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**Open Heaven River Wild – Part 5**

*Unwrapping God’s Gifts*

* Boldness and joy: **Acts 4:13, 31 / Ephesians 5:18**
* **The nature of God’s gifts**

They originate in His pure heart.

Lift Him up as the giver, not the gift itself.

Gifts lift up Jesus, meet needs & build His Church.

**Gifts for everyone**

1. ***The Father’s Gifts:* Grace gifts that emphasize God’s motivations.**

**Romans 12:1 – Grace / Motivational gifts** (7 gifts)

* **Differences** and diversity is God’s plan.
* **Categories:** speaking **and** doing. (**Colossians 3:17)**
1. ***The Son’s Gifts:* Ministry & Governmental gifts that emphasize equipping**

**Ephesians 4:11-16 - Equipping** & **Edifying** (5 gifts)

1. ***The Holy Spirit’s Gifts:* Empowering Gifts - emphasize service**

(9 gifts)

**1 Corinthians 12:1, 4-11**

Ignorance in Corinthian church bred malpractice & frustration.

Public practice of gifts Vs private ‘devotional’ tongue.

**Diversity** makes a place for all of us: 9 gifts categorized as follows:

Gifts that ‘say’ / ‘do’ / ’see’ something.

**1 Corinthians 14:1** *Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts,…*

**Exhortation**

**Ephesians 4:16**

We **all** have a part to play as ambassadors: permission & power

**Notes**

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