

**Sermon Outline**  
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**Each Belongs to All**  
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**The evil of self-ishness**

**Selfish** *adjective* (of a person, action, or motive) lacking consideration for others; concerned chiefly with one's own personal profit or pleasure.

**The example of Jesus Christ**

Accept your gifts v. 3-6a

[3] For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

[4] For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, [5] so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. [6] Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them:

**Spiritual gifts:** “Special abilities bestowed by God to do certain kinds of service in the kingdom of God with the result that God’s blessings come uniquely upon the servant and those who receive the service” (*anonymous*)

*God has distributed these gifts:*

[6b] if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; [7] if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; [8] the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (ESV)

**The list is partial. What about the sign gifts?**

**The permanent gifts:**

1. Prophecy/preaching
2. Serving
3. Teaching
4. Encouragement
5. Contributing to the needs of others
6. Leadership
7. Showing Mercy