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“Spiritual Gifts”  
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Here in March, we are discovering our God-given **SHAPE** – our **Spiritual gifts, Heart, Abilities, Personality, Experiences.**

Knowing our SHAPE better prepares us for **meaningful**, Holy Spirit-led **ministry.**

Today, we consider our **spiritual giftedness.**

In the Bible, **Romans 12** and **1 Corinthians 12** have the most to say on this important topic.

#### Romans 12:3-8

*For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.*

#### 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

*There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.*

These passages remind us:

- All of us are gifted **in some way.**
- No gift is **more important** than another gift.
- Every gift is intended to **build up the church.**
- We should be eager to **discover and use** our gift.

We will offer a **spiritual gift assessment** later on in this series.

In the meantime, **be praying** about yours.