

6. Leading – Romans 12:8 Setting goals in accordance with God’s purpose for the future and communicating those to others in a way they are accomplished for the glory of God

Example: Luke 22:25-26

Qualities:

Provide direction for God’s people or ministry

Take responsibility and establish goals

Cast the vision and present the big picture for others to see

Motivate others to perform to the best of their abilities

Like to initiate some form of action and direct efforts of a group

Inspiring, Motivating, Responsible, Initiating, Persuasive, Influential, Trustworthy, Visionary

Everyone is to lead – 1 Timothy 3:12

7. Showing Mercy – Romans 12:8 Giving empathy and compassion to those who suffer

Example: Good Samaritan Luke 10:33-34

Qualities

Focus upon alleviating the sources of pain or discomfort

Address the needs of the hurting, poor, or marginalized,

Express love, grace and dignity to those facing crisis

Serve in difficult or unsightly circumstances and do so cheerfully

Concern themselves with individual and social issues in which

people are treated in a bad way

Empathetic, Compassionate, Sensitive, Tolerant, Caring, Comforting, Responsive, Kind

Everyone is to show mercy – Matthew 25:35-36

Questions

- Which gift or gifts seem to be a part of your life?
 - Talk with your group
 - At home talk with the Lord



Session 2 Romans 12:3-8



The Fellowship
Resources for the Body of Christ

Outline of this Series

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The Basis for Understanding Spiritual Giftings

Thinking About Yourself - Romans 12:3

Thinking About the Body - Romans 12:4-5

Understanding Spiritual Gifts - Romans 12:6-8

1. Prophecy - Romans 12:6

Speaking to people in the “now” about matters with the Lord

1 Corinthians 14:3 Build-Up, Stir-Up, Cheer-Up

Examples: Judas and Silas Acts 15:32

Qualities:

Spend time listening to the Lord through the Word and the Spirit

All speak must agree with the Word of God

Desire to see people walk with God

Pray a lot for people – Genesis 20:7

Everyone can prophecy – 1 Corinthians 14:1

2. Serving (ministry) Romans 12:7

Doing what is needed to cause greater ministry

Mark 10:44 it was the way of Jesus

Examples: Dorcas Acts 9:36; Pheobe Romans 16:1-2; Euodia,

Syntyche and Clement Philippians 4:2-3

Qualities:

Serve behind the scene

Look for opportunities to assist people in their work

Enjoy knowing they are freeing up others to fulfill God’s Call

More willing to take than give directives

Like to attend to the needs of other

Available, willing, Helpful, Reliable, Dependable, Loyal, Humble

Supportive

Everyone is to serve – Galatians 5:13

3. Teaching - Romans 12:7

Communicating clearly the Word of God

Example: Paul 2 Timothy 2:1-2

Qualities:

Communicate Bible to inspire greater obedience to God

Challenge listeners simply & practically with truths of Bible

Focus on changing lives by clear Bible understanding

Give attention to details and accuracy

Prepare themselves through extended times of study & prayer

Organized, Enthusiastic, Authoritative, Expressive, Articulate,

Disciplined, Analytical, Practical

Everyone is to teach – Matthew 28:19-20

4. Exhortation – Romans 12:7

Ministering words of consolation, encouragement, comfort and counsel to others in a way that they feel

helped and healed Example: Barnabas Acts 11:23-24

Qualities:

Come alongside the discouraged to strengthen and reassure them

Comfort, challenge, and encourage people in their walk of faith

Help others change their behavior by applying biblical truth

Often have people around them because they cheer them up

Emphasize God’s promises and confidence in the Lord’s will

Positive, Motivating, Challenging, Sensitive, Reassuring, Supportive,

Trustworthy, Optimistic

Everyone is to exhort others – Hebrews 10:24-25

5. Giving – Romans 12:8

Contributing material resources to the Kingdom of God with liberality and cheerfulness

Example: Macedonian Christians – 2 Corinthians 8:1-4

Qualities:

Manage finances, limit lifestyle to give as much as possible

Support with sacrificial gifts to advance the Kingdom

Meet tangible needs to enable growth to occur

Provide resources generously and cheerfully trusting God

Have ability to make money so may use it for God’s work

Charitable, Respectable, Resourceful, Disciplined, Accountable,

Conscientious, Generous, Trusting God

Everyone is to give – 1 Timothy 3:12