**Scripture Reading**

4We have many parts in one body, but the parts don’t all have the same function. 5In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other. 6We have different gifts that are consistent with God’s grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in proportion to your faith.

**Reflective Quote**

**“The littlest gear may produce the littlest outcome: But in the scheme of the entire motor can stop in it in its tracks” –Pastor Brian Wallace**

**Reflective Message**

We are all important in the in the eyes of God and we bring our gifts/blessings he has given to us in everything we do. No matter how big or small those gifts/blessing are in the scheme of life, it is bringing them together that makes us most powerful when you follow his plan for us.

It is the responsibly of every believer to use his or her spiritual gift in ministry. Paul says in Romans, we all have different gifts. Your gift is a God-given capacity to fulfill what He has asked you to accomplish. It is any aspect of your temperament, your position, or any ability given by God, experienced in an unusual measure, through which you are generally used by the Holy Spirit for the benefit of His people.

This gift helps you to locate your niche, your place, and your role. Interestingly, the Greek word for “gifts” is charismata, from which we get the English word “charismatic.”

Perhaps you shy away from this word. But it’s a good, biblical word that simply means “grace gift.”

All of God’s gifts are “grace gifts.” In other words, none of the gifts come from within us, but all of them are given to us by God. In that sense, we’re all charismatic Christians!

If you’ve got a spiritual gift (and all of us have at least one gift), then you are a charismatic believer. Don’t let that thought scare you. Being charismatic in the biblical sense simply means that you have been given a spiritual gift by the Holy Spirit.

None of us have weakness, we have strengths. Those strengths are in our gifts. We may think they are little like the little gear but when combined with others and united, they are a powerful mechanism. We are then powerful united by our God given strengths and gifts in One United Body of Christ.

There are the three primary benefits to exercising your spiritual gift: One, God will be glorified. Your spiritual gifts are ultimately designed to bring glory to God.

Two, others will be edified. Spiritual gifts are given to build up the body and lead your body to maturity. If you fail to develop your gifts or let them decline through disuse, your fellow believers will be hurt because they will be deprived of the unique ministry that only you could perform in their lives.

Remember no matter the size of the gear in machine, even the littlest one, will cause the whole machine to falter.

Three, you will be satisfied. Knowing and using your gifts will allow you to discover a significant part of your purpose for living. You will also have a sense of fulfillment and joy in serving others.

Let us now pray to receive the wisdom, foresight, and knowledge of the gifts and calling God is putting on each of us today:

God of love and of life, let us take time to look deep within ourselves and discover the gifts you have blessed us with. May we take the time to direct our lives in a way that best uses our own unique combination of gifts.

May our education help us discover where our strengths and interests lie.

May our faith guide us in realizing our gifts.

May we always be open to the direction of the Spirit and never forget the love you have for each of us.

Give us, O Lord, the perception we need to look within ourselves and discover the beauty and gifts we posses.

Give us the courage to show others the talents they have. Help us serve others in the community and in so doing build up your kingdom.

We ask this through Jesus, our Lord. **Amen.**