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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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Giving

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Two Main Points

I. **Characteristics** of the Gift of Giving

II. **Misuses** of the Gift of Giving

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Characteristics of the Gift of Giving

1. A keen ability to discern wise investments in order to have more money to give away

19 “DO NOT LAY UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES ON EARTH, WHERE MOTH AND RUST DESTROY AND WHERE THIEVES BREAK IN AND STEAL; **20** BUT LAY UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES IN HEAVEN, WHERE NEITHER MOTH NOR RUST DESTROYS AND WHERE THIEVES DO NOT BREAK IN AND STEAL.

- **Matthew 6: 19-20 (NKJV)**

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2. A desire to give quietly without public notice

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¹ "TAKE HEED THAT YOU DO NOT DO YOUR CHARITABLE DEEDS BEFORE MEN, TO BE SEEN BY THEM. OTHERWISE, YOU HAVE NO REWARD FROM YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN. ² THEREFORE, WHEN YOU DO A CHARITABLE DEED, DO NOT SOUND A TRUMPET BEFORE YOU AS THE HYPOCRITES DO IN THE SYNAGOGUES AND IN THE STREETS, THAT THEY MAY HAVE GLORY FROM MEN. ASSUREDLY, I SAY TO YOU, THEY HAVE THEIR REWARD.

- **Matthew 6: 1-2**

¹ AND HE LOOKED UP AND SAW THE RICH PUTTING THEIR GIFTS INTO THE TREASURY, ² AND HE SAW ALSO A CERTAIN POOR WIDOW PUTTING IN TWO MITES. ³ SO HE SAID, "TRULY I SAY TO YOU THAT THIS POOR WIDOW HAS PUT IN MORE THAN ALL; ⁴ FOR ALL THESE OUT OF THEIR ABUNDANCE HAVE PUT IN OFFERINGS OR GOD, BUT SHE OUT OF HER POVERTY PUT IN ALL THE LIVELIHOOD THAT SHE HAD."

- **Luke 21: 1-4**

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3. A motivation to give as unto the Lord at his promptings; not at man's appeals

THEN HE WILL ANSWER THEM, SAYING, 'ASSUREDLY, I SAY TO YOU, INASMUCH AS YOU DID NOT DO IT TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE, YOU DID NOT DO IT TO ME.'

- **Matthew 25: 45**

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4. You have a desire to give gifts which are of high quality
5. An ability to test faithfulness and wisdom by how people handle funds

See **Matthew 25: 14-30** (*The Parable of the Talents*)

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Misuses of the Gift of Giving

1. Giving too sparingly to your own family
2. Giving can cause your family to resent gifts to others
3. Listening to unscriptural counsel on money management
4. Putting pressure on people who have less to give
5. Failing to discern God's prompting for a gift
6. Judging those who misuse funds rather than advising them
7. Controlling people or ministries by gifts
8. Corrupting people by giving too much
9. Investing in projects which do not benefit the lives of people

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“GREATER LOVE HAS NO ONE THAN THIS, THAN TO LAY ONE’S
LIFE FOR HIS FRIEND”

- John 15: 13

“FOR GOD SO LOVE THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY
BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT
PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE”

- John 3: 16