*Series: Life in the Spirit, 4*

A Gifted Life

**Romans 12:1-8, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11**

**Ephesians 4:11, 1 Peter 4:11**

Foundational truth: The Holy Spirit imparts a spiritual gift to every Christian, when they believe. The life ‘gifted’ by God is:

A life of humility: the greek word for Gift is charis, which means grace

**1 Cor. 12:11**

A life of blessing: the purpose of spiritual gifts is to edify the local church

**Romans 12:6-8**

A life of discovery: a believer needs to be involved and ministering in the church, to find out where their gifting is, to see how others confirm their life

A life of zeal: Paul taught young Timothy to ‘fan into flame the gift of God’

**2 Timothy 1:6**

*Conclusions:*

God loves the church

His desire goes far beyond salvation, he wants the local church to thrive and prosper

Having one gift does not exclude me from other spheres of ministry

“To focus on our gifts is to focus on ourselves. To focus on maturity and building up the body of Christ is to focus on God and others.” *Gene Getz*