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Exalting, Equipping, Evangelizing

Bible Study

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SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Definition: Divine enablements for ministry that the Holy Spirit gives to all believers. These gifts are completely under His control and used for the building of the church and for unity within the church.

Lesson Objectives:

1. To make believers aware of the spiritual gifts listed in the Bible. *1st Corinthians 12:1*
2. To help believers discover what their spiritual gift or gifts are: *1st Corinthians 12:4-6*
3. To encourage believers to use their gift in their local church. *1st Corinthians 12:7*

Gift of Leadership

Description: The divine enablement to cast vision, motivate, and direct people to harmoniously accomplish the purposes of God.

Scripture References: *Romans 12:8; Luke 22:24-26; Hebrews 13:17*

Distinctives: People with this gift:

- Provide direction for God's people or ministry.
- Motivate others to perform to the best of their abilities.
- Present the "big picture" for others to see.
- Model the values of the ministry.
- Take responsibility and establish goals.

Traits: Influential, diligent, visionary, trustworthy, motivating, and goal setter.

Cautions: People with this gift:

- Should realize their relational credibility takes time and is critical for leadership effectiveness.
- Should remember that servant leadership is the biblical model, the greatest being the servant of all.
- Do not need to be in a leadership "position" to use this gift.

Could this be my spiritual gift? _____ Yes _____ No _____ Not Sure

Gift of Mercy

Description: The divine enablement to cheerfully and practically help those who are suffering or in need, having compassion that is moved to action.

Scripture References: *Romans 12:8; Matthew 5:7; Mark 10:46-52; Luke 10:25-37*

Distinctives: People with this gift:

- Focus upon alleviating the sources of pain or discomfort in suffering people.
- Address the needs of the lonely and forgotten.
- Extend love, grace, and dignity to those facing hardships and crisis.
- Serve in difficult or unsightly circumstances and do so cheerfully.
- Concern themselves with individual or social issues that oppress people.

Traits: Caring, responsive, kind, compassionate, sensitive, and burden-bearing.

Cautions: People with this gift:

- Need to be aware that rescuing people from their pain may be hindering God's work in them.
- Need to guard against feeling "unappreciated" since some of the people helped will not show or express any appreciation.
- Should guard against becoming defensive and angry about the sources of others pain.

Could this be my spiritual gift? _____ Yes _____ No _____ Not Sure