

“Our Usefulness in Serving God”
Part 3
Romans 12:3-8

Intro: Our reasonable response of worship
Romans 12:1-2; 2 Cor. 11:3
1 Cor. 6:19-20; Phil. 1:21; 2:17

- Our usefulness starts there
“And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves. Our souls and bodies to be a reasonable, holy and living sacrifice unto thee”
(church of England)

- Our usefulness in serving God depends on 3 things

I. The proper attitude: Humility vs. 3
Phil. 2:5; 2 Cor. 5:9
1 Tim. 1:12-14; 1 Cor. 15:10
Phil. 2:3; Eph. 4:7

II. The proper relationship: unity vs. 4-6
Col. 1:2; 1 Thess. 1:2-4
Eph. 4:4; Eph. 4:25
Heb. 2:11; 1 Peter 4:10-11

III. The proper service: exercising our gift vs. 6-8
Luke 4:8; Phil. 2:17; Mark 10:45

- Grace gifts given
Romans 12:3; 15:5; Eph. 3:8
1 Cor. 1:4-9; 1 Tim. 4:14; 2 Tim. 1:6
- They differ
1 Cor. 12:4-11, 28-31; 1 Peter 4:11

- Stewardship
1 Peter 4:10; 1 Cor. 4:1

Exercise them accordingly:

- Prophecy
1 Cor. 14:3; 2 Tim. 4:2; Jeremiah 2
- Service
John 12:26; Heb. 3:5; Acts 6:1-4; 1 Peter 4:10-11
- Teaching
Psalm 34:4; 51:13; Matt. 28:20; Col. 1:28-29
- Exhortation
Acts 11:23; 1 Thess. 2:11; 2 Cor. 1:4; Heb. 3:13
- Giving
1 Thess. 2:8; Eph. 4:28; Luke 3:8,11
- Leadership
1 Thess. 5:12; 1 Peter 5:2-3; 2 Cor. 8:7
- Showing mercy
Matt. 5:7; Mark 5:19; 1 Tim. 1:13, 16

How do we know what my gifts are?

Romans 12:1-2
Psalm 37:3-6, 23