

Community: A Study of the "One Another's"



Part 2: Your Community Needs You!

Today's Big Question: Are you fully giving yourself to God and others presently?

Romans 12:1-21 (NKJV): Living Sacrifices to God

12 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service.* ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Serve God with Spiritual Gifts

³ For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. ⁴ For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, *being many*, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. ⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them:* if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; ⁷ or ministry, *let us use it in our ministering;* he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who

gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

Behave Like a Christian

⁹ Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; ¹¹ not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹² rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; ¹³ distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.

¹⁸ If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

¹⁹ Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰ Therefore

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

If he is thirsty, give him a drink;

For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head."

²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

What does it look like to fully give yourself to God and others?

8 Actions of the Fully Devoted Disciple...

1. L _____ your life as a living _____ (v. 1).
2. D _____ to the beat of a different _____ (v. 2).
3. K _____ to the curve (v. 3).
4. E _____ your _____ in the Body of Christ (v. 4-8).

TEN TRUTHS ABOUT SPIRITUAL GIFTS by Rick Warren

1. Only _____ have spiritual gifts. 1 Corinthians 2:14
2. Every Christian has at least _____ gift. 1 Peter 4:10

3. No one receives _____ the gifts. 1 Corinthians 12:27-30
4. No single gift is given to _____. 1 Corinthians 12:29-30
5. You can't _____ **OR** _____ **FOR** a spiritual gift. Ephesians 4:7
6. The _____ _____ decides what gifts I get. 1 Cor. 12:11
7. The gifts I'm given are _____. Romans 11:29
8. I am to _____ the gifts God gives me. 1 Timothy 4:14
9. It's a sin to _____ the gifts God gave me. 1 Corinthians 4:2
10. Using my gifts _____ God and _____ me. John 15:8

5. **L** _____ **with authenticity and purity** (v. 9-10a).
6. **S** _____ **others with** _____ (v. 10b-13).
7. **A** _____ **to everyone in your pathway** (v. 14-16).
8. **K** _____ **doing the next** _____ **thing** (v. 17-21).

Sermon in a Sentence: *One of the greatest gifts you can give to your community is the **gift of you**-your personal presence.*

Action Steps:

- ✓ **Bring someone** to Fall Launch next week! Put their name on the insert in your bulletin. Pray for them this week and then make the "big ask."
- ✓ I want to sign up for a **Life Group** for the 40 Days of Community Challenge.
- ✓ I would like to **lead or host a Life Group** in my home for the 40 days.

Make a decision this week? Please let us know on your **Connection Card**.