

# MINISTRY

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“We have many parts in the one body, and all these parts have different functions. In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in union with Christ, and we are all joined to each other as different parts of one body. So we are to use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us.”

—Romans 12:4-6, TEV

## 33 Gifts of Each Disciple

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### OUR HUMAN CONDITION

Others can do so many things better than I can. I don't have any real talent or gifts that I can use in God's work. Let somebody else do it.

### ASSIGNMENT

The key to this week's task will be personal preparation for the group discussion.

Day 1 Read “The Bible Teaching.” Related writing is assigned on subsequent days.

Day 2 Read Romans 12. What are some gifts disciples should exhibit?

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Read 1 Corinthians 12 in the Revised Standard Version. What does the analogy between Christ's body and the human body tell me about the purpose of my unique contribution?

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Day 3 Complete “Apostles.”  
Read 1 Corinthians 13. How can I perform my ministry so it will conform to the “more excellent way” (12:31), the way of love?

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Complete “Prophets” and “Teachers.”

Day 4 Read James 1–2. What does the phrase *faith without works is . . . dead* (2:26) mean?

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Day 5 Complete “Miracle Workers” and “Healers.”  
Read James 3–5. After nearly nine months with my group, how have I experienced what James 5:13-20 teaches?

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Day 6 Complete “Helpers” and “Administrators.”  
Read 1 Corinthians 1:17-31 and John 13:1-20. What is the message and the reminder in these two passages?

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“Recording Commitments”; list names of other group members and their gifts you have identified.

Day 7 Rest and prayer.

### PRAYER

Pray daily before study:

“Teach me, LORD, what you want me to do, and I will obey you faithfully; teach me to serve you with complete devotion” (Psalm 86:11, TEV).

Prayer concerns for this week: