



SHAPED: WHAT YOU DO BEST

You Were Made for This – Part 1

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Ephesians 2:8-10

GRACE & WORK

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CHARIS & CHARISMATA

There's a difficulty in introducing people to the idea that Paul was concerned with ministry assignments rather than special abilities. The difficulty is that **many people assume that the Greek word *charisma* actually means "spiritual gift," or "a special Spirit-given ability."**

-- Kenneth Berding, *What Are Spiritual Gifts?*

"The charisma granted to each is not so much a supernatural gift as the call of the Spirit to serve the church."

--George Eldon Ladd

Role Shaped Gifts

Roles of Equipping

Ephesians 4:11

¹¹ So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹² **to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up** ¹³ until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Roles of Body Life

Romans 12:4-6a

⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same **function**, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form **one body**, and each member belongs to all the others. ^{6A} We have **different gifts (*charismata*)**, according to the grace given to each of us.

Roles of Serving for the Common Good

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts (*charismata*), but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. ⁷ **Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.**

Roles of Serving for the Common Good

1 Corinthians 12:27, 31

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ... ³¹ Now eagerly **desire the greater gifts (*charismata*)**.

Spirit Shaped People

Ephesians 2:10

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God Saves Us

God Gives Us Opportunity

God Shapes Us for Service

God Stretches Us, Assigns Us, Teaches Us, Blesses Us, Proves Us, and Fulfills Us