

## *Sermon Notes*

### *City on a Hill: Romans 12*

“Gifts to the Body” – Romans 12:6-8

#### I. Introduction

- A. The importance of the body of Christ.
  - 1. World War II illustration.
- B. We have learned that God has called us to sacrifice.
  - 1. Romans 12:1
  - 2. Following our outline
    - “Thinking rightly about ourselves,” verse 3.
    - “Thinking rightly about fellow believers,” verses 4-5.
    - “Thinking rightly about our gifts,” verse 6-8.

#### II. Gifts to the body of Christ

- A. Text: Romans 12:6-8
- B. Gifts
  - 1. Greek: *Charismata* literally “grace/gift.” Used 17 times in Paul’s writings.
- C. What are the gifts?
  - 1. There are five lists:
    - Romans 12:6-8
    - I Corinthians 12:8-10 and 28-30.
    - Ephesians 4:11
    - I Peter 4:11
- D. Listing of Gifts: Romans 12:6-8
  - 1. Prophecy (See also I Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11)
    - a. One who stood in \_\_\_\_\_ of another and spoke for him.
    - b. Philip Hughes, Anglican clergyman.
    - c. Linkage to apostle.
  - 2. Serving
    - a. Sometimes translated as “ministry”

- b. Greek is *diakonian*, the root for \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. Acts 6:1-6 (office)
  - 2. Matthew 20:28 (services to one another).

#### 3. Teaching

- a. In one way or another, these gifts (or another word) occur in each of the five lists.
- b. Philip Ryken, author of *City on a Hill*.

#### 4. Encouragement or exhortation

- a. What it is not.
- b. Greek is *parakletos* – one who is called to \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. Speak the truth
  - 2. Barnabas – Acts 4:36

#### 5. Giving

- a. All are called to give and to give generously, but some individuals do possess this gift. We can all learn from them.

#### 6. Leadership

- a. The Greek indicates governance or good administration. I Timothy 3:5

#### 7. Mercy

- a. Literally “shows mercy.”
  - 1. Demonstrating sympathy.

#### III. Points for Reflection

- A. These seven gifts (along with others) are beautifications of the church.
- B. Each one is given at least one gift.
- C. The usage of gifts produces good works, which are the products of the church.
- D. We must conquer “me-ism” (what’s in it for me?) if we are following in Jesus’ footsteps.