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“Believers are all one in Christ Jesus, but we must endeavor to make that spiritual unity a practical reality in our daily lives. Satan uses people who like to have their own way.”

Warren Wiersbe, With The Word

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As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another,
as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1 Peter 4:10

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Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;

Romans 12:6

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Overview Of Spiritual Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:4, There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

The Holy Spirit gives you spiritual gifts.

List of gifts: **1 Corinthians 12:7-11**

1 Corinthians 12:5, There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.

Jesus gives you leadership.

List of leadership positions: **Ephesians 4:11-16**

1 Corinthians 12:6, And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.

The Father gives you a role in the body of Christ.

List of roles: **Romans 12:4-8**

Leadership Positions

Apostles

The office of apostle is fulfilled by those who have spiritual authority beyond the local church.

Prophets

The office of prophet is fulfilled by those who speak God's Word to nations.

Evangelists

The office of evangelist is fulfilled by those who bring the gospel to unbelievers.

Pastor Teachers

The office of pastor-teacher is fulfilled by those who minister to a local gathering of believers.

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2. I Will Receive The Leaders That Jesus Gives (v8-11)

“ Jesus established these offices. They are the work and appointment of Jesus, not men. Though pretenders may lay claim to them, the offices themselves are a Divine institution and not a human invention. ”

David Guzik, Enduring Word Commentary

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“ The role of these leaders is to minister the Word to the saints in the church so the saints can minister the Word in the world. All the saints should participate in service, not just the leaders. Every Christian has a gift or gifts with which he or she can serve. ”

Thomas Constable, Expository Notes Of Dr. Thomas Constable

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3. I Will Receive The Training My Leaders Provide (v12-15)

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive,
for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give
account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for
that would be unprofitable for you.

Hebrews 13:17

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4. I Will Do My Share In The Body Of Christ (v16)

“Some people think of the church as a pyramid, with the pastor at the top. Others think of the church as a bus driven by the pastor, who takes his passive passengers where they should go. But God wants us to see the church as a body, where every part does its share.”

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4. I Will Do My Share In The Body Of Christ (v16)

“ We call the pastor of a church a minister, but if you are a Christian, you are as much a minister as he is. The pastor has a special gift of teaching the Word of God so that his members might do the work of the ministry. I am afraid we have the church in reverse today. ”

J. Vernon McGee, Thru The Bible Commentary

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