## Gifted to Serve

Romans 12:3 (series #21)

## **Introduction**: general principles about spiritual gifts

- Spiritual gifts are not natural abilities
- Gifts are not a sign of spirituality I Cor. 1:7, 11:17
- Spiritual gifts are important to understand I Cor. 12:1
- The Holy Spirit is the determiner I Corinthians 12:11
- The gifts are for the edification of others
  - I Corinthians 14:12
  - I Corinthians 14:26
- The gifts and fruit of the Spirit aren't the same
- You can have a gift and not use it
  - I Timothy 4:14
  - II Timothy 1:6
- Each gift is a characteristic of Christ
- There may be more gifts than the ones mentioned
- I. The connection of verse 3 with verses 1-2
  - A. Present your body as a living sacrifice
  - B. Experience the will of God for your life
- II. The emphasis of "everyone" or "every man"
- III. The warning against pride
  - A. Don't think more highly of yourself I Cor. 4:7
  - B. Think soberly or accurately