

5 Day Devotional for the week of March 1, 2026

This week's five day devotional will be taking a deeper dive into the sermon from this weekend. Throughout the week, we'll explore the gifts of God and how they operate through us with character, purpose, and divine calling.

Day 1

Romans 11:29 for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable.

The theme for today's devotional centers around the profound truth that the gifts and the calling of God are without repentance. This means that God's gifts operate in us, irrespective of our current spiritual state. The essence of the sermon reminds us that while these gifts will function, they should never be mistaken as an indicator of our spiritual maturity or intimacy with Christ. The focus is not only on possessing these gifts but also on nurturing a character that aligns with the nature of God.

Reflecting on the sermon, it's imperative to understand the significance of having a good character. Spiritual gifts might be visible, but character is what sustains one's relationship with God and the community. Thus, seeking wisdom, revelation, and a deeper knowledge of God should be our aim, ensuring we remain true and obedient to His calling. The gifts are supplementary to our walk with God, rather than defining it.

- Have you reflected on the gifts God has given you, without focusing solely on your skills?
- In what ways do you think God is calling you to use your gifts in harmony with developing your character?
- How can you ensure that your spiritual gifts are not used as markers of spiritual authority in your life?
- Pray for the spirit of wisdom and revelation in your life.
- Ask God to help you see where you can improve your character alongside the gifts He has bestowed upon you.

Day 2

Romans 12

The focus for today is on understanding the different gifts as mentioned in Romans 12, and how they fit within our lives. These gifts are designed to complete the body of Christ, each of us

contributing to the whole. The sermon called to mind the understanding that none of these gifts are meant for glory but for God's purpose and function within the church.

Every gift is integral, whether it's mercy, teaching, or leadership. Recognizing where you sit within this mix allows you to grasp how God uniquely equipped you. This understanding prevents the misconstrued hierarchy that sometimes arises among believers. It's a reminder that every part is necessary for the body to function effectively, without which the church cannot fulfill her mission.

- Have you identified which of the gifts from Romans 12 aligns most with your personality?
- How can you further develop this gift to serve the body of Christ effectively?
- Do you find yourself comparing your gifts to others? How can you overcome this to focus on God's calling for your life?
- Pray for clarity in identifying and using your spiritual gifts.
- Ask God to help you celebrate the gifts of others without a spirit of comparison.

Day 3

Ephesians 4

Today we delve into Ephesians 4, which discusses the Fivefold Ministry. The sermon highlighted that these roles are not hierarchical, but rather functional to equip the saints for ministry. Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers each play a vital role in building up the body of Christ, ensuring that the church reaches unity and maturity in faith.

Understanding these roles eradicates the myth that any position is above reproach. The emphasis is on collaboration and service, not establishing a hierarchy. It encourages believers to recognize and respect each gift, appreciating the purpose it serves in making the church more effective in its mission.

- Which of the Fivefold Ministries resonates most with the work God has called you to?
- How can you contribute to fostering unity within your church community through your ministry?
- What steps can you take to value all members of the church, irrespective of their role?
- Pray for unity within the church and the effective operation of the Fivefold Ministry.
- Seek God's guidance in identifying your role and responsibility within this framework.

Day 4

1 Corinthians 12:28 And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues.

This day's scripture underscores the divine order and appointment within the church. When we recognize the gifts as part of God's plan, it helps balance creative tension within the church, such as that between teachers and prophets. Embracing the diversity without attempting to fit it into preconceived notions brings out the strength of the church.

The sermon reminds us that apostles, prophets, and teachers were given to help establish a foundation of understanding and bring direction and clarity. Appropriate balance and integration of these teachings lead to a more cohesive community that can focus on structure, adaptability, and holistic growth.

- How do you understand God's appointment of roles within the church?
- In what ways can you actively participate in bringing unity and balance in your church?
- How do you respond to other leaders' gifts in your church community?
- Pray for humility and wisdom as you work with different gifts within the church.
- Ask for strength in embracing diversity in how God appoints roles in the body of Christ.

Day 5

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus

The message today concludes with a focus on the ultimate mediator, Jesus Christ. The sermon emphasized that no leader or gift stands between us and God, highlighting the personal relationship each believer can have with God, accessed through Jesus. While the gifts equip and guide, our relationship with Christ is paramount.

The purpose of God's gifts is not to elevate individuals but to draw collective attention toward His kingdom. It is a reminder that no gift or role should cause division; rather, everything must reflect Christ's love and purpose. The ultimate goal for everyone is to become more Christ-like and to represent His kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

- Have you been seeking a mediator other than Christ in your spiritual walk?
- In what ways can you deepen your personal relationship with Jesus?

- How can you ensure your gifts are contributing to the growth of God's kingdom rather than self-promotion?
- Pray for a deeper understanding of Jesus as the sole mediator in your life.
- Ask for guidance in using your gifts for the true enhancement of God's kingdom.