

Notes on Romans 12 A Message

HELPFUL

“So here is what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him.” God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well. So if God has given you....., DO IT!

Romans 12:2-6 Message Bible

• **Spiritual Abilities:** I suspect most of us think of spiritual abilities as something strange or that other people have. The truth is that we already have these gifts active in our life. People actually are doing great good all the time as part of their daily living. However, the Lord has placed special abilities in each of us, making it helpful for us to identify our gifting. Ask yourself what yours might be.

Answer such questions as:

- (1) What do I like to do
- and what don't I like to do?
- (2) What am I often doing that is helpful?
- (3) What do I feel best about
when I look back on my life?

The list of gifts here:

- **Prophecy** - What good word would Jesus want to say to a person?
- **Serving Others** - Do something that needs to be done. Anyone can do this.
- **Teacher** - Advice Jesus would give, something in the Bible. We all know the basics.
- **Encourage Others** - What good things can we say to cheer people up—strengthen for life?
- **Money** - People around us are always needing money. We can lay aside a little to share.
- **Leadership Ability** - Somebody ought to do something about that. Why not try to do it and see if anyone follows.
- **Showing Kindness** – Have mercy, no judging.

A happy life. As Christians we know something other people don't. We know that each person's life has meaning, purpose and fulfillment. We are part of God's master plan for people to know God and have a life. God has given each of us special abilities to do certain things well for the sake of others, so we do them. This will give us a happy and fulfilled life. We find that Jesus joins us on the journey.