

Message Series Program Notes: 1 Corinthians *Unity out of Division*
Spiritual Gifts Pt. 6
1 Corinthians 12:8-11, 28-31; Romans 12:4-8
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Spiritual Gift Categories

1 Corinthians 12:8-11, 28; Ephesians 4:11; Romans 12:4-8

Teaching

Wisdom
Knowledge
Prophecy
Discernment

Signs

Faith
Healing
Miracles
Tongues
Interpretation of
Tongues

Leadership

Apostles
Prophets
Teachers
Shepherd – Teacher
Evangelist
Administration /
Leadership

Serving

Helps / Serving
Giving
Mercy

#4 Serving Gifts

A. Helps / Serving

Definition: Helps / Serving

The ability to work alongside another person or group to assist in completing the task God has given them.

There are two different words that represent this one gift:

Helps (ἀντίληψις): “to bring relief”

Service (διακονία): *Burden barrier* (word picture)

To take the burden off someone else and place it on yourself.

Examples from Scripture:

Epaphroditus (Phil 2); Phoebe (Rom 16); Martha (Luke 10); Deacons (Acts 6)

Do You Have This Gift?

- Do you enjoy helping others become more effective in their work?
- Do you prefer to work behind the scenes?
- When you see a job poorly completed is your first instinct to help correct the situation or to criticize someone’s performance?
- Do you prefer to work in a supportive rather than a leadership capacity?
- When you learn of someone who has a need, do you offer your services?
- When someone asks for your help, do you have difficulty saying no?

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B. Giving

Definition: Giving

The ability to give financially to meet the needs of others and to support the work of Christian ministry.

Contribute / Giving (μεταδίδωμι) “To share or give of one’s own”

Paul is not referencing general giving of oneself but financial giving.
The word has the force of an owned possession or financial value.

Generosity (ἀπλότης) Literally, “Single mindedness, simplicity, purity.”

It means give without ulterior or double motive.

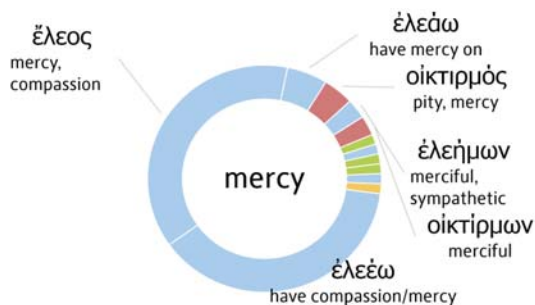
Do You Have This Gift?

- Do you tend to see the financial needs of others more than other people do?
- Do you give to the church regularly, cheerfully and sacrificially?
- Do you find yourself looking for opportunities to give of your resources even when you are not asked?
- Do you save a portion of your resources to give when the opportunity presents itself rather than saving for your own wants or needs?
- Is there an inner satisfaction of giving financially to others or organizations?
- Do others comment on your generosity?

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C. Mercy

The concept of mercy is used seventy-one times in Scripture through **six** words.
It can mean “mercy, compassion, pity, sympathy, propitiate.”



Mercy (*eleēō*) “to show compassion, to extend help.”
ἐλεέω is used the most frequently through the New Testament.
It is used a total of twenty-eight times.

Definition: Mercy

The ability to feel and express deep compassion for those in difficult situations and provide the necessary support to assist them.

The people with the gift of mercy have a special sensitivity to suffering & sorrow.
They can read distress and sadness when others will not notice it.
But this gift is more than sympathetic feelings. It is feelings with action.

Example from Scripture: Good Samaritan – Luke 10:30-37

Do You Have This Gift?

- Do you find yourself being drawn to people who are needy, hurting, sick or elderly?
- Do you often think of ways to minister to those who are suffering?
- Do you sense a great deal of compassion for people who are personally hurting?
- Do you have an inner joy through comforting others?
- Do you find yourself responding to people more out of compassion than duty?

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