

"Notes on Romans 12:6."

- 1-Natural abilities and opportunities are gifts from God bestowed upon and possessed by every child of God.
 - 1-One is fitted for one kind of work.
 - 2-Another is fitted for another work.
 - 1-All gifts come from one Spirit
1-Cor. 12:11.
- 2-Prophecy is first in order here--
Follows in order (Next to working of miracles--1-Cor.12:10)
- 3-The gift of prophecy is associated with the "Understanding of all mysteries, and all knowledge" 1-Cor.13
- 4-And having gifts differing:
 - 1-It would be as unreasonable and unwise to give all Christians the same gift as it would be to give all the members of the body the same function.
 - 2-Since God, through the Spirit, deal them out, all were to exercise humbly and contentedly that gift which God had portioned out to him--hence, according to the proportion of our faith.
 - 3-If the ear refuse to hear--Determine to smell, or to see-Anarchy in the body would be the result.
 - 4-Each Christian, therefore, must retain and uphold the place and station given by the proportion of faith.

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1-1-Cor. 12:28
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2-Acts 19:6; The 12 men of Ephesus prophesied and spoke in tongues.
3-Acts 21:8-11; The four daughters of Philip prophesied and Agabus also.
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- 7-1-Cor. 13:8-9; Prophecies shall pass
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