
Quotes from the Sermon

- Believers are not to be proud but to have a sober, sane, sensible, and realistic estimate of themselves. - Thomas R. Schreiner
- The meaning of the phrase “as God has distributed a measure of faith to each one” is debated. The best option in my judgment is to read it in light of the upcoming verses on spiritual gifts (vv. 4-8) and in view of the parallel texts on spiritual gifts (1 Cor. 12:11; Eph. 4:7). Read this way, the phrase “measure of faith” refers to different spiritual capacities that God apportions to each person and is thus equivalent to God’s distribution of “spiritual gifts.” - Tony Merida
- Each believer has been gifted. But we should not think too highly of ourselves when it comes to these gifts; rather, we should be humble and faithful stewards of them. Gifts should not breed arrogance. After all, God sovereignly provides them! We have not earned them or received them because of our good deeds or superior value (1 Cor. 4:7). God drew us to faith by his grace and has given us spiritual gifts; therefore, he gets the glory (1 Pet. 4:10-11). - Tony Merida
- ...since the church is founded upon the apostles and prophets, apostles and prophets are no longer functioning today.... The Scriptures constitute our sole and final authority, and thus the role the apostles and prophets played in the foundational period of the church is no longer needed. The Scriptures are our sole and final authority. - Thomas R. Schreiner
- We have a tendency to think that everyone should be like us. The teacher thinks everyone should be interested in the conjugation of Greek verbs. The evangelist thinks everyone should go door to door distributing tracts. The server thinks everyone should cut grass or shovel snow. The exhorter thinks everyone should see things as clearly as he does. The one who shows mercy thinks everyone should volunteer in a soup kitchen. This is a mistake. We must refrain from expecting everyone to do what we do. We must learn to value one another and thank God for one another’s gifts. Plus, we must be content with the gifts God has given us. - J. Stephen Yuille

CBC’s Doctrinal Statement on Spiritual Gifts

- We believe that divine, enabling gifts for service are bestowed by the Spirit upon all who are saved. While there is a diversity of gifts, each believer is energized by the same Spirit, and each is called to his own divinely appointed service as the Spirit may will. (Rom. 12:6; 1 Cor. 12:4-11; Eph. 4:11; 1 Peter 4:9-11) Concerning the sign gifts, via (1) miracle working, (2) healings, (3) tongues, (4) interpretation of tongues, we believe the first two were the signs of the authority of the early disciples, arresting the attention of the populace, identifying with the work of Christ and attesting to their origin the power of God. These were the credentials the apostles presented to an unbelieving world. The last two were signs to Israel that God was removing the Jews from the privileged place and turning to the Gentiles. (1 Cor. 14:21-22; Isaiah 28:11) All these have served God's purpose and have been set aside in the sovereign will of the Spirit of God. If the Spirit of God should choose to use them again, we would expect it to be in line with their "sign" character.