carry out every essential function of the body then we should expect spiritual gifts which correspond to every function described in the Scriptures. This is precisely the case. While we can see that all are to engage in the exercise of these functions, there are gifts which overlap these functions. It is those who are gifted in these various capacities who will excel in this particular function. If for every area of ministry there are those specially qualified for that ministry, it is vital to that ministry that those specially gifted in that area should be involved in that ministry. The Nature of Spiritual Gifts In order to accurately describe the nature of spiritual gifts we will make two major assertions, both of which appear paradoxical. Until we understand the truths contained in these paradoxical statements, we shall not understand spiritual gifts. Spiritual gifts intertwine the Divine and the Human. To view spiritual gifts in a merely human dimension leads to a gross misunderstanding of their divine element. Each gift is a manifestation of the Spirit 1 Corinthians In addition to the divine element in spiritual gifts is the human counterpart. The gift of teaching involves the study of the lesson and the preparation of what is going to be taught. Administration involves sitting down and making plans, calling meetings and evaluation of progress. The gift of giving includes the making of the money, the choice of where it is to be distributed and the actual follow-through of giving. It has been said that spiritual gifts must not be confused with natural talents, and surely we must agree. But we must also insist that spiritual gifts not be divorced from natural talents and abilities. In Psalm , we are reminded that it was God who fashioned us in the womb. Whatever our capabilities or weaknesses, they were given to us by the omniscient God who designed us not only in the matter of spiritual gifts, but also in the matter of talents and abilities to carry out a certain task. Human abilities alone will never produce eternal fruit, but our abilities when empowered by the Holy Spirit can bring about spiritual fruit. It is no accident that Billy Graham is a gifted speaker in the human sense. But there are countless gifted speakers who have never seen a soul won to Christ. Finally, spiritual gifts should be viewed on the human plane in that they, just as natural talents and abilities, must be developed. One may have the gift of teaching but that gift needs to be developed, perhaps by seminary studies, certainly by some kind of training and much experience. Paul told Timothy, "Kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands 2 Timothy 1: Perhaps the best analogy of this interweaving of the divine and the human in the matter of spiritual gifts is that of the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He was fully human and yet at the same time He was fully God. Divinity and humanity in one person. So also the Scriptures are the work of both God and men. Men spoke and wrote, revealing their backgrounds, education, personalities and styles, and yet these men were moved along by the Holy Spirit in such a way that every word these men wrote was the Word of God 2 Peter 1: Spiritual gifts produce unity through diversity. Most Christians have failed to grasp the great diversity revealed in spiritual gifts. The key text is found in 1 Corinthians chapter And there are varieties of ministries, but the same Lord. Most Christians would agree that there is diversity in the gifts which are given to men. One may have the gift of helps, while another the gift of administration, and so on. I am no longer completely convinced that the New Testament necessarily records every possible spiritual gift, so perhaps there is even greater diversity in gifts than we have thought. But the point I wish to underscore is that even among those

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who possess the same gift there is great diversity. This is what Paul meant in verses 5 and 6 when he said that there are varieties of ministries and effects. There are infinite possibilities for ministry for those who possess the gift of teaching. One may use his gift of teaching in a pastoral role in the local church, while another teaches in a seminary. One may teach a junior Sunday school class while another may teach informally around the lunch table at his place of work.

5: The Necessity of Restoring Apostolic Ministry Today, Part 1

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8: Spiritual Gifts Lists, Gift Definitions, Key Bible Passages

The gift of teaching is the gift of Dr. Robinson, the gift of faith is the gift of George MÅ¼eller, the gift of giving is the gift of Le Tourneau, the gift of evangelism is the gift of Billy Graham. We have made two serious mistakes.

9: Spiritual Abuse And The Five Fold Ministry: Part 2 of 4

Illustrated Children's Ministry started over 3 years ago with the creation of our Advent coloring posters. This is now the fourth year we have created giant coloring posters for Advent. For this year's posters, we returned to the traditional themes of Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love.

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