

Romans: The Foundation of Our Faith

Student Study Guide

Part Five

*Unless otherwise marked scripture is from the NKJV Bible.

Romans 8:1-4

1 *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Freedom from condemnation.

Romans 8:1-4

Therefore; is an interjection, meaning; an interruption of thought, and the announcing of a conclusion.

Therefore, is also found in Romans 3:20:

20 Therefore, by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in His sight.

Describes the result of condemnation.

Romans 8:1

Uses the word therefore; Now, there is no condemnation!

Romans 8:2

The Law cannot claim you. You have been set free.

Romans 8:3

The Law cannot condemn you.

Jesus has accepted all the condemnation from sin for you.

Romans 8:4

The Law cannot control you. You now have power from the Holy Spirit!

Paul's new term: The Law of the Spirit of Life.

Paul's new emphasis:

1. Freedom
2. Spirit (Spirit, is used more than 20 times in Romans Chapter 8)

You can live a victorious Christian life in the real world because, you have been given the power of the Spirit.

The Spirit enables you to live a full, abundant life the same way Jesus declared and the Scripture teaches.

You are to now walk after the Spirit, not after the flesh, thus no condemnation remains.

Definition of condemnation: Judgment of guilt for a crime committed.

Walking after the Spirit and walking after the flesh are not the same, nor are these two walks compatible with one another, nor should they co-exist together.

The way you tell the difference between the two walks, the Spirit or the flesh, each one is headed in the opposite directions!

Romans 8:5-17

5For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.

6For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.

7Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.

8So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

9But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

10And if Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness.

11But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

12Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

13For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

14For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

15For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

16The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

17and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.

Freedom from defeat.

You owe no debt or obligation to your old nature; not the old man, not the old ways, and not old bad habits.

Do not allow your old life of flesh to enter into your new Spirit life by saying things like:

That’s just the way that I am.

I’ve got to be me.

That’s the way that I was raised.

These are all examples of living in defeat.

Your freedom in Christ changed your life, now allow it to proper in you, so that it will root and grow.

The contrast of walking in the Spirit or walk of the flesh is not about two different kinds of Christians but, is about those who are Christians and, those who are not.

Romans 8:6

Death, contrasts the life in Jesus Christ.

Romans 8:7

War with God, contrasts the peace with God.

Romans 8:8

Pleasing self, contrasts pleasing God.

When you were born into the family of God, you were given adult status as soon as your will could accept it.

You possessed adult status as soon as you received the Spirit of adoption and became one of the sons of God.

During biblical times, when a Roman male turned twenty-five years old and was a biological son, he was adopted into his own family and was given status, the weight of authority in the family name, and he was given his inheritance.

This is not like the adoption we think of today, adopting an orphan.

When a Christian matures and turned of age in a spiritual sense, meaning you are ready and willing to live a dedicated life as described in Romans Chapter 12, you possess adult status.

A baby Christian can: Choose to make decisions concerning the will of God, can choose to make a decision to follow and to obey the will of God. A baby Christian can choose to walk-in obedience and be led by the Spirit of God, and can receive the Father's blessing!

Do not let your youthfulness be an excuse for poor or bad behavior! Flee, youthful lusts! At any maturity age, you are capable of immaturity.

Romans 8:18-30

18For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

19For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

20For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected *it* in hope;

21because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

22For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.

23Not only *that*, but we also who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body.

24For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees?

25But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for *it* with perseverance.

26Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit *is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to *the will of God*.

28And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

29For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

31What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us?

32He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

33Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies.

34Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.

35Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

36As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

Freedom from frustration.

God has provided for you in this life.

What you possess:

1. You are given a new position, possessing full legal status as a son; Heirs of God jointly with Jesus Christ.
2. You are given a new and glorious future. The spiritual rewards of discipleship far outweigh the present costs, it will be worth it all!

Quote from John Calvin: The present sufferings are as the pain of birth, not the pain of death.

3. You are given a new power in prayer as the Holy Spirit intercedes through you, praying with proper direction, with clean motives, and with perfect fluency.

Groaning

Romans 8:18-22

Creation groans.

Romans 8:23-25

Believers groan.

Romans 8:25-30

The Holy Spirit groans.

All of this groaning is because we are not yet home. The future for Believers is glorious in Jesus Christ, we have only tasted future glory and we want more, thus the groaning!

Victorious living does not mean that nothing bad will ever happen to you as a Believer.

Definition by examples of the term, bad stuff:

Things aren't going as you had planned.

You had hoped for something better.

You told them what to do; but they just won't listen to reason.

Uncomfortable situations and choices.

Painful relationships.

Unnecessary distractions.

You alone are in charge of the decisions of your life.

Romans 8:28

The born-again, Spirit-led, Spirit-filled Christian Believer believe this verse.

Harriet Eaton writes, Nothing ever happens to a child of God. It is either permitted or sent.

The protection of the plan of God in your life and everything that happens, is for a purpose that God has ordained in some way.

Good luck verses bad luck? Luck does not exist. Luck is a fantasy and is a way to blame or credit something that does not exist.

There are required qualifications for the benefit of Romans 8:28 to apply in your life, they are:

1. You love God.
2. You are called. You are the called-out one.
3. You are called according to His purpose.

All good and bad things are actively working in your life for your long-term benefit.

Joseph received a good coat, then on the surface a lot of bad things happened to his life, but God had a plan for him and his family!

God has a singular purpose in mind for you, for you to be changed!

Romans 8:29

You are to be conformed to the exact likeness of Jesus Christ!

Romans 8:31-39

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36As it is written:

"For Your sake we are killed all day long;
We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter."

37Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

38For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

39nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Freedom from fear is available to you. Paul gives you great assurances in these verses because, while things are working for your ultimate good, you can have a tendency to lose sight of God's love and care for you.

Romans 8:31

God is for you.

Genesis 42:36

36And Jacob their father said to them, You have bereaved me: Joseph is no more, Simeon is no more, and you want to take Benjamin. All these things are against me.

Jacob: All these things are against me.

Romans 8:32

Christ died for you.

Romans 8:33

God justified you; declared you to be righteous in His sight.

Romans 8:34

Jesus Christ intercedes for you.

Romans 8:35-39

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God loves you!

Romans 8:35

Read this verse each way:

The Love of Christ referring to; His love towards you.

The Love of Christ referring to; your love towards Him.

35Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Romans 8:37

Your full-hearted trust in Him permits His love to work on your behalf.

In all these things, meaning the things of Romans 8:28 that are actively and currently working for you!

28And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose.

Paul is teaching you that you are overwhelmingly more than a just a conqueror, simply because He loves you!

37Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

The walk of the Spirit comes through Him who loves you, and He gives you His freedom, strength and power.

Now! Paul says, move into your available freedom!

Discovery of a spiritual law illustrated through science:

The phenomenon of flying, thrust and lift, does not break the Law of Gravity, neither does flying, break the Law of Aerodynamics.

The phenomenon of flying, thrust and lift, supersedes both scientific Laws of Gravity and Aerodynamics!

The law of Sin and Death can be applied to the illustration of Gravity and Aerodynamics.

When you live your life unproductively without the power of walking in the Spirit, essentially you are staying on the ground unable to fly.

You now are given the law of the Spirit of Life, and as a Spirit filled believer, that causes you to be thrust and lifted higher in your spiritual walk.

Introduction to Romans 12

Paul's pattern of writing in Romans can be broken down into these topic Chapters:

Romans Chapters 1-5

You learned the Gospel and were taught doctrine and theory.

Romans Chapters 6-8

You learned how to apply the Gospel truth and how truth relates to your life.

Romans Chapters 12-16

You learned how to live the Gospel and what your new priorities, values, and decisions should be.

Mark 4:20

20But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.

Paul's teaching parallels the words of Jesus, in Mark 4:20, hear the word, receive the word and, bring forth fruit from the word.

Likewise, Paul says know the Gospel, apply the Gospel and live the Gospel.

God's goodness has done so much for you; He has saved you, restored you, blessed you, healed you, given you a reason to live; He has given you power to live and a new destiny.

In Romans Chapter 12 Paul says, now it is time for you to do something for Him, sacrifice.

Romans 12:1-2

1I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

2And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Sacrifice in the Old Testament involved the death of an animal.

A living sacrifice, of the Believer refers to the death and resurrection of the Believer in Christ. A living sacrifice cries out joyfully and with gratitude, I want to do something for God!

This is not a sacrifice mandated by the Law of Moses, nor a sacrifice to gain Salvation.

Salvation is not merely designed to fireproof you from hell and preserve you for heaven, but Salvation is intended to transform you into useful servants of the Most holy God.

Romans 12:1-2

Contains the will of God for your life and, are directional points like a compass, pointing you and the corporate Christian church in the right direction.

Romans 12:1a

Paul is bending down onto his knees and he is humbly begging you to commit to God's banner of mercy over you when he says, I beseech you!

God has surrounded you with people who need to see you as an example of Christian commitment. Then need to see you walking faithfully, compassionately, and intelligently as a true Believer in Jesus Christ.

Romans 12:1a NIV

1Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy,

Romans 12:1b

The level of your worship and service to God is to be done with complete and total commitment.

When you see what God has done for you in His mercy, any restrictions you place upon Him becomes unreasonable.

Passive thought regarding commit level:

Do not think that the commitment level of Pastors and Missionaries should be set at a level of 100%, while Leaders in the Body of Christ commitment level should be set at 50%, and that young Christians who might be frightened by the talk of 100% commitment level, are okay with displaying only a 10% level of commitment.

All Believers should be functioning at 100% commitment level!

Romans 12:2a

The demand of commitment level you are to display as a Believer is the process of conforming and being changed into the likeness of Christ Jesus.

Phillips translates of Romans 12:2a:

Do not let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold.

Your Christian life should be lived in uniformity with all your environments; your walk and talk should be the same at work, at home, at play, and at church.

Being transformed involves being changed from the inside out, and is a metamorphosis process.

It is a gradual process that the Holy Spirit works within you.

This metamorphosis occurs during prayer, Bible study, singing, praising, worship, meditation, serving, in ministry and in just plain fellowship with one another!

Paul is teaching that the truth of Romans 12:1-2 should be fully developed in you before you learn and teach about the gifts of ministry, motivation, and service!

3-Steps of commitment to Jesus Christ.

Step 1 Give Jesus Christ your body; your entire being. A picture of a living sacrifice can be seen in Isaac volunteering and lay himself upon the altar to be sacrificed.

Step 2 Give Jesus Christ your mind. Allow your renewing and transformation process to take place by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Step 3 Give Jesus Christ your will and discover His wonderful will for you.

James R. Edwards, commentary on Romans;

The faith which saves is a faith that must be lived. The righteousness which comes to you in Christ must become rooted within you through the Spirit.

Romans 12:3-8

3For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.

4For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,

5so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

6Having 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;

7or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching;

8he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

The gifts of grace are for you and the gifts of grace cannot be earned; they can only be received. All the gifts are of equal importance; and we need all of them functioning within the Body of Christ.

Romans 12:3

First key to the gifts, is having the correct view of yourself and your gifts.

Major mistakes:

Belittling and demeaning the gift that God has given to you or refusing to use the gifts that God has given to you.

Every Believer has at least one spiritual gift!

These verses do not contain a complete catalogue of the Gifts. There are more in I Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 4.

Romans 12:4-5

Second key to the gifts, is having the correct view of others and their gifts. We are many who form One Body of Christ.

Major Mistake:

Living as solitary islands or as a solo act in the Body of Christ. When you isolate your gifts from the Body of Christ you prevent yourself from being needed in your gifting and you are preventing others gifting being able to give their gifting to you.

You should respect and honor others giftings and never judge others gifts as out of order, or out of place.

You are not to just respect and tolerance the gifts of others, you are to recognize and appreciate the function of other gifts and know that you need them in your own life and, that the Body needs them all working together in the local church.

Romans 12:6-8

Christians are to accept the diversity of gifts in the unified Body of Christ.

Paul's illustration is of a body working in harmony. Paul gives you a picture of how cooperative and smooth the gifts working together should look like.

You would never cut off your hand because you think it's useless nor would you give yourself a black eye just because you don't like the way your eye sees or looks. Every part of the body should work together to benefit the whole body and no part of the body should desire to destroy the other parts of the body.

Romans 12:9-21

9Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.

10Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

11not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;

12rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;

13distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

14Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.

15Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

16Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

17Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men.

18If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but *rather* give place to wrath; for it is written, Vengeance *is* Mine, I will repay, says the Lord.

20 Therefore, If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head.

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Paul writes about gifts, and without a break in his material, he then writes in verses 9-21, about your relationship to others.

You know who you are:

You understand that you are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ and, that you are righteous before God by Jesus Christ sacrificial work on Calvary and, that you have been given special gifts of ministry by the grace of God bestowing them to you through the Holy Spirit.

Now, the fruit of all this process is born; it is the fruit of being involved in a ministry of edification and involved in the service of love to others!

Christians should never be in the business of excommunicating other Christians because of their gifting. You are called to a higher standard of reconciliation and expectance of the gifts in the Body of Christ.

Romans 12:10

Is being brought about in your life through honoring one another.

Romans 12:11

Be diligent and fervent in your service.

Romans 12:12

Rejoice, persevere and pray.

Romans 12:13

Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:14

Give back good for evil.

Romans 12:15-16

Bind to one another in joy and sorrow.

Romans 12:16b

Do not think of yourself as wise.

Romans 12:17a

Do not give back evil for evil.

Romans 12:17b

Respect what is right, and do it.

Romans 12:18-21

Live in peace without revenge.

Paul's conclusion is that you are to overcome evil with good!

Recap of the message of Romans 12.

Romans 12:1

Present yourself, as a total dedication unto God!

Romans 12:2

Be transformed, not succumbing to being pressured by the culture around you, but be radically changed from the inside-out!

Romans 12:3-21

Do the life of service unto others.

The total giving of yourself to God means; you learn the Gospel, you offer up your bodies as a Living Sacrifice by applying the Gospel, and you let your mind be transformed as you live out the Gospel, daily surrendering your will to God's will.

Paul is urging and begging you, he is not asking you for some of your time, some of your effort, and some of your resources, money. Paul is not asking you for a tithe of your time, a tithe of your effort, or a tithe of your resources, money. (Tithe meaning 10% of 100)

What Paul is asking is for a total commitment, once and for all! Paul calls this level 100% commitment and he states that 100% is a reasonable demand!

The Body of Christ, has many parts and each believer has a specific purpose; complimenting one another in the Body.

The discovery of our motivation gift, is given by the Holy Spirit.

Each believer is instructed to be functional and active in all the motivations, but there will be one or two of the giftings that will bring great joy to your life.

Your gifting will not feel like you are being forced or pushed, but will feel like a true flow that comes from deep within you; that is called, your motivation.

Look for the gifts and motivations within the Body of Christ, when you see others as God see's others and except them, you are more able to accept yourself as God sees you.

All members are important and should function together. Every member of the Body of Christ has gifts.

Definition of the word Gift:

Anything voluntarily transferred by one person to another without compensation. To endow with some power or faculty.

Greek word for Gift: Vine's Expository Dictionary is Charisma.

Charisma Meaning: A gift of grace by God endowing Believers by the Holy Spirit.

I Corinthians 12:4-7

4There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord.

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

7But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

I Corinthians Chapter 12, verses 4-7, gives you the categories of the different gifts in the Body of Christ.

Administrations or Motivations, verse 12:5.

Motivation: The inward drive that impels your; vision.

Operations or Offices, verse 12:6.

Operation: Ministry or office.

Manifestations or Demonstrations, verse 12:7.

Manifestation: The visible result of ministry in action.

Each level will be addressed before this study on the book of Romans is complete.

We will build from the most basic level, Motivation.

Romans 12:6b-9 NIV

6We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;

7if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach;

8if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

9Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

Understanding of the gifts is never meant to box you in to a limited area or function.

Instead, understanding is meant to encourage you to have the freedom to be the person God wants you to be and not what other people want you to be.

The Result of understanding your freedom will allow you to grow into maturity and will bring order in the local Body of Christ.

The gifts of motivation.

Your motivational gifts are basic and deep within you, they shape and form your personality.

Your motivational gift can be used as God intended, or your gift can be ignored and neglected or even be abused.

Each gift God has given meets necessary need in the Body of Christ.

The gifts are:

Prophecy: The Perceiver

One who sees and speaks the will and truth of God.

This person feels the need for the truth to be spoken or proclaimed.
They often can seem straightforward in their behaviors and, they touch the root of a situation or a relationship.

Ministry: The Server

One who serves others in meeting physical needs.
Example: bakers, cooks, janitors, cleaners, gardeners, mechanics, baby-sitters.

Teaching: The Teacher

This person wants truth and doctrine clarified.
They love research and factual information.
Teachers need to know, Why? And will communicate that truth to others in understandable terms.

Exhorting: The Encourager

They desire to build up and lift up the brethren.
They will remind you of God's promises when you just know that a situation is hopeless.
One who stimulates the faith of others; encourages others to trust God, and experience victory.

Giving: The Giver

This person is moved to give or fund special projects or efforts.
This giving is not tithing, but much more.
They give time, influence, effort, and money.
Givers may or may not have a great deal of money.

Ruling: The Administrator

One who organizes others toward the task; a group leader.
This person coordinates the activity of others toward the common goal, and through a certain perspective, they see, The Big Picture.
It may be expressed by the phrase; I didn't think of that!

Mercy: The Compassionate One

One who sees who is hurting and gives care and ministers to the emotional support of others.

Your motivation gift will:

Shape your personality development;
help you put into order your resources;
flavor all your thinking;
help you see what others do not see!

You are only one part of a Body, the other members of the Body are equally important for the proper function of the whole Body.

There is an easy test to help you tell which motivational gift you have; great joy comes to you when you are functioning **IN** your motivation gift.

Or, great frustration comes when you are trying to be something you are not; attempting to function **OUTSIDE** of your motivational gift.

The Teacup Incident:

At a fellowship dinner, one of the people serving the tea trips and falls. The tray of cups, saucers, and the teapot are scattered and broken when they strike the floor. Motivated by what they see as the need that they can best fill, The Team leaps into action.

Prophecy: The Perceiver, immediately sees the activity and declares in a loud voice, There has been an accident. The attention of all is gained and the action spreads further.

Mercy: The Compassionate One, goes to the side of the person and begins to comfort them and to see if they are bruised in any way.

Ruling: The Administrator, begins to coordinate the cleanup and recovery team.

Ministry: The Server, starts picking up the pieces, some of the servers will clean the floor, and some of the servers will begin to make some new tea.

The Giver: has already left the building to obtain the cups, saucers, and teapot that will be needed for replacements.

Exhortation: The Encourager, joins in to emphasize to the person that they are very appreciated in their effort, and to continue their ministry of service as unto God. They add that the thought of quitting is out of the question!

Finally, we hear the voice of the Teacher.

The Teacher: Teaching the cause of the accident as discovered and announces the information of all to learn from.

In this fictional scenario, we are able to see the need for all the Motivational Gifts to be present and functioning and, we also see each ministry for the very important contribution each gives.

I Peter 4:10 NIV

10Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.