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ROMANS 12:6-8

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<sup>6</sup> Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup> or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; <sup>8</sup> he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

**- Romans 12: 6-8 (NKJV)**

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<sup>4</sup> For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, <sup>5</sup> so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

**- Romans 12: 4-5 (NKJV)**

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## The Seven Motivational Gifts

### Prophet

One who clearly perceives the will of God. Proclaims truth & exposes sin.

### Ministry / Servant

One who loves to serve others; a doer; meets needs; frees others.

### Teacher

One who loves to research and communicate truth. Clarifies truth and validates information.

### Exhortation

One who loves to encourage others to live a victorious life. Stimulates faith and promotes growth.

### Giving

One who loves to give time, talent, energy, and means to benefit others and advance the gospel. Maximizes results.

### Leader

Administrator; one who loves to organize, lead, or direct. Plans ahead and completes tasks.

### Mercy

Compassion person; one who shows compassion, love, and care to those in need. Removes distress and shares burdens.

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# Spiritual Gifts Assessment



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## Traits of a Person with the Gift of Mercy:

- Attentive
- Sensitive
- Impartial and Compassionate
- Gentle, Soft-Spoke and Yielding
- Very Tender/Easily Hurt

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## I. Characteristics of the Gift of Mercy

1. An ability to feel an atmosphere of joy or distress in an individual or group
2. A tendency to attract people who are having mental and emotional distress

...“he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”

- **Romans 12: 8c (NKJV)**

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## I. Characteristics of the Gift of Mercy

1. An ability to feel an atmosphere of joy or distress in an individual or group
2. A tendency to attract people who are having mental and emotional distress
3. A desire to remove the causes of the hurts rather than to look for benefits from them

<sup>11</sup> For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another,

<sup>15</sup> Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

**- 1 John 3: 11 and 1 John 3: 15**

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## I. Characteristics of the Gift of Mercy

4. A greater concern over mental joy or distress than physical concerns
5. A sensitivity to words and actions that will help others
6. A tendency to react harshly when intimate friends are rejected
7. They have an ability to sense “genuine love”. They have a greater vulnerability to deeper and more frequent hurts from the lack of love
8. A need for deep friendships in which there is mutual commitment

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9. A need to measure acceptance by physical closeness and quality of time together
10. An enjoyment and unity with those who are sensitive to the needs and feelings of others
11. A tendency to avoid decisions and firmness unless they will eliminate greater hurts
12. A closing of their spirit to those who are insincere or insensitive

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## *Misuses of the Gift of Mercy*

1. Failing to be firm and decisive when necessary
2. Taking up offenses for those who have been hurt
3. Basing decisions on emotions rather than on principle
4. Promoting improper affections from those of the opposite sex
5. Cutting off fellowship with those who are insensitive to others
6. Reacting to god's purposes in allowing people to suffer
7. Sympathizing with those who are violating god's standards
8. Establishing possessive friendships with others

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**Sympathy says...**

“I'm sorry you hurt”

**Empathy says...**

“I'm sorry you hurt and I hurt with you”

**Mercy says...**

“I'm sorry you hurt, and I hurt with you, and I'm going to stay right here with you until the hurt is gone