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The Bride of Christ

**FINDING YOUR PLACE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST:
SPIRITUAL GIFTS**

Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28

Prophets, prophecy. Rom. 12:6; 1 Cor. 12:10, 28; Eph. 4:17

- Characteristics.
 - Prophecy is the ability to communicate God's Word with power, conviction and clarity, and to **apply** it to the specific situation of the hearers.
 - To speak **faith** and to do so publicly.
 - Prophets are **very** opinionated, individualistic and driven by a sense of urgency.
- Function within the body of Christ.
 - To edify, exhort and console the **body** of Christ. 1 Cor. 14:3
 - To instruct, admonish, **warn**, rebuke, correct, challenge, comfort and encourage believers. 2 Cor. 1:3-4; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Gal. 5:16, 22-23; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 4:3; 1 Cor. 10:13
 - Proclaim and preach the **Word**. 2 Tim. 4:2, 2:15

Service and gift of helps. Rom. 12:7; 1 Cor. 12:28; Acts 6:1-3

- Characteristics.
 - Service is the unique capacity to recognize practical **needs** and to meet them joyfully and efficiently, thereby freeing other Christians to perform their ministries.
 - Gift of helps. To take the burden **off** someone else and place it on yourself.
 - Likes to **meet** needs immediately.
 - Has a hard time saying **no**.

Please turn your outline over.