

Sermon Outline
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Gifts from God for the Body
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Old Testament: Isaiah 40:1-10

Sermon Text: 1 Peter 4:10-11 and Romans 12:3-8

(1 Peter 4:10-11 ESV)

[10] As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's **varied grace**: [11] whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

God's gifts are varied!

(Romans 12:3-8 ESV)

[3] For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. [4] For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, [5] so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. [6] **Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them:** if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; [7] if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; [8] the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Two general categories in 1 Peter: Speaking and Doing

SPEAKING GIFTS:

Preaching - Divinely empowered proclamation!

Teaching - Divinely empowered

Encouragement - Divinely empowered

DOING GIFTS:

Serving - Divinely empowered

Leadership - Divinely empowered

Giving - Divinely empowered

Showing mercy - Divinely empowered

(Ephesians 4:1-16 ESV) “for building up the body of Christ”