

## **So What Is Your Basic “Motivational Gift”?**

According to Romans Chapter 12 – everyone in the body of Christ has been given one and everyone is given that gift to be used for the benefit of the body of Christ.

There is an exhortation in verse 6 of Roman’s 12- LET US USE THEM...

Paul lists all manner of gifts available to the believer. From prophesy, ministry, teaching, exhorting, giving, leading, mercy, kindly affectionate toward one another, honoring and lifting up one another, words of wisdom, words of knowledge, gifts of healings, the discerning of spirits, tongues and interpretation of tongues, and helps.

These gifts are all available to the body and must be administered to the body for the health and well being of the body as a whole.

Every member has something to offer and must have the opportunity to bring forth what God has given in order for the body to function properly.

Well you say, I am not sure if I understand exactly what God has given to me. OK, I have a little example I gave the church many years ago that might help you understand what motivates you.

After hearing of this example, what is the first thing that comes to your mind? That beloved may be what is the motivational gift God has given to you. It may be easier for you to recognize once you see my example.

The story –

A woman at the opening of the service is carrying a vase of flowers on to the podium. As she is about to climb up the second step on to the platform, she twists her ankle, breaks the heel of her shoe and falls flat on the carpet.

Everyone is aghast as this scene plays out in front of them. Flowers and water and vase are everywhere and the lady is laying on the floor – embarrassed to say the least.

You are in the front row a mere 6 feet from her.

What is your first reaction?

Herein I believe lies your basic motivational gift for the body of Christ.

Someone wants to rush to her aid to see if she is ok. Someone else wants to clean up the mess made. Someone else wants to fix the problem of the broken shoe. Someone else wants to pay to replace the flowers and pot. Someone else wants to comfort her in her embarrassment. Someone else wants to tell her she should never wear high heels shoes in church. Someone else wants to tell the pastor that the step is to steep or there needs to be a railing in place. Someone else wants to immediately clean up the mess the pot and flowers made. Someone immediately starts to pray in the Spirit, others

begin to comfort her – but no one is oblivious to the situation. There is no one who doesn't see that something needs to be done.

Everyone has some sort of reaction. The question is – how would you respond? What are your first thoughts?

This might help you figure out what you have for the body. Everyone is involved in some manner.

You will note that Paul further states that every member of the body is important. Whether ears, eyes, hands and feet. All are necessary to have the body function properly.

Well, what is your gift? Are you free to exercise it in the sanctuary? If not, why not?