

doesn't know a thing about laying bricks. And if he wasn't able to make some money playing that fiddle of his, he couldn't hire a guy with know-how like mine to build his house. If he had to build a house himself, he'd be ruined."

If you want to build a house, don't look up "violinist" in the yellow pages. And if you need someone to play the violin in an orchestra, don't hire a bricklayer. No two of us are exactly alike, and no one possesses every gift. In that way, houses get built and music gets played.

In the church, God has gifted us in different ways too. Our responsibility is to exercise the spiritual gifts that He has given us. When we do, we build each other up in the faith, and there is harmony in the body of Christ. --HWR

*It matters not what others do,
It is my task to see
My life is patterned in the mold
The Lord has planned for me. --Beers*

There are no unimportant members in the body of Christ.



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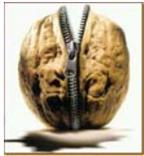
Bricklayers and Violinists

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them. --Romans 12:6

A concert violinist had a brother who was a bricklayer. One day a woman began talking to the bricklayer about how wonderful it was for him to be in the same family as the noted musician. But then, not wanting to insult the bricklayer, she added, "Of course, we don't all have the same talents, and even in the same family some just seem to have more ability than others."

The bricklayer replied, "You're telling me! That violinist brother of mine





Romans: Truth in a Nutshell

(unzipped for you)

Spiritual Gifts III

Romans 12 enables us to make two comments about the dedicated servant of God and his spiritual gifts:

1. He _____ his _____, verses 3-8

Paul mentions 7 gifts in this passage:

◆ P _____, verse 6

(Matthew 13:14) *"And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: 'Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, ...'"*

(1 Timothy 1:18) *"This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, ...,"*

◆ S _____, verse 7

(Acts 6:1-4) *"Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.*

{2} Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables.

{3} "Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; {4} "but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.""

◆ T _____, verse 7

◆ E _____, verse 8

◆ G _____, verse 8

◆ L _____, verse 8

◆ M _____, verse 8

(Acts 11:28) *"Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar."*

(Acts 6:5) *"And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch,"*



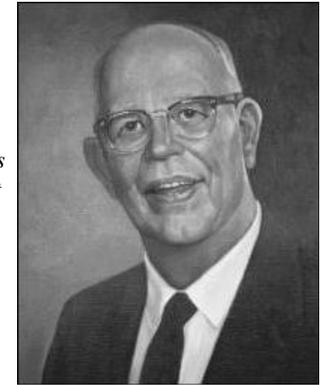
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(Acts 8:5) *"Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached Christ to them."*

(2 Corinthians 8:3) *"For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing,"*

(Colossians 4:7-8) *"Tychicus, a beloved brother, faithful minister, and fellow servant in the Lord, will tell you all the news about me. {8} I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that he may know your circumstances and comfort your hearts,"*



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2. He is _____ for any

_____, 12:10-11, 13 15:14

◆ P _____,

◆ S _____, verses 10-11

(Galatians 5:13) *".. through love serve one another."*

◆ T _____,

(Colossians 3:16) *"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another .."*

◆ E _____, 15:14

(Hebrews 10:24-25) *"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, {25} not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching."*

◆ G _____, verse 13

(2 Corinthians 9:7) *"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver."*

◆ L _____,

(1 Timothy 4:12) *"Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity."*

◆ M _____,

(Ephesians 4:32) *"And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you."*



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