



1 Corinthians 12:1-11 And now, dear brothers and sisters, I will write about the special abilities the Holy Spirit gives to each of us, for I must correct your misunderstandings about them. **2** You know that when you were still pagans you were led astray and swept along in worshiping speechless idols. **3** So I want you to know how to discern what is truly from God: No one speaking by the Spirit of God can curse Jesus, and no one is able to say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. **4** Now there are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but it is the same Holy Spirit who is the source of them all. **5** There are different kinds of service in the church, but it is the same Lord we are serving. **6** There are different ways God works in our lives, but it is the same God who does the work through all of us. **7** A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church. **8** To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another he gives the gift of special knowledge. **9** The Spirit gives special faith to another, and to someone else he gives the power to heal the sick. **10** He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and to another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to know whether it is really the Spirit of God or another spirit that is speaking. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, and another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. **11** It is the one and only Holy Spirit who distributes these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

The Serving Gifts of Romans 12

"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; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 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)

"And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. -1 Cor 12:28 (NKJV)

"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers (serves), let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."
1 Peter 4:10-11 (NKJV)

These are gifts listed in the Bible (Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12:28), given to help build and support the local church and the work of God in the world.
Helps, Administrations, Serving, Teaching, Exhortation, Giving, Mercy

Helps

The Gift of Helps is the anointed ability to _____, especially the Equipping gifts, in fulfilling specific _____ and projects to aid in the extension of the Kingdom of God.

Scriptures:

I Corinthians 12:28; Luke 1:54; Acts 20:35; I Timothy 6:2

Characteristics of the gift of Helps:

1. The gift of helps is believed by many to be similar to the gift of serving.
2. A person with the gift of helps will be one who desires to play a supportive role in helping others succeed.
3. A person with this gift manifests the quality of faithfulness.
4. This person actually enjoys seeing others get credit for something he or she had a major part in accomplishing.
5. Many times this gifting prefers to work behind the scenes in completing a project.
6. A ministry of helps should be zealous, cheerful and thankful, understanding the privilege of serving the Body of Christ, and thereby serving Christ Himself.

Quotations:

Strong's Number: 484

Greek Word: antilepsis

"properly signifies "a laying hold of, an exchange" (anti, "in exchange," or, in its local sense, "in front," and lambano, "to take, lay hold of," so as to support); then, "a help" (akin to B, No. 1); it is mentioned in 1Cor. 12:28, as one of the ministrations in the local church, by way of rendering assistance, perhaps especially of "help" ministered to the weak and needy. So Theophylact defines the injunction in 1Thess. 5:14, "support the weak;" cp. Acts 20:35; not official functionaries are in view in the term "helps," but rather the functioning of those who, like the household of Stephanas, devote themselves to minister to the saints. .. "anything that would be done for poor or weak or outcast brethren."

Dr. Kevin Conner:

Helps—Greek "antilepsis" = Those who help others, helpers, one who aids, assists, helps or supports the weak, do others service (I Corinthians 12:28; Luke 1:54; Acts 20:35; I Timothy 6:2).

Dr. Peter Wagner

Helps The gift of helps is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to invest the talents they have in the life and ministry of other members of the Body, thus enabling the person helped to increase the effectiveness of his or her spiritual gifts.

Dr. Leslie Flynn

Helps: The gift of helps is the Spirit-given ability to serve the church in any supporting role, usually temporal, though sometimes spiritual.

Administrations

The Gift of Administrations is the anointed ability to bring order, _____ and structure to the work of God's Kingdom in the Church for the purpose of greater _____ and fruitfulness.

Scriptures:

1Cor. 12:28; Luke 1:1-4; 1 Cor. 14:40; Acts 27:11; Rev. 18:17

Characteristics of the gift of Administrations:

1. A believer with this gift has a sense of orderliness and neatness and a desire to put things in their proper place.
2. This person sees how the work of God could be better structured for greater effectiveness.
3. This gifting works well with a visionary Equipping gift to aid in the orderly arrangement of ministry plans.
4. This gifting produces a more objective perspective on the natural things that affect the spiritual things of the Kingdom.
5. A person with this gifting loves to plan and organize and strategize behind scenes.
6. This kind of gifted believer enjoys the building process of the local church both the short and long range planning involved.

Quotations:

Strong's Number: 2941

Greek Word: kubernesisis

Usage Notes: from kubernao, "to guide" (whence Eng., "govern"), denotes (a) "steering, pilotage;" (b) metaphorically, "governments or governings," said of those who act as guides in a local church, 1Cor. 12:28. Cp. kubernetes, "a pilot," Acts 27:11; Rev. 18:17.

Dr. Kevin Conner:

Directors—Greek 'kubernesisis', Governments, Pilotage = To control the course of a ship, to steer or direct the Church (Acts 27:11; Revelation 18: 17; I Corinthians 12:28).

Dr. Peter Wagner

Administration: The gift of administration is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to understand clearly the immediate and long-range goals of a particular unit of the Body of Christ and to devise and execute effective plans for the accomplishment of those goals.

Serving

The Gift of Serving is the anointed ability to discern and _____ through _____ acts of giving, laboring, loving, helping and ministering.

Scriptures:

Luke 10:40; Acts 1:17, 25; Acts 6:4; Acts 12:25; Acts 21:19; Rom. 11:13, Acts 6:1; Rom. 12:7; 1Cor. 12:5, Acts 20:24; 2Cor. 4:1; 2Cor. 6:3; 2Cor. 11:8; 1Tim. 1:12,

Characteristics of the gift of Serving:

1. The gift of serving is to be a gift which is admonished to be used with grace.
2. This gifting motivates a person to look for ways to serve and help in the work of God.
3. A person with this gift is sensitive to needs and is willing to step up and get involved.
4. This gifted believer loves to serve and bless but also needs affirmation to feel his or her gift is appreciated.
5. This gifting is usually most concerned about natural things being taken care of.
6. This person usually expects others to be motivated to serve.

Quotations:

Strong's Number: 1248

Greek Word: diakonia

Usage Notes: "the office and work of a diakonos"; "service, ministry," is used (a) of domestic duties, Luke 10:40; (b) of religious and spiritual "ministration," (1) of apostolic "ministry," e.g., Acts 1:17, 25; Acts 6:4; Acts 12:25; Acts 21:19; Rom. 11:13, RV (AV, "office"); (2) of the service of believers, e.g., Acts 6:1; Rom. 12:7; 1Cor. 12:5, of the general "ministry" of a servant of the Lord preaching and teaching, Acts 20:24; 2Cor. 4:1; 2Cor. 6:3; 2Cor. 11:8; 1Tim. 1:12, RV, "(to His) service;"

Dr. Peter Wagner

Service: The gift of service is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to identify the unmet needs involved in a task related to God's work, and to make use of available resources to meet those needs and help accomplish the desired goals.

Teaching

The Gift of Teaching is the anointed ability to _____ others in the basic principles of God's Word in such a way that _____ and transformation takes place.

Scriptures:

Acts 18:24-26; Matt. 4:23; Matt. 9:35; Rom. 12:7; 1Cor. 4:17; 1Tim. 2:12; 1Tim. 4:11; Matt. 5:2; Matt. 7:29, Matt. 15:9; Acts 18:11; Matt. 22:16; Acts 15:35; John 14:26; Rev. 2:14, 20; 1Tim. 3:2; 2Tim. 2:24. Matt. 15:9; Mark 7:7; Eph. 4:14; Col. 2:22; 1Tim. 1:10; 1Tim. 4:1, 6; 1Tim. 6:1, 3; 2Tim. 4:3; Titus 1:9 Titus 2:1, 10; Rom. 12:7,

Characteristics of the gift of Teaching:

1. The gift of teaching motivates people to be involved in helping people.
2. A person with this gift wants all believers to be established in the basic truths of God's word.
3. This person sees principles in the scriptures and readily sees how they apply to daily life.
4. A believer with this gift would want new Christians to be grounded well in the Word of God.
5. This gift lends itself to helping children and young people know the Word.
6. The gift of teaching promotes a passion for truth and biblical foundation in people's lives.

Quotations:

Strong's Number: 1321

Greek Word: didasko

Usage Notes: is used (a) absolutely, "to give instruction," e.g., Matt. 4:23; Matt. 9:35; Rom. 12:7; 1Cor. 4:17; 1Tim. 2:12; 1Tim. 4:11; (b) transitively, with an object, whether persons, e.g., Matt. 5:2; Matt. 7:29, and frequently in the Gospels and Acts, or things "taught," e.g., Matt. 15:9; Matt. 22:16; Acts 15:35; Acts 18:11; both persons and things, e.g., John 14:26; Rev. 2:14,

Strong's Number: 1317

Greek Word: didaktikos

Usage Notes: "skilled in teaching" (akin to No. 1 above: Eng., "didactic"), is translated "apt to teach" in 1Tim. 3:2; 2Tim. 2:24.

Strong's Number: 1319

Greek Word: didaskalia

Usage Notes: denotes, as No. 1 (from which, however, it is to be distinguished), (a) "that which is taught, doctrine," Matt. 15:9; Mark 7:7; Eph. 4:14; Col. 2:22; 1Tim. 1:10; 1Tim. 4:1, 6; 1Tim. 6:1, 3; 2Tim. 4:3; Titus 1:9 ("doctrine," in last part of verse: see also No. 1); Titus 2:1, 10; (b) "teaching, instruction," Rom. 12:7, "teaching;"

Dr. Peter Wagner

Teaching: The gift of teaching is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to communicate information relevant to the health and ministry of the Body and its members in such a way that others will learn.

Exhortation

The Gift of Exhortation is the anointed ability to _____, admonish, provoke, comfort and uplift other members of the Body of Christ who need _____ in accomplishing the work of the Kingdom.

Scriptures:

2Cor. 8:4; Rom. 12:8; Acts 4:36; Rom. 15:4; 1 Thessalonians 5: 14; Titus I :9;2:6,9,15; 1 Corinthians 14:3; Hebrews 3: 13; 10:25; 2 Corinthians 1:4, 6; Acts 20: 12

Characteristics of the gift of Exhortation:

1. The gift of exhortation is a spiritual vitamin to the Body of Christ.
2. A person with this gift is a great encourager and motivator to other members.
3. This gift gets stirred up in a church gathering when it is discerned that people need to be motivated.
4. This person loves to go after hard cases and bring people to a closer walk with God.
5. A person with this gift will often find themselves getting personally stirred and motivated and will want to pass that along to others.
6. This kind of person should know the Word of God well, so as to exhort with sound doctrine and wisdom from God.

Quotations:

Strong's Number: 3870

Greek Word: parakaleo

Notes: primarily, "to call to a person" (para, "to the side," kaleo, "to call"), denotes (a) "to call on, entreat;" (b) "to admonish, exhort, to urge" one to pursue some course of conduct (always prospective, looking to the future, in contrast to the meaning to comfort, which is retrospective, having to do with trial experienced)

Strong's Number: 3874

Greek Word: paraklesis

Usage Notes: primarily "a calling to one's side," and so "to one's aid," hence denotes (a) an appeal, "entreaty," 2Cor. 8:4; (b) encouragement, "exhortation," e.g., Rom. 12:8; in Acts 4:36, RV, "exhortation," for AV, "consolation;" (c) "consolation and comfort," e.g., Rom. 15:4. See COMFORT. Cp. parakletos, "an advocate, comforter."

Dr. Kevin Conner:

Exhorter—Greek "paraklesis" = To warn, to admonish, to be cheered or comforted, to entreat, to urge, persuasion or excitement (1 Thessalonians 5: 14; Titus I :9; Corinthians 14:3; Hebrews 3: 13; 10:25; 11 Corinthians 1:4, 6; Acts 20: 12).

Dr. Peter Wagner

Exhortation: The gift of exhortation is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to minister words of comfort, consolation, encouragement and counsel to other members of the Body in such a way that they feel helped and healed.

Giving

The Gift of Giving is the anointed ability to _____ for, _____ and _____ wisely the natural resources of wealth into the eternal work of extending the Kingdom of God through the ministries of the Church.

Scriptures:

Rom. 12:8; Deut. 8:18; Eph. 4:28; Luke 3:11, 1Thess. 2:8; 1 Tim. 6:17-19; Heb. 13:16; Luke 3: 11; Romans 1:11

Characteristics of the gift of Giving:

1. The gift of giving is to be a gift which is admonished to be used with liberality.
2. A true giver with this gift is usually creative in finding ways to bless the church and others.
3. This gift usually accompanies a person who has an ability to create wealth and accumulate money.
4. A gift of giving motivates a person to invest wisely into the Kingdom of God.
5. This person will not want to waste his or her money but rather use it wisely.
6. This gift functions well with the gift of faith.

Quotations:

Strong's Number: 3330

Greek Word: metadidomi

Usage Notes: "to give a share of, impart" (meta, "with"), as distinct from "giving." The Apostle Paul speaks of "sharing" some spiritual gift with Christians at Rome, Rom. 1:11, "that I may impart," and exhorts those who minister in things temporal, to do so as "sharing," and that generously, Rom. 12:8, "he that giveth;" so in Eph. 4:28; Luke 3:11, in 1Thess. 2:8 he speaks of himself and his fellow missionaries as having been well pleased to impart to the converts both God's Gospel and their own souls (i.e., so "sharing" those with them as to spend themselves and spend out their lives for them).

"With Simplicity"

Strong's Number: 572

Greek Word: haplotes

Usage Notes: denotes (a) "simplicity, sincerity, unaffectedness" (from haplous, "single, simple," in contrast to diplous, "double"), Rom. 12:8, "simplicity;" 2Cor. 11:3 (in some mss. in 2Cor. 1:12); Eph. 6:5; Col. 3:22, singleness;" (b) "simplicity as manifested in generous giving," "liberality," 2Cor. 8:2; 2Cor. 9:11 (AV, "bountifulness," RV marg., "singleness"); 2Cor. 9:13 (AV, "liberal").

Dr. Leslie Flynn

Giving: The gift of giving is the God-given ability, perhaps to earn, certainly to give money for the progress of God's work with such care and cheer that the recipients are fortified.

Mercy

The Gift of Mercy is the anointed ability to _____ with the afflictions, problems and burdens of others and minister to them with compassion, grace, patience, and _____ love.

Scriptures:

Matt. 9:36; Rom. 9:15, 16, 18; Rom. 11:32; Rom. 12:8; I Timothy 1:13, 16; Jude 23; Matthew 5:7; 6:2-4; 9:27; 15:22; Hebrews 2: 17

Characteristics of the gift of Mercy:

1. The gift of Mercy is to be a gift which is admonished to be used with cheerfulness.
2. The gift of mercy has a potential down side of not being able to speak the truth.
3. A person with this gift is very often tender hearted, easily moved with the emotions of compassion and touched by the needs of others.
4. A person with this gift can be very subjective and not see the big picture.
5. This person may also have a gift of discerning of spirits, in order to judge between various emotions.
6. A believer with this gift usually has a keen sense of justice and a burden for the needy and the abused.

Quotations:

Part of Speech: Verb

Strong's Number: 1653

Greek Word: eleeo

Usage Notes: "to feel sympathy with the misery of another," and especially sympathy manifested in act, Rom. 9:15, 16, 18; Rom. 11:32; Rom. 12:8; "to have pity or mercy shown one, to obtain mercy,"

Strong's Number: 1656

Greek Word: eleos

Usage Notes: "is the outward manifestation of pity;

"With Cheerfulness"

Strong's Number: 2431

Greek Word: hilaros

Usage Notes: from hileos, "propitious," signifies that readiness of mind, that joyousness, which is prompt to do anything; hence, "cheerful" (Eng., "hilarious"), 2Cor. 9:7, "God loveth a cheerful (hilarious) giver."

Note: In the Sept. the verb hilaruno translates a Hebrew word meaning "to cause to shine," in Psa. 104:15.

Strong's Number: 2432

Greek Word: hilarotes

Usage Notes: "cheerfulness" (akin to B, No. 2), is used in Rom. 12:8, in connection with showing mercy.

Dr. Kevin Conner:

He that Sheweth Mercy—Greek "eleos" = Have compassion, to show gracious favour, saving mercy towards (I Timothy 1:13, 16; Romans 9:15, 16, 18; Jude 23; Matthew 5:7; 6:2-4; 9:27; 15:22; Hebrews 2: 17).

Dr. Peter Wagner

Mercy: The gift of mercy is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to feel genuine empathy and compassion for individuals, both Christian and non-Christian, who suffer distressing physical, mental or emotional problems, and to translate that compassion into cheerfully done deeds that reflect Christ's love and alleviate the suffering.

Dr. Leslie Flynn

Mercy: The gift of showing mercy is the Spirit-guided ability to manifest practical, compassionate, cheerful love toward suffering members of the body of Christ.

Gifts of Healings

The Gifts of the Healing are divinely anointed abilities to bring supernatural _____ to those who are sick, infirm, weak or oppressed by the devil.

Scriptures:

1 Cor. 12:9, 28; Acts 10:38; Acts 3:1-10; Acts 5:15,16

Characteristics of the Gifts of Healing:

1. A person with a gift of healing will often be led to pray for people who are sick.
2. The Holy Spirit will often lead people with this gift to know what kind of sicknesses to pray for.
3. Many times these people will receive inside information as to what is specifically wrong with someone.
4. This gift may operate in a variety of ways in order to bring healing to people.
5. Believers operating in this gift find a high percentage of success in seeing people healed through the laying on of hands.

Quotations:

Strong's Number: 2386

Greek Word: iama

Usage Notes: akin to A, No. 2, formerly signified "a means of healing;" in the NT, "a healing" (the result of the act), used in the plural, in 1Cor. 12:9, 28, 30, RV, "healings;" of Divinely imparted gifts in the churches in apostolic times.

Strong's Number: 2392

Greek Word: iasis

Usage Notes: akin to A, No. 2, stresses the process as reaching completion, Luke 13:32, "cures," of the acts of Christ in the days of His flesh; Acts 4:22, 30, "to heal," lit. 'unto healing.'

Dr. Kevin Conner:

Gifts of Healings—Greek ' 'charismata iama' ' = Those who have various gifts or a gift of healing by the Spirit, restoring health (Acts 4:22, 30; I Corinthians 12:9, 28, 30; Hebrews 12: 13)

Jack Taylor

Gifts of Healing: The God-given capacity to affect healing of diseases and infirmities without natural means.

Dr. Peter Wagner

Healing: The gift of healing is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to serve as human intermediaries through whom it pleases God to cure illness and restore health apart from the use of natural means.