

In every culture, in every nation, and in all church history, Christians have suffered for their faith, except in America. Why? And for how long?

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1:3-5 I thank God, whom I serve with a clear conscience the way my forefathers did, as I constantly remember you in my prayers night and day, 4 longing to see you, even as I recall your tears, so that I may be filled with joy. 5 For I am mindful of the sincere faith within you, which first dwelt in your grand-mother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am sure that it is in you as well.

### KEY TERMS

- 1. Paul's memory
  - 1:3 remember (μνεία) (mneia)
  - 1:4 recall (μιμνήσκομαι) (mimneskomai)
  - 1:5 mindful (ὑπόμνησις) (huomnesis)
  - 1:6 remind (ἀναμιμνήσκω)(anamimveskw)

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1Cor 12:1 - πνευματικός (pneumatikos)

χάρισμα (charisma)

Heb 2:4 - μερισμός (merismos)

Eph 4:7 - χάρις (charis)

1Pet 4:10 - χάρισμα (charisma)

# LISTS

- >1Pet 4 2 Categories
- **Eph 4 Foundational Gifts**
- >1Cor 12-14 Misuse of Gifts
- >Rom 12 Major Church Gifts
- >Not comprehensive lists -
- >Infinite combinations

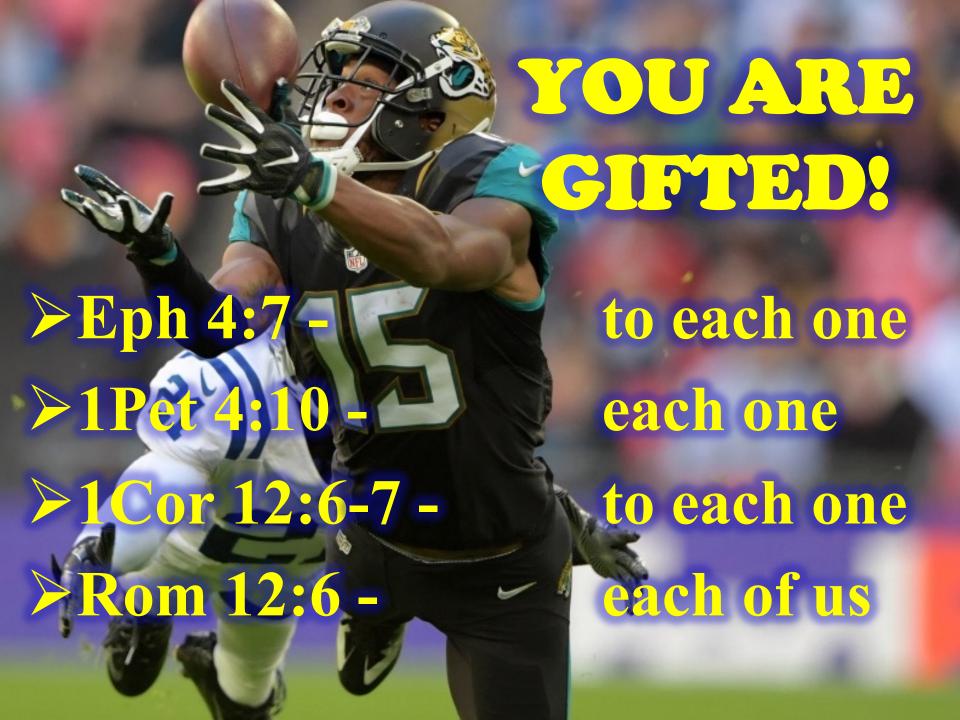
## DESCRIPTION

- 1. Not-Natural
- 2. Not Office
- 3. Spiritual
- 4. Gracious
- 5. Vary
- 6. Abused









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Our Lord will provide every resource we need in a hostile culture!!!