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Today's Scripture Passage:

Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. Don't be impressed with yourself. Don't compare yourself with others. Each of you must take responsibility for doing the creative best you can with your own life. Galatians 6:4-5 (The Message Translation)

Two critical questions to answer...

- Who are you?
- What work has God given you to do?

Spiritual gifts are not...

- Personality traits
- Natural talents
- The fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, etc.)

Spiritual gifts are special attributes given by the Holy Spirit to every member of the Body of Christ according to God's grace for use to serve the church and thus play a vital role in His plan for the redemption of the world.

Lists of spiritual gifts: Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:8-10, 28-30; Ephesians 4:11; and 1 Peter 4:9-11.

Main motivation for using our gifts: So that God gets the glory because we have built up the body of Christ and pre-Christians have taken notice and will respond to God's redemptive love and His redemptive community, the church.

Sermon Notes

Galatians 6:4-5

1. Make a careful _____ of who you are and the work you have been given
2. _____ yourself into that
3. Don't be impressed with _____.
4. Don't _____ yourself with others.
2 Cor. 10:12
5. Each of you must _____
for doing the creative best you can with your own life.