



Lesson 41 **“Gifts”**

Romans 12:3-8

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Read 1 Corinthians 13:8-13. What does Paul say never ends?

What does Paul say *will* end?

What is Paul describing as he talks about being like a child versus being a man/woman?

What three things does Paul say will always abide?

What does that tell you about desiring to have the gifts that will pass away?

Are those the things that we should be seeking the most?

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-5. What characteristics does Paul attribute to God here?

Why does God comfort us in our affliction?

How do we share in Christ's comfort?

What might this look like for you, personally, in the body of Christ?

Read Hebrews 10:19-25. What confidence do we have through Christ?

How can we draw near to God?

What should we hold fast to? Why?

How are we to interact with other believers?

Again, what might this look like for you, personally?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-27. How does Paul describe the way the body of Christ should work?

What conclusions can we draw from this about each role in the body?

Read Ephesians 4:1-3. How does Paul urge the believers to live?

As you spend time with God today, thank Him for the gifts that He has given to you for the benefit of the body and for His glory. Ask Him to help you to see those gifts and to use them cheerfully, not begrudgingly or resentfully. Ask Him to keep your mind focused on Him so that you see yourself and your role with His perspective, not thinking of yourself too highly or too lowly. Thank Him that He has given us His body to encourage and exhort each other, and to teach and admonish each other when we wander away from His word. Ask Him to help you, today, to check your motives in serving, to be sure that your focus is on His glory instead of your own.