

Discussion questions:

1-If God gave us gifts for the common good of His church and all of those gifts are necessary in the body (the church) is it a sin for a Christian not to give themselves to a local church who can benefit from their gifts?

2-Do you think we make the mistake of assigning value to people based on their usefulness to us/the church? We have Pastor appreciation day, we have all sorts of acknowledgments for the people who teach and lead us most obviously, but do we often fail to honor celebrate and encourage those with less public gifts and ministry operations? Why do we have this tendency? What does it say about us?

3-Does it bother you that Paul ranks the gifts, demonstrating that some are in fact more significant in the shaping of the church than others? Does it strike you as a contradiction to assert the necessity and value of all of the gifts, but to then rank them in hierarchical order?

4-Do you wish we would hurry up and talk about how you identify yourself gift?