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Administration	The gift of Administration is the God-given ability to understand what makes an organization function, and the special ability to plan and execute procedures that accomplish the goals of the ministry.	 1 Corinthians 12:28 Acts 6:1-7 Exodus 18:13-26 Luke 14:12-30 Titus 1:5 Matthew 25:14-17 Luke 19:12-19 	 Develop strategies or plans to reach identified goals. Organize people, tasks, or events. Assist ministries to become more effective and efficient. Create order out of chaos. Manage or coordinate a variety of responsibilities to accomplish a task. 	 Thorough Objective Responsible Organized Goal-oriented Efficient Conscientious Methodical 	 Planning teams Ministry Coordinator Organizer of special events Chairperson 	 Need to be open to adjusting their plans so that they don't stifle the vision of leaders and the activity of the Holy Spirit. Could use people simply to accomplish goals without being concerned for their growth in the process. Could fail to see God's purpose being fulfilled in the process of meeting a goal. 		
Craftsmanship	The gift of Craftsmanship is the God-given ability to use hands and minds to creatively design and construct items to be used for ministry.	Exodus 25:3-6 Exodus 31:1-5 Exodus 35:30-35 2 Samuel 5:11 2 Kings 22:4-6 Acts 9:39	 Work with wood, cloth, paints, metal, glass, and other raw materials. Make things which increase the effectiveness of others' ministries. Enjoy serving with their hands to meet tangible needs. Design and build tangible items and resources for ministry use. Work with different kinds of tools and are skilled with their hands. 	 Creative Imaginative Designer Handy Resourceful Practical Helpful Discreet 	 Maintenance Church Decorator Making articles for the church Church building projects Audio-visual operator Drama Presentations Photographer Graphic Arts Designer Writing Scripts 	 Could fail to see that their gift is significant and one that make a spiritual contribution to the body. Could use people to get things done instead of helping them grow in the process. Should remember that the things they produce are just a means to the end, not the end itself. Must guard against the desire to impress people with their creativity, instead of impacting them with God's truth. Could find evaluation and constructive criticism difficult to accept. Might be uncooperative because of ego, pride, or individualism, and need to work at being team players. 		

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Discernment	The gift of Discernment is the God- given ability to distinguish between truth and error. It is able to discern the difference between good and evil; right and wrong.	 1 Corinthians. 12: 10 Acts 5:1-4 Romans 9:1 Romans 12:2 Matthew 16:21-23 1 John 4:1,6 1 Corinthians 2:12-16 	 Identify deception in others with accuracy and appropriateness. Are able to sense the presence of evil. Recognize inconsistencies in a teaching or message. Distinguish truth from error, right from wrong, pure motive from impure. Determine whether a testimony attributed to God is authentic. 	 Perceptive Insightful Sensitive Intuitive Truthful Decisive Challenging Discriminating 	 Committee/Board Member Youth Ministry Counseling Preaching Community Group Leader 	 May struggle with how to express their perceptions, feelings, or insights. Could be harsh when confronting others, instead of speaking the truth in love. Need to confirm their perceptions before speaking.
Encouragement/ Exhortation	The gift of Encouragement / Encouragement is the God-given ability to present words of comfort, consolation, and encouragement, so to strengthen, or urge to action, those who are discouraged or wavering in their faith.	 Rom. 12: 8 Acts 11:22-24 Acts 14:21-22 Acts 15: 30-32 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12 Hebrews 10:24-25 	 Comfort others to trust and hope in the promises of God. Motivate others to grow. Urge others to action by applying biblical truth. Come to the side of those who are discouraged to strengthen and reassure them. Confront, challenge, exhort, and encourage those who have gotten off track in their faith or life. Often have people around them because they cheer them up by their simple attitude and demeanor and down-to-earth advice. 	 Positive Motivating Affirming Reassuring Supportive Trustworthy Challenging Sensitive Optimistic 	 Children's Ministry Visitation to sick or shut-in Hospital Visitation Counseling Greeter Support Group Facilitator Prayer ministry Worship Leader Youth Ministry Prison Ministry 	 Can sometimes be overly optimistic, too simplistic, or flattering. Should first take time to understand where others are and what they really need. May want to just say positive things to others and avoid being confrontational when it's needed.

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Evangelism	The gift of Evangelism is the God- given ability to effectively communicate the gospel to unbelievers so they respond in faith and move toward discipleship.	 Ephesians 4: 11-15 Acts 8: 5.6 Acts 14: 21 Matthew 28:19-20 Luke 19:1-10 Acts 2:36-42 2 Timothy 4:2-5 Acts 8:29-40 	 Communicate the message of Christ with clarity and conviction. Seek out opportunities to talk to unbelievers about spiritual matters. Challenge unbelievers to faith in Christ. Have the ability to insert spiritual truths into normal conversation with unsaved people, and the ability to sense the timing of when to do so. Adapt the presentation of the gospel to connect with the individual's needs. Have the ability to converse easily with strangers and people of short acquaintance. 	 -Sincere Candid Influential Confident Commitment-oriented Respectful Spiritual Genuine Relational Adventurous Risk-taking 	 Visitor Calling Door-to Door visitation Outreach Ministry Literature distribution Greeter Prison Ministry Church Planter Mission Trips Inner City Work Cross Culture Evangelism 	 Are often planting seeds and can get discouraged when they are not seeing a harvest from their evangelism efforts. Should avoid becoming critical of others by remembering that we are all witnesses, but we are not all evangelists. Need to be affirmed and sent by the church. Can slip into using a canned approach to their ministry that leaves others cold. Should not complain about the difficulty of exercising this gift.
Faith	The gift of Faith is the God-given ability to act on God's promises with confidence and unwavering belief in God's ability to fulfill His purposes.	 1 Corinthians. 12:7-9 1 Corinthians 13:2 Romans 4: 18-21 Mark 11:22-23 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10 Hebrews 11:1 Hebrews 11:13 	 Act in complete confidence of God's ability to overcome obstacles. Advance the cause of Christ because they go forward when others will not. Ask God for what is needed and trust Him forHis provision. Believe the promises of God and inspire others to do the same. Have an attitude, in various crises that arise, not only that God can do something, but that He will do it. 	 Prayerful Optimistic Trusting Assured Inspiring Hopeful Positive Spiritual 	 Prayer ministry Hospital visitation Committee/Board member Project Development Lay evangelist Church Planter 	 Need to act on their faith. Should remember that those who speak with reason and desire to plan do not necessarily lack faith. Should listen to and consider the counsel of wise and spirit-filled believers.

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Giving	The gift of Giving is the God-given ability to contribute money and resources to the work of the Lord with cheerfulness and liberality.	 Romans 12: 8 2 Corinthians 6: 8 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 2 Corinthians 9:5-15 Luke 3:11 Luke 21: 1-4 Mark 12:41-44 Philippians 4:15-19 	 Manage their finances and limit their lifestyle in order to give as much of their resources as possible. Met tangible needs that enable spiritual growth to occur. Support the work of ministry with sacrificial gifts to advance the Kingdom. Provide resources, generously, and cheerfully, trusting God for provisions. May have a special ability to make money so that they may use it to further God's work. 	 Responsible Stewardship- oriented Resourceful Charitable Disciplined Accountable Conscientious Generous Provident 	 Support Missionaries Fund Raising Community Service Board Support Special Projects Investment Leader 	 Need to esteem their gift, remembering that giving money and resources is a spiritual contribution to the body of Christ. Need to remember the church's vision is determined by leaders, not by the giver's gift. Need to guard against envy and greed.
Healing	The gift of Healing is the God given ability to serve as human intermediaries, through whom it pleases God to cure illnesses and restore people to wholeness.	 1 Corinthians 12:7-9 1Corinthians 12:28-30 James 5:14-15 Mark 2:1-12 Luke 10:33-34 Acts 3:1-16 	 Pray with and care for those who are ill or distressed. Have a deep sense of compassion and want God to bring about restoration to the sick and diseased. Authenticate a message from God through healing. Use it as an opportunity to communicate a biblical truth and to see God glorified. Pray, touch, or speak words that miraculously bring healing to one's body. 	 Compassionate Humble Full of faith Obedient Prayerful Responsive Spiritual Hopeful 	 Hospital Visitation Prayer Ministry Healing Ministry Community Service Nursing Home Visitation 	 Need to remember that it is not always their faith or the faith of the sick that determines a healing, but God who determines it. Need to realize that God does not promise to heal everyone who asks or is prayed for. Should remember that Jesus did not heal everyone who was sick or suffering while He was on earth.

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Helps	The gift of Helps is the God-given ability to accomplish practical and necessary, behind the scenes tasks, which free up, support, and meet the needs of others.	 1 Corinthians 12: 28 Romans 12: 7 Romans 16: 1-2 Acts 9:36 Galatians 6:2 Titus 3:14 Philippians 4:3 	 Serve behind the scenes wherever needed. See the tangible and practical things to be done and enjoy doing them. Attach spiritual value to practical service. Look for opportunities to assist people in their work. Enjoy knowing that they are freeing up others to do what God has called them to do. Are more willing to take orders than give orders. 	 Available Willing Reliable Loyal Dependable Whatever-it-takes attitude Helpful Humble Supportive 	 Office helper Telephoning Teacher's aid Usher Clean- up projects Information Center Host Community Services Nursery helper Meals on wheels 	 Tend to over-commit, making it difficult to maintain a healthy and balanced lifestyle. May find it difficult to say No. Need to be responsive to the priorities of leadership, instead of setting their own agendas.
Hospitality	The gift of Hospitality is the God-given ability to care for people by providing fellowship, food, and lodging.	 1 Peter 4: 9-10 Romans 12: 13 Luke 10: 38 Hebrews 13:1-2 Genesis 18:4-5 Genesis 19:1-3 3 John 5-8 Acts 16:14-15 	 Provide an environment where people feel valued and cared for. Seek ways to connect people together into meaningful relationships. Set people at ease in unfamiliar surroundings. Meet new people and help them to feel welcomed. Create a safe and comfortable setting where relationship can develop Set people at ease in unfamiliar surroundings. 	 Friendly Gracious Inviting Trusting Caring Responsive Warm Sociable Outgoing Relational Indulgent 	 Small Group Host Banquet server New Member Sponsor Fellowship events Coffee hour host Greeter Easter Breakfast Hospitality Usher Youth Ministry Potluck host 	 Should avoid viewing their gift as just entertaining. Need to remember to ask God who to befriend and serve. Should be careful that having others over to their home does not create a distressing environment for their family.

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Intercession	The gift of Intercession is the God- given ability to consistently pray on behalf of and for others, seeing frequent specific results.	 Romans 8: 26-27 Colossians 1:9-12 Colossians 4:2-3 Colossians 6:18 John 17:9-26 1 Timothy 2:1 	 Feel compelled to earnestly pray on behalf of someone or some cause. Have a daily awareness of the spiritual battles being waged and commit to pray. Pray in response to the leading of the Spirit, whether they understand it or not. Are convinced that God moves in direct response to the fervent prayer of His people. Exercise authority and power for the protection of others and the equipping of them to serve. 	 Advocate Sincere Trustworthy Burdenbearer Spiritually sensitive Prayerful Caring Confident Available 	 Prayer Partner Prayer Groups Shut- in/Hospital visitation Nursing Home Visitations Project development 	 Should avoid feeling that their gift is not valued, by remembering that interceding for others is a spiritual contribution to the body of Christ. Should avoid using prayer as an escape from fulfilling responsibilities. Need to avoid a holier than thou attitude sometimes caused by extended times of prayer and spiritual intimacy with God.

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Knowledge	The gift of Knowledge is the God- given ability to learn, analyze, and uncover new insights from the Bible that are pertinent to the growth and well being of the church.	 1 Corinthians 12: 8 1 Corinthians 14:6 2 Corinthians 11:6 1 Corinthians 2:12-14 Romans 15:14 2 Peter 3:17-18 2 Timothy 3:15 	 Research the scriptures for insight, understanding, and truth. Organize information for teaching and practical use. Gain knowledge that was not attained by natural observation or means. Learn easily and recall the material accurately and in detail. Discover biblical truth which enables them to better serve the body. Have a deep love for the scriptures, and enjoy digging deeper in the Bible for insight, understanding, and truth. Carefully study and research subjects they want to understand better. 	 Inquisitive Responsive Observant Insightful Reflective Studious Truthful Analytical Curious 	 Board/Committee member Teaching Research Counseling Marriage Enrichment Small Group Leader Help with seminars Writing on Biblical topics Preaching Bible Scholar 	 Should beware of becoming proud about what they know. Should remember that it's God's message, not theirs, when they give a word of knowledge to the church. Need to remember that their latest discovery may not be what others around them need to hear at that time.
Leadership	The gift of Leadership is the God- given ability to cast vision, motivate, and direct people to harmoniously accomplish the purpose of God.	 Romans 12:8 1 Timothy 3:4-5 1 Timothy 5:17 Hebrews 13:7 Hebrews 13: 17 Deuteronomy 1:13 Numbers 33:1 Luke 22:25-26 Acts 7:9-10 	 Motivate others to perform to the best of their abilities. Take responsibility and establish goals. Provide direction for God's people or ministry. Cast the vision and present the big picture for others to see. Like to initiate some form of action and direct the efforts of the groups. 	 Influential Visionary Persuasive Motivating Goal-setter Inspiring Responsible Initiating Trustworthy 	 Small Group Leader Board/Committee Chairperson Youth/Children's Leader Team Leader Lay Pastor 	 Need to allow time to establish their credibility and faithfulness among those they lead. 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.

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Mercy	The gift of Mercy is the God-given ability to feel deeply for those in physical, spiritual, or emotional need and then act to meet that need.	 Romans. 12: 8 Mark 9:41 Matthew 5:7 Matthew 25: 34-40 Luke 10:30-37 1 Thessalonians 5:14 Acts 11:28-30 	 Focuses on alleviating the sources of pain or discomfort in suffering people. Concern themselves with individual or social issues that oppress people. Address the needs of the lonely and forgotten. Express love, grace, and dignity to those facing hardships or crisis. Serve in difficult or unsightly circumstances and do so cheerfully. 	 Empathetic Caring Responsive Kind Compassionat e Sensitive Burden- bearing Tolerant Comforting 	 Hospital/Shut-In visitation Nursery worker Homeless ministry Food pantry worker Community Services Counseling Poverty Ministry 	 Should beware of becoming an enabler to those who need to make some difficult changes in their life. Need to guard against feeling unappreciated, since some of the people helped will not show or express any appreciation. Can lose balance in their own life because of the burdens they are carrying for others.
Miracles	The gift of Miracles is the God-given ability to serve as human intermediaries, through whom it pleases God to perform powerful acts that are perceived by observers to have altered the ordinary course of nature.	 Mark 16:17-18 Matthew 10:1 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 1 Corinthians 12:28-30 Luke 5:1-11 John 2:1-11 	 Speak God's truth and may have it authentically by an accompanying miracle. Express confidence in God's faithfulness and ability to manifest Christ's presence. Bring the ministry and message of Jesus Christ with power. Claim God to be the source of miracles and glorify the Lord. Represent Christ and through the gift point people to a relationship with Christ. 	 Bold Venturesome Convincing Responsive Prayerful Authoritative Full of Faith Spiritual 	 Hospital Visitation Prayer Ministry Poverty Ministry Project Development Evangelism Team Healing Ministry 	 Should keep in mind that miracles are not necessarily caused by faith, and don't necessarily cause others to come to faith. Must authenticate the message as coming from God, and point people towards Jesus Christ. Should avoid viewing this gift as a personal responsibility, remembering that the location and timing of deeds are determined by God.

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Prophecy	The gift of Prophecy is the God-given ability to reveal God's truth and proclaim it in a timely and relevant manner for understanding, correction, repentance, or edification.	 Romans 12: 6 1 Corinthians 12:10 1 Corinthians 12:28 1 Corinthians 13: 2 1 Corinthians 14:1, 3, 24-25 Isaiah 58:1 John 4:16-19 Ephesians 4:11-14 Acts 15:32 	 See a truth that others often fail to see and challenge them to respond. Understand God's heart and mind through experiences He takes them through. Expose sin or deception in others for the purpose of reconciliation. Speak a timely word from God causing conviction, repentance, and edification. Warn of God's immediate or future judgment if there is no repentance. 	 Discerning Compelling Un- compromising Outspoken Authoritative Confronting Convicting Critical Determined Courageous 	 Teaching Leader Vision Setting team Outreach Devotion Leader Preaching Small Group Leader Counseling Writing books and articles Worship Leader 	 Need to be aware that listeners may reject the message if not spoken with love and compassion. Need to avoid pride which can create a demanding or discouraging spirit that hinders the gift. Should remember that discernment and scripture must support and agree with each prophecy.
Service	The gift of Service is the God-given ability to identify unmet needs involved in a task related to God's work, and to make use of available resources to meet those needs and help accomplish the desired goals.	 John 13:14 Luke 23:50-54 Colossians 3:17 Acts 6:2-3 1 Timothy 6:2 2 Timothy 1:16-18 	 Find the small and practical things that need to be done and enjoy doing them without being asked. Sense God's purpose and special meaning in fulfilling regular and needful hands-on tasks. Have pleasure in meeting everyday responsibilities. Enjoy doing routine tasks in the church that would bore others. Would rather do a job than find someone else to do it. 	 Available Willing Helpful Reliable Hard-working Flexible Humble Supportive 	 Maintenance Greeter Usher Church librarian Community Services 	 Need to esteem their gift, remembering that doing practical deeds is a spiritual contribution to the body of Christ. Can find it difficult to say No. Need to be responsive to the priorities of leadership, instead of setting their own agendas.

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Shepherding/ Pastor	The gift of Shepherding is the God- given ability to assume long term personal responsibility for the spiritual welfare of a group of believers by nurturing and guiding them toward on- going spiritual maturity.	 Ephesians 4:11-15 1 Peter 5: 1-4 1 Timothy 3: 1-13 Isaiah 40:11 John 10:1-16 1 Corinthians 3:1-2 	 Provide guidance and oversight to a group of God's people. Establish trust and confidence through long-term relationships. Lead and protect those within their span of care. Take responsibility to nurture the whole person in their walk with God. Model with their life what it means to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus. Strive to lead others to greater obedience to God. 	 Nurturing Guiding Protective Supportive Relational Influencing Caring Discipling Restoring 	 Small Group Leader Follow-up on visitors Shut-In Visitation College ministry Outreach Lay Pastor Singles Ministry Counseling 	 Should realize that some of those being nurtured will grow beyond the shepherd's own ability and need to be freed to do so. Need to avoid participating in gossip. Should remember that God judges those who neglect or abuse their oversight responsibilities.
Teaching	The gift of Teaching is the God-given ability to understand, clearly explain, and apply the word of God, in such a way that it is clearly understood by others.	 Romans 12: 7 1 Corinthians 12:28-29 Acts 18: 24-28 Acts 20:20-21 Matthew 7:28-29 Matthew 28:19-20 1 Timothy 4:16 1 Timothy 2:1-2 	 Give attention to detail and accuracy. Prepare through extended times of study and reflection. Challenge listeners simply and practically with the truths of Scripture. Focus on changing lives by helping others understand the Bible better. Communicate biblical truth that inspires greater obedience to the Word of God. 	 Disciplined Perceptive Teachable Authoritative Practical Analytical Articulate Organized Enthusiastic Expressive 	 Small Group Leader Youth Leader Leading Seminars Lay evangelist Bible School Teacher 	 Need to keep their material simple and practical. Should avoid pride that may result from their superior biblical knowledge and understanding. Can easily get angry at those who appear uninterested.

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Tongues and Interpretation	The gift of Tongues and Interpretation is the God-given ability to communicate the gospel in unlearned foreign languages, and to make know the meaning of the message of another person speaking in a foreign language.	 Mark 16:17 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 1 Corinthians 14:21-22 1 Corinthians 14:26-28 Acts 2:1-12 Acts 10:44-46 Acts 19:5-6 	 Speak in a language they have never learned and do not understand. Understand an unlearned language and communicate that message to the body of Christ. Express with an interpretation a word by the Spirit which edifies the body. Respond to a message spoken in tongues by giving an interpretation. Edify the body by interpreting a timely message from God. 	 Sensitive Prayerful Humble Devoted Spontaneous Receptive Responsive Trusting 	 Outreach Ministry Mission Trips Refugee Aid Cross-culture evangelism Prayer Ministry Church Planter 	 Should remember that everything in the church should be done in a fitting and orderly way. Should remember that all the gifts, including these ones, are to edify others. Need to remember that the message being spoken and interpreted should reflect the will of God and not man.
Wisdom	The gift of Wisdom is the God-given ability to apply spiritual truth effectively to meet a need in a specific situation.	 1 Corinthians 2: 3-5 1 Corinthians 2:6-13 1 Corinthians 12: 8 James 3:13-18 Colossians 4:5-6 1 Kings 3:16-28 Luke 21:15 Acts 6:9-10 	 Focus on the unseen consequences in determining the next steps to take. Provide God-given solutions in the midst of conflict and confusion. Apply spiritual truth in specific and practical ways. Receive an understanding of what is necessary to meet the needs of the body. Hear the Spirit provide direction for God's best in a given situation. 	 Sensible Insightful Practical Wise Fair Experienced Sensitive Prudent Logical Judicious Rational Reasonable 	 Board/Committee Member Counseling Mentor Marriage Enrichment Counseling Conflict Resolution 	 May be tempted to keep it to themselves because others are not always open to advice. Need to avoid having others develop a dependence upon them, which may weaken their faith in God. Should be careful about looking down on others who don't appear to have as much commonsense.

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Worship	The gift of Worship is the God-given ability to play a musical instrument or use their voices in the singing of praises and joy to the Lord, thus enhancing the worship experience of the local congregation.	 Psalm 33:1-3 Psalm 149:1-3 Deuteronomy 31:22 2 Chronicles 5:12-13 Colossians 3:16 1 Samuel 16:14-23 	 Sing or play a musical instrument quite well and enjoy it. Have special joy singing praises to God, either alone or with other people. Feel secure in the fact that their musical ability will be of benefit to other people with whom they come in contact. Can use their musical ability to help and inspire others to worship God. See that their singing or instrument playing is a spiritual encouragement for others. 	 Creative Expressive Imaginative Demonstrative Sensitive Artistic Intuitive Unconventional 	 Church pianist/organist Musical Presentations Worship Leader Choir Director Music Director Music Ministry 	 Must guard against the desire to impress people with their music instead of giving all glory to God Can find comments and constructive criticism difficult to accept. Need to have their gift confirmed by other members of the body of Christ.