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5. Do some _____-and-_____ with related ministries.



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“THE CROSS AND CHRISTIAN GIFTS: THE BODY”
1 Corinthians 12:12-31

***Spiritual gifts are the supernatural ways God’s Spirit works
through God’s children to make God’s Son look right.
(1 Corinthians 12)***

The tension of desiring, discovering and developing spiritual gifts:

- Jesus’ body works right when its members avoid self-deprecation.
(1 Corinthians 12:14-20)
 - Do I think, “*They don’t need me!*”? (1 Corinthians 12:14-17)
 - Do I think the sovereignty of God is actually an error? (1 Corinthians 12:18)
 - Do I think unity and diversity are mutually exclusive? (1 Corinthians 12:19-20)
- Jesus’ body works right when its members avoid self-exaltation.
(1 Corinthians 12:21-31)
 - Do I think, “*They can’t do without me!*”? (1 Corinthians 12:21)
 - Do I desire to be sensational or beneficial?
(1 Corinthians 12:22-24, 31)
 - Do I foster factions more than fellowship?
(1 Corinthians 12:25-26)
 - Do I prefer independence over dependence?
(1 Corinthians 12:27-30; cf. 1 Corinthians 12:7, 11, 18; 1 Peter 4:10)
 - Do I want the Spirit’s gifts more than His fruit?
(1 Corinthians 12:31; cf. Galatians 5:16-26)

The task of desiring, discovering and developing spiritual gifts:

1. Ask God’s Spirit to guide you on your journey.
2. Stop being concerned with labels and definitions.
3. Explore how God’s wired you to build faith in others. (cf. 1 Peter 2:4-10)

Passions – What lights you up?

Reputation – What do others see in you?

Interests – What intrigues you?

Experience – What have you done?

Success – What have you done fruitfully?

Talents – What abilities do you have?

4. Look for general themes that keep showing up.
5. Do some trial-and-error with related ministries.