



# ROMANS

Strong faith for life



- Because of the gospel, we give God our **all** and our **best**.
- What we do flows out of **who we are**.
- Giftedness always begins with **humility**.

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 faith God has distributed to each of you. Romans 12:3 (NIV)

### Definition of humility:

- Humility is not a **low opinion** of ourselves, but an **honest** and accurate one.

Only when we are humble can we handle what God gives us without **abusing** it. ...but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. Romans 12:3 (NIV)

- We all have **gifts** and **faith** given to us by God. ...the faith God has distributed to each of you. Romans 12:3 (NIV)
- We don't put ourselves in places where we have to **trust** God and we **expect** God to use us.

4 Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, 5 so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. Romans 12:4-5

- Belonging carries a responsibility of **servicing** and **caring** for others. 6 In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. 7 If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. 8 If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly. Romans 12:3-8 (NLT)

- **You** have a spiritual gift that God has given you to **serve** others in the church.

- **How** we use our gift matters.

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### Three Action Steps:

- **Discover** your gift. "... eagerly desire spiritual gifts..." 1 Corinthians 14:1 (BSB)
- **Develop** your gift. "... fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you..." 2 Timothy 1:6 (NLT)
- **Use** your gift. "Each of you should use whatever spiritual gift you have received to serve others, as faithful [managers] of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV) "Do not neglect the spiritual gift that is in you..." 1 Timothy 4:14 (GNT)
- God has gifted you to live a life of **significance**. "Why is it that He gives us these special abilities to do certain things best? It is that God's people will be equipped to do better work for him, building up the church, the Body of Christ to a position of strength and maturity..." Ephesians 4:12 (TLB)

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## TO CREATIVELY LOVE AND LEAD PEOPLE IN A GROWING RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS.

### Questions that can be used in Connection Groups: *These questions also work well for personal time with God.*

- What scripture and/or point spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday? Explain why?
- A little "pop quiz": What is the gospel? Why is the gospel important to us?
- What does this statement mean to you: God is more concerned about what He does in us than what He does through us? What is God doing in us? (Hint: making us more like.....?)
- Why does giftedness always begin with humility? Why is humility essential in our lives as believers?
- How do we abuse what God has given us when we don't have humility?
- Why is belonging to others important?
- Do you know the gift that God has given you? Are you using that gift to care for those at the Quest?
- Read Romans 12:7-8; why does it matter how we use our gift?
- What does it mean that God has gifted us for a life of significance?

If you don't know your gift, you can scan the QR code on the back of your notes, scroll down to "Next Steps" and take the Spiritual gifts test.

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