



# **THE BIG SEVEN**

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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## **Service**

### **Two Main Points:**

- I. Characteristics of the Gift of Service**
- II. Misuses of the Gift of Service**

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## I. Characteristics of the Gift of Service

1. An ability to see practical needs and desire to meet them

### Timothy

“For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state.”

- **Philippians 2: 20**

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## I. Characteristics of the Gift of Service

1. An ability to see practical needs and desire to meet them
2. A joy in serving when it frees others to do more important things, not just to keep busy

### Timothy

“Son with a father.”

- **Philippians 2: 22**

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## I. Characteristics of the Gift of Service

3. Has a tendency to disregard personal health and comfort in serving others

“No longer drink only water but use a little wine for your stomach's sake and your frequent infirmities.”

- **1 Timothy 5: 23**

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## I. Characteristics of the Gift of Service

3. Has a tendency to disregard personal health and comfort in serving others
4. Has difficulty saying “no” resulting in a variety of involvements and a tendency to get sidetracked

“Be diligent to come to me quickly.” - **1 Timothy 4: 9**

“Do your utmost to come before winter.” - **1 Timothy 4: 21**

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## I. Characteristics of the Gift of Service

5. Has a special enjoyment in providing for physical needs and comforts. They have an ability to remember “likes” and “dislikes.”

“His cloak, books, and especially his parchments.”

**- 2 Timothy 4: 13**

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6. A need for appreciation to confirm that service is necessary and satisfactory. A desire for clear instructions.
7. Have a strong desire to be with others, thus providing more serving opportunities.

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## I. Characteristics of the Gift of Service

8. Has an enjoyment of short-range projects and has a tendency to become frustrated with long-range projects
9. Usually have a tendency to feel inadequate and unqualified for spiritual leadership
10. Often more interested in the needs of others: rather than their own. They enjoy showing hospitality...they love to entertain others!

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## Misuses of the Gift of Service

1. Neglecting home responsibilities to help others
2. Accepting too many jobs at one time
3. Wearing themselves out physically
4. Being too persistent in giving unrequested help to others
5. Going around proper authorities to “get the job done”
6. Excluding others from helping on a job
7. Interfering with God’s discipline by premature help
8. Becoming “hurt” by the ungratefulness of those who were helped
9. Getting sidetracked while working on an assignment

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- **John 13: 15-17**

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“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,”

- **Colossians 3: 23**



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