

Romans #160

“Spiritual Gifts” part 2

Romans 12:4-8 Ephesians 4:11-13

A system is a collection of parts that interact together for a common purpose and no single part can do the job alone and any malfunction or delay is likely to affect the whole system.

Our bodies are complex, delicately calibrated biological machines that work best at a certain temperature, a certain level of moistness, with a certain balance of chemicals and although conditions in the world around us are changing all the time, our body systems, when working together, can adjust to these changes.

Homeostasis is stability, balance or equilibrium within a cell or the body; it's an organism's ability to keep a constant internal environment.

A deficiency or lack of beneficial union in the body, whether caused by an internal or external influence, will almost always result in a harmful change in homeostasis as too much toxicity causes homeostatic imbalance, resulting in cellular malfunction, disease and ultimately death.

We are all in the same organism, the body of Christ, the royal family of God; an aristocracy which will last forever.

The analogy to the human body with its various parts emphasizes the unique differences of all believers.

No matter how insignificant your gift may seem to be, you are on the team and your gift is just as necessary as any other gift.

We should never have a bad attitude about a less spectacular spiritual gift because when we do, we're resenting the wisdom of God the Holy Spirit. For example, no two pastors, evangelists or administrators have exactly the same gift.

Whatever gift we have and to what degree it functions; that gift is still grace; we didn't earn it; we don't deserve it and we couldn't work for it.

No spiritual gift was ever designed to function apart from biblical truth or in denial or rejection of biblical truth.

Spiritual gifts, like any other human activity, must function under authority.

Spiritual gifts have their highest function in spiritual adulthood.

When a person has virtue-love which is personal love for God the Father; impersonal love for all mankind and occupation with Jesus Christ, his gift will function to the maximum.