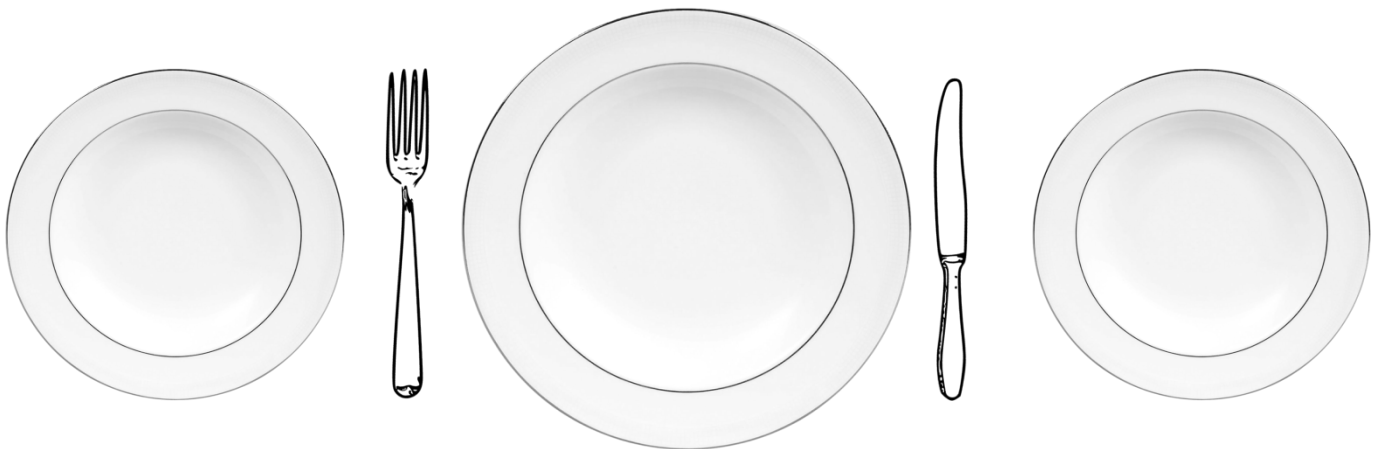


WHAT DO YOU BRING TO THE TABLE?

Did you know that you are a vital part of the Church? Just like a body doesn't work very well if it's missing an eye, a leg or a stomach, in the same way the body of Christ doesn't work as well without you!

In your own Bible, have a read through Romans 12, up to the end of verse 8, and write or draw the bits that strike you as most important.

The second part of the passage is all about GIFTS. God gives us all kinds of different gifts so we can serve Him and serve each other. It's a bit like giving us the ingredients of a meal so we can make dinner for Him, and for our family. Do you know what God has given you, and what you'd "serve up" for Him?



Just like a really fancy meal has different courses, we normally have more than one gift - a main one and then some others that are still really valuable but not as strong. There's some questions on the next page that might help you to work out which of the gifts from Romans 12 you are strongest in. Why not answer the questions, and then write on the plates what you think is your main gift, and what are other strong gifts that God has given you?

29	I get angry when people break the rules and get away with it							
30	I like to keep my room tidy and neat							
31	I love explaining the whole story to people							
32	I notice what people can do well and I tell them							
33	I like to save money rather than spend it							
34	I'm good at expressing myself; I love to speak in class							
35	I enjoy peace and try to avoid conflict							
36	I tend to be strong willed and stubborn							
37	It's hard for me to say no when people ask for my help							
38	I am very independent							
39	I love helping people know how to solve their problems							
40	I am good at making money							
41	I am confident and enthusiastic							
42	I find it hard to stand up and defend myself							
43	I want to be obedient and feel guilty when I'm disobedient							
44	I like doing really nice projects for people							
45	I think I know more than many of my friends							
46	I get along well with my parents, neighbours, and friends							
47	I quickly help when I see a need							
48	I love leading and organizing when I'm in a group							
49	I prefer playing in non-competitive sports							
TOTALS								

Now add up the numbers in each column and see which letters come out with the highest totals. This is only a guide, and it may not be accurate for everyone, but it should give you a good idea of where some of your gifts might lie.

P = Prophecy

Characteristics – **Discerning, judging, sensitive**

Add the totals for question 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 36, 43

Total = _____

S = Serving

Characteristics – **Practical, observant, detailed**

Add the totals for question 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 37, 44

Total = _____

T = Teaching

Characteristics – **Logical, systematic, factual**

Add the totals for question 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 38, 45

Total = _____

E = Encouragement

Characteristics – **Edifying, positive, expectant**

Add the totals for question 4, 11, 18, 25, 32, 39, 46

Total = _____

G = Giving

Characteristics – **Generous, hospitable, resourceful**

Add the totals for question 5, 12, 19, 26, 33, 40, 47

Total = _____

L = Leadership / Administration

Characteristics – **Thorough, organized, responsible**

Add the totals for question 6, 13, 20, 27, 34, 41, 48

Total = _____

M = Mercy / Compassion

Characteristics – **Emotional, personal, joyful**

Add the totals for question 7, 14, 21, 28, 35, 42, 49

Total = _____

Don't think you are **BETTER** than you really are.

Be **HONEST** in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the **FAITH** God has given us. Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a **SPECIAL FUNCTION**, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

In his grace, **GOD** has given us different **Gifts** for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to **prophecy**, speak out with **AS MUCH FAITH** as God has given you. If your gift is **servicing others**, serve them **WELL**. If you are a **teacher**, teach **WELL**. If your gift is to **encourage** others, be encouraging. If it is **giving**, give **GENEROUSLY**. If God has given you **leadership ability**, take the **RESPONSIBILITY** seriously. And if you have a gift for showing **kindness** to others, do it **GLADLY**.

Romans 12:3-8