

Friday, January 19, 2007

## **QT THOTS**

My wife and I have been sick and confined to bed most of the last 3 weeks, but are gradually coming out of the cave of coughs and congestion. Thus, I haven't been doing much writing; but I expect to resume over the weekend. We have not stopped praying. Romans 12:1-8 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your [gifts] as a living sacrifice, ... to God, [this] is your spiritual worship. How can I best serve [worship] God? By discovering and using the gifts he has given me. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: We have gifts! Each one of us has at least one gift. Some many have more than one. None of us have "nothing to offer". Here is one short list. There are other lists and other gifts. Each is from the Lord and given to us in God's plan for our lives. Note that none of them is a Profession in itself nor are they gender or age specific or confined to a church box Preaching, proclaiming, communicating, pastoring (shepherding), teaching, mentoring, exhortation, counseling, generosity, hospitality, leading, organizing, compassion, works of mercy, be transformed by the renewing of your minds, ... to think ... according to the [gift] that God has assigned. Many of us would be transformed, if we learn to think about ourselves, our lives, according to our God-given gifts and abilities, our aptitudes and strengths. This means not measuring ourselves in terms of others or of their expectations of us. Our assignment today is to be what God has assigned us to be

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