

BIBLE TEACHING:

DISCOVER YOUR GOD GIVEN GIFTS - PART 1

1. There are three categories of ***GIFTS*** identifiable in the Bible but more often than not they are misconstrued and muddled together.

It is expedient that ***DON & KATIE FORTUNE*** be acknowledged as we intend to do an exposition of the handbook which the Lord enabled them to write in same regard. In the Church of God today just like any other field of human endeavour we need to understand the individual process that comes with each person's gifting.

1. **B. THE THREE CATEGORIES**
2. The Manifestation Gifts - 1Cor. 12:1-11
3. The Ministry Gifts - Eph. 4:11
4. The Motivational Gifts - Romans 12:6-8

OUR FOCUS: THE MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS

They shape our personalities. They are the motivating force for our lives.

OUR TEXT: ROMANS 12:6-8

1. **WHAT IS IN THIS TEACHING FOR US**
2. To convince us that every one of us has a gift - 1 Peter 4:10,

Romans 12:6-8.

2. To enable us obey the commandment of God and His

Expectation to use our gifts to benefit others. (***GRACE GIFTS JUST LIKE OTHERS***)

3. To appreciate the fact that God built into us our gifts when He formed us - Ps. 139:13-16
4. To assist parents to enable children maximize their gifts as observable from childhood.
5. To remind us that we must never neglect our gifts - 1 Tim. 4:14
6. To instill in us the consciousness that our gift colours all that we see.

7. To bring to light why we behave, think and act the ways we do at **FAMILY, CHURCH, SOCIETY** levels
8. To assist us all to appreciate others rather than condemn them thereby enhancing our relationship and fellowship since we are WIRED differently.
9. To sensitize on the fact that our gift is only one perspective of the whole
10. To stir in us the consciousness that each gift is of equal value thereby enabling us to eschew envy, jealousy, strife, etc.
11. To assist us in the choice of appropriate ministry or work to do in the body of Christ.
12. . Easily perceives the character of individuals and groups.
13. 4. Encourages repentance that produces good fruit.
14. 5. Believes the acceptance of difficulties will produce positive personal brokenness
15. 6. Has only a few or no close friendships.
16. 7. Views the Bible as the basis for truth, belief, action, and authority
17. 8. Boldly operates on spiritual principles.
18. 9. Is frank, outspoken, and doesn't mince words
19. 10. Is very persuasive in method of speaking.
20. 11. Grieves deeply over the sins of others.
21. 12. Is eager to see his own blind spots and to help others see their too.
22. 13. Desires above all else to see God's plan worked out in all situations.
23. 14. Strongly promotes the spiritual growth of groups and individuals.
24. 15. Is called to intercession.
25. 16. Feels the need to verbalize or dramatize what he "sees."
26. 17. Tends to be introspective.
27. 18. Has strong opinions and convictions.
28. 19. Has strict personal standards.
29. 20. Desires to be obedient to God at all costs.

30. G. THE CHALLENGE: (PROBLEM)

31. 1. Tends to be judgmental and blunt.
32. 2. Forgets to praise partial progress due to goal consciousness.
33. 3. Is pushy in trying to get others and groups to mature spiritually.
34. 4. Is intolerant of opinions and views that differ from his own.
35. 5. Struggles with self-image problems.

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37. H. BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF PERCEIVERS

38. John the Baptist - Matthew 21:32

39. Ananias - Acts 9:10-17 Hosea - Hosea 1-14

40. *Jeremiah- Jeremiah 1-52* *Isaiah- Isaiah 1-66*

41. *Jonah- Jonah 1-4*

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43.I. **CHARACTERISTICS OF SERVERS:**

- 44.1. Easily recognizes practical needs and is quick to meet them.
- 45.2. Especially enjoys manual projects, jobs, and functions.
- 46.3. Keeps everything in meticulous order.
- 47.4. Is a detail person with a good memory.
- 48.5. Enjoys showing hospitality.
- 49.6. Will stay with something until it is completed.
- 50.7. Has a hard time saying no to requests for help.
- 51.8. Is more interested in meeting the needs of others than own needs.
- 52.9. Enjoys working on immediate goals rather than long-range goals.
- 53.10. Show love for others in deeds and actions more than words.
- 54.11. Needs to feel appreciated.
- 55.12. Tends to do more than asked to do.
- 56.13. Feels greatest joy in doing something that is helpful
- 57.14. Does not want to lead others or projects.
- 58.15. Has a high energy level.
- 59.16. Cannot stand to be around clutter.
- 60.17. Tends to be a perfectionist.
- 61.18. Views serving to be of primary importance in life.
- 62.19. Prefers doing a job to delegating it.
- 63.20. Supports others who are in leadership.

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65. **J. TYPICAL PROBLEM AREAS OF THE GIFT OF SERVING:**

- 66.1. Is critical of others who do not help out with obvious needs.
- 67.2. May neglect own family's needs by being too busy helping others.
- 68.3. May become pushy or interfering in eagerness to help.
- 69.4. Finds it hard to accept being served by others
- 70.5. Is easily hurt when unappreciated.

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72. **K. BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF SERVERS:**

73. *Martha- John 11:1-40* *Phoebe- Romans 16:1-2*

74. *Stephen- Acts 6:1-15; 7:1-60*

75. *Philip - John 1:43-45; 6:5-7; 12:21-22; 14:8; Acts 6:5; 8:5-40; 21:8-9*

76. *Onesimus - Philemon; Colossians 4:9*

77. *Peter's mother-in-law- Matthew 8:14-15*

78. *Jacob - Genesis 25-30.*

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80. **CONCLUSION:**

81. To make the best of our gift by co-operating with God's plan for our lives we must present ourselves as living sacrifices, our minds must be renewed, we must have the right attitude and then move on to discern the various gifts in the body of Christ. Anything contrary will ultimately lead to frustration and loss of joy which is not God's plan for us

82. To enable us become less critical of others while appreciating that we all have our **IDIOSYNCRASIES** i.e. an unusual way in which a particular person behaves or thinks. A peculiarity of constitution or temperament. An individualizing character or quality.

83. There are 7 in all. Nobody has all except JESUS. We have our area of **PROFICIENCIES** individually.

84. **PROPHECY: (NEED FOR CLARIFICATION)** PROPHECY in Greek is *Propheteia* which according to Strong's Exhaustive Concordance means **AN INSPIRED SPEAKER**. It has a root word meaning **"TO SHOW OR MAKE KNOWN ONE'S THOUGHTS, TO SPEAK, SAY OR AFFIRM"**

Prophecy in the New Testament is not necessarily about predictions but about **THE INSPIRED DELIVERY OF WARNING, EXHORTATION, INSTRUCTION, JUDGING** and making manifests the secrets of the heart. This gift has to do with sensitivity to perceiving the will of God and then proclaiming it.

1. **WHAT ARE THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A PERCEIVER (THE GIFT OF PROPHECY)**

THE GIFT OF PERCEPTION

CHARACTERISTICS

1. Quickly and accurately identifies good and evil and hate evil.
2. Sees everything as either black or white; no gray or indefinite areas.

