

## 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. . .

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**Romans 12:8** or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

→ ὁ ἐλεῶν ἐν ἰλαρότητι

➤ ὁ ἐλεῶ – HO ELEAO – “The one who is showing mercy”

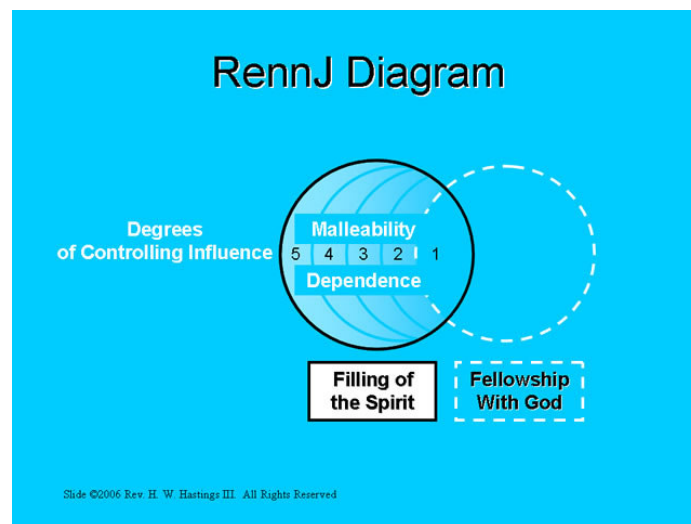
The present tense conveys something about spiritual gifts in general -

The one who has the spiritual gift of mercy ***is showing mercy.***

The one who has the spiritual gift of encouraging- exhortation ***is exhorting*** in an encouraging manner.

The one who has the spiritual gift of giving ***is giving.***

The one who has the spiritual gift of leading ***is leading.***



**POD:** The believer’s spiritual giftedness will be manifested as directed by the Spirit when the believer fellowships together [*comes into contact*] with believers.

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➤ **Cheerfulness** - ἰλαρότης – HILAROTES – “Gladness or graciousness”

POD: Definition of Spiritual Gift of Mercy - the supernatural ability and motivation to attend to and care for those believers who are sick, handicapped, or terminally ill.

Those who God has gifted you to bless within the body of Christ are not repulsive to you; your niche is not irksome when you are under the controlling influence of God the Holy Spirit.

**1 Corinthians 12:27-28** Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, **helps**, administrations, *various* kinds of tongues.

➤ **Helps** - ἀντίλημψις – ANTILEMPSIS –

In verb form ἀντιλαμβάνομαι – ANTILAMBANOMAI – “To help; to grasp or take up something”

*The concept of sharing a task with someone*

The person with the gift of helps is motivated to reduce the burden someone is carrying.

The person with the gift of helps is going to come alongside and provide help to complete a task.

#### **An illustration of HELPS from the Septuagint**

**Numbers 11:10-17** Now Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, each man at the doorway of his tent; and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup> So Moses said to the LORD, “Why have You been so hard on Your servant? And why have I not found favor in Your sight, that You have laid the burden of all this people on me?”

<sup>12</sup> “Was it I who conceived all this people? Was it I who brought them forth, that You should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom as a nurse carries a nursing infant, to the land which You swore to their fathers?’

<sup>13</sup> “Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me, saying, ‘Give us meat that we may eat!’

<sup>14</sup> “I alone am not able to carry all this people, because it is too burdensome for me.

<sup>15</sup> “So if You are going to deal thus with me, please kill me at once, if I have found favor in Your sight, and do not let me see my wretchedness.”

<sup>16</sup> The LORD therefore said to Moses, “Gather for Me seventy men from the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and their officers and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you.

<sup>17</sup> “Then I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take of the Spirit who is upon you, and will put *Him* upon them; and they shall **bear the burden** of the people with you, so that you will not bear *it* all alone.

*These elders are going to reduce the burden Moses is carrying.*

**Great Principles:**

1. Moses realized his inability as we all should.
2. Moses went to the Lord for help as we all should.
3. When Moses prayed, he was honest and transparent as we should be.
4. The Lord was gracious **as He always is**.

God knew that Moses was *but* dust – and He knows that about us!

**Psalm 103:14** For He Himself knows our frame; He is mindful that we are *but* dust.

- That is why God helped Moses.
- That is why He supernaturally enabled 70 men to share the burden.
- That is why He has given us His Spirit.

**POD:** It is impossible to accomplish the work God has prepared for us apart from the help provided by God the Holy Spirit.

- > We must walk by the Spirit – we need to trust Him to do the work.
- > God provides the supernatural ability and motivation.

The function of spiritual gifts is a cooperative work between the willing believer and the indwelling Holy Spirit.

Apart from the Holy Spirit’s help, the believer’s work is worthless.

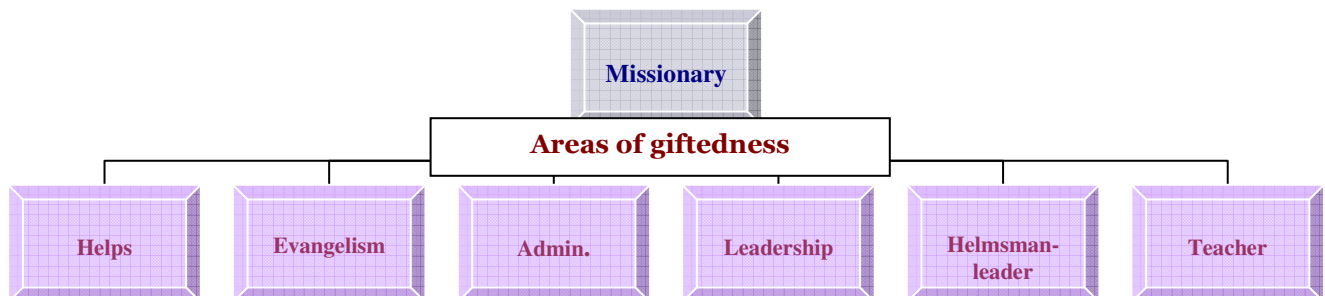
The Church Age is the Age of Unlimited Opportunity – the Age of Grace.

No spiritual gift can function apart from God the Holy Spirit [1 Cor. 12:7].

**Romans 8:26** In the same way the Spirit also **helps** [συναντιλαμβάνομαι] our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words;

**POD:** Spiritual Gift of Helps – The supernatural ability and motivation to help a fellow believer in a task by sharing the burden or workload.

- > **Missionary** is not a spiritual gift - - it is a calling from the Lord.



- > Prayer is not a spiritual gift.
- > Prayer is the responsibility of each and every believer.

Why do some believers pray more than others?

There may be someone who prays much and also has the gift of **HELPS** and that is just the **HELP** that God wants them to provide to the body.

As you function in the body of Christ, your gift will *supernaturally* surface.

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