

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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It is important to ensure fellowship with God before the study of the Word.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

Hebrews 4:12 For the Word of God is alive and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword. . .

Distractions to the local church –

- ✚ Money
- ✚ Membership
- ✚ Music
- ✚ Missions

While these are legitimate, they can easily de-emphasize the all-important WORD OF GOD.

PERMANENT SPIRITUAL GIFTS

I. SERVICE

II. TEACHING

III. ENCOURAGING - EXHORTATION

Remember that you are a vessel; designed to serve the Master!

III. GIVING –

Romans 12:8 or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who **gives, with liberality;**

- **μεταδίδωμι** – A compound verb
 - δίδωμι - DIDOMI** - “To give; to impart; to share”
 - μετα - META** – “With or among”

- **ἐν ἀπλότητι** – EN plus HAPLOTES
 - ἀπλότης** – “Liberality; sincerity or generosity”

2 Corinthians 8:1-5 Now, brethren, we *wish to make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia,*

- **δίδωμι** – “To give”
- A reference to a very large contribution or donation

² that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality [**ἀπλότης**]. ←

³ For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, *they gave of their own accord,*

- **αὐθαίρετος** – AUTHAIRETOS – “Of their own accord”
- No marketing techniques were needed to motivate them to give.

> It was God the Holy Spirit that had compelled them to give [*from within*].

⁴ begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints, ⁵ and *this*, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.

It is an honor to give!

2 Corinthians 9:10-12 Now He [*God*] who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness;

God's going to do two things to accomplish a third -

1. **Supply** – χορηγέω – CHOREGEO
2. **Multiply** - πληθύνω – PLETHUNO
3. **Result of cooperating with God** - αυξάνω – AUXANO – “To grow or increase”

When God *supplies and multiplies* there is an implied task of sowing.

Never forget that it is only God who will . . . *increase the harvest of your righteousness*.

The gift of giving requires faith - - faith that God will continue to *supply and multiply!*

¹¹ you will be enriched in everything for all **liberality**, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God. ¹² For the ministry of this service [*GIVING*] is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing through many thanksgivings to God.

POD: Definition of the spiritual gift of giving - The supernatural ability to effortlessly give liberally in grace with faith from one's abundance.

Definition of Spiritual Gift (review) - By way of attempting an accurate definition, a gift in the spiritual sense means the Holy Spirit doing a particular service through the believer, using the believer to do it.

- Remember that you are a vessel and that it is God who is working to both will and to do.
- When you are assembling together with believers - God starts performing a particular service in and through you.

The Gift of Giving

While the gift of giving borders on the graces which are found universally in all Spirit-filled believers, it has a definite place in the list of spiritual gifts revealed in **Romans 12:8**, having in view the proper use of temporal means in relation to others. While exercised to some degree by all Christians, and its manifestation is connected somewhat with ability to give, it may be observed as a distinct spiritual gift in some Christians, who demonstrate in the superlative the quality of committing earthly possessions to the Lord for His use.

THE HOLY SPIRIT. A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF THE PERSON AND WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. Page 171; John F. Walvoord

All Scriptures quoted are from New American Standard unless otherwise noted.