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ROMANS 12:6-8

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6 *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; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 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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4 *For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, 5 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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PROPHECY

FORE-TELLING

ELIJAH

And Elijah the Tishbite, of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, “As the Lord God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except at my word.”

1 KINGS 17: 1

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AGABUS

11 *When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'*

ACTS 21: 11

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JOHN THE BAPTIST

4 *John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.*

7 *And he preached, saying, "There comes One after me who is mightier than I, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to stoop down and loose. **8** I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."*

MARK 1: 4, 7-8

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15 CHARACTERISTICS OF A PROPHET:

1. THE NEED TO EXPRESS THOUGHTS AND IDEAS VERBALLY, ESPECIALLY REGARDING RIGHT AND WRONG

14 *But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.*

ACTS 2: 14

12 *So when Peter saw it, he responded to the people: “Men of Israel, why do you marvel at this? Or why look so intently at us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?*

ACTS 3: 12

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15 CHARACTERISTICS OF A PROPHET:

2. THE TENDENCY TO MAKE QUICK JUDGEMENTS

28 *"And Peter answered Him and said, 'Lord, if it is You, command me to come to You on the water'"*

MATTHEW 14: 28

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15 CHARACTERISTICS OF A PROPHET:

3. AN AMAZING ABILITY TO SENSE WHEN SOMEONE OR SOMETHING IS NOT WHAT IT APPEARS TO BE AND TO REACT HARSHLY TO DISHONESTY.

3 But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself? **4** While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.” **5** Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things. **6** And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried him out, and buried him.

ACTS 5: 3-10

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7 Now it was about three hours later when his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. **8** And Peter answered her, “Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?” She said, “Yes, for so much.” **9** Then Peter said to her, “How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out.” **10** Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying her out, buried her by her husband.

ACTS 5: 3-10 cont'd

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15 CHARACTERISTICS OF A PROPHET:

4. A DESIRE TO REJECT THOSE WHO OFFEND SO THAT JUSTICE WILL BE DONE AND OTHERS WOULD BE WARNED

21 *Then Peter came to Him and said, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?”*

MATTHEW 18: 21

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15 CHARACTERISTICS OF A PROPHET:

5. AN OPENNESS ABOUT PERSONAL FAULTS AND FAILURES AND AN HONESTY ABOUT HIMSELF AS WELL AS OTHERS.

8 *When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!"*

LUKE 5: 8

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15 CHARACTERISTICS OF A PROPHET:

6. A TENDENCY TO BE IMPULSIVE IN ACTIONS AND BE WHOLE-HEARTEDLY INVOLVED IN WHATEVER IS DONE

6 Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, “Lord, are You washing my feet?” **7** Jesus answered and said to him, “What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this.” **8** Peter said to Him, “You shall never wash my feet!” Jesus answered him, “If I do not wash you, you have no part with Me.” **9** Simon Peter said to Him, “Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!” **10** Jesus said to him, “He who is bathed needs only to wash his feet, but is completely clean; and you are clean, but not all of you.”

JOHN 13: 6-10

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15 CHARACTERISTICS OF A PROPHET:

7. A TENDENCY TO BE PAINFULLY DIRECT WHEN CORRECTING FRIENDS

31 *And He began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.*

MARK 8: 31

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15 CHARACTERISTICS OF A PROPHET:

8. A DESIRE TO GIVE EVIDENCE OF LOYALTY AND TOTAL COMMITMENT

33 *Peter answered and said to Him, “Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble.”*

MATTHEW 26: 33

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15 CHARACTERISTICS OF A PROPHET:

9. A WILLINGNESS TO SUFFER FOR DOING RIGHT

29 *But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men.*

30 *The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. **31** Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.*

32 *And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.” **33** When they heard this, they were furious and plotted to kill them. **34** Then one in the council stood up, a Pharisee named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in respect by all the people, and commanded them to put the apostles outside for a little while.*

ACTS 5: 29-42

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35 And he said to them: “Men of Israel, take heed to yourselves what you intend to do regarding these men. **36** For some time ago Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody. A number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was slain, and all who obeyed him were scattered and came to nothing. **37** After this man, Judas of Galilee rose up in the days of the census, and drew away many people after him. He also perished, and all who obeyed him were dispersed. **38** And now I say to you, keep away from these men and let them alone; for if this plan or this work is of men, it will come to nothing;

ACTS 5: 29-42 cont'd

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39 *but if it is of God, you cannot overthrow it—lest you even be found to fight against God.”* **40** *And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go.* **41** *So they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.* **42** *And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.*

ACTS 5: 29-42 cont'd

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15 CHARACTERISTICS OF A PROPHET:

10. AN ABILITY TO BE VERY PERSUASIVE IN DEFINING WHAT IS RIGHT AND WHAT IS WRONG.

22 *“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know—* **23** *Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death;*

ACTS 2: 22-23

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