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*Romans 12: 3 For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the **faith God has distributed to each of you**. 4 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, 5 so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. 6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.*

- We are continuing with our theme **THE UNCTION TO FUNCTION PRT 5**. Last week, we dealt with 4 of the 7 motivational gifts and today we will do the remaining 3.
- Let me begin by saying what you appreciate, appreciates in value. Your gift will appreciate to the level to which you appreciate it.
- One of the greatest feelings you will ever experience is seeing someone enjoying a gift you have them. The opposite is true, the worst feeling is when you see someone not placing value on a gift you gave them. God finds great pleasure when we value the gifts He gave us.
- How much value do you place on God's gift over your life. Gifts under-utilized will diminish in impact and results.

*Matthew 25:29 For to everyone who has, more shall be given, and he will abound. But from him who has not, even that which he has shall be taken away from him.*

- They who are diligent in improving the opportunities they have, God will enlarge them and will set before them open doors
- But those who stir not up the gift that is in them, who do not exert themselves according to their capacity, their gifts rust, and decay, and go out like a neglected fire.
- I want to highlight the importance of gifts by making the following statement:
- The use of your gift will transition you from being just a heaven going Christian to being a kingdom person, who is relevant in his location.
- Let's dive into the non-verbal motivational gifts.

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### 5. The Mercy gift

- The mercy gift, also known as compassion, is typically loyal, compassionate and has a unique ability to sense distress, pain, or anguish in others.
- The mercy gift is the complete opposite of the prophet; whilst the prophet is quick to judge, mercy reserves judgement.
- Mercy operates in slow motion, which can easily be misunderstood by other gifts.
- With mercy, everything is filtered through the emotions first, and then on to the mind or intellect. That is why there is a delayed response from mercy.
- When mercy listens, it does not only listen to the words, but it will also be searching for expressions of feeling that identify what is going on with the person.
- Mercy is central to the redemptive work of Jesus. Whilst the Father cries out for justice, the son came crying out for mercy.

*Hebrews 4: 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who was tempted in every way that we are, yet was without sin. 16 Therefore let us come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*

*Matthew 9:36 When He saw the crowds, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.*

#### • **Positive characteristics**

- Has a tremendous capacity to show love
- Able to sense genuine love on the part of others
- Feels vulnerable and easily hurt
- Always looks for the good in people
- Senses the spiritual and emotional atmosphere of others
- Attracted to people who are hurting or in distress
- Empathizes with those who are hurting and senses their emotions
- Takes action to remove hurts and relieve distress in others
- Avoids conflicts and confrontations
- Ruled by heart more than head
- Needs physical closeness in order to be reassured of acceptance

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- **Negative characteristics**

- Easily hurt by others
- Empathizes too much with the suffering of Others – prone to abuse.
- Have difficulties with the opposite sex – their affection is misinterpreted
- Places greater demands on new friendships when previous friendships have proven disappointing
- Tend to be overly needy when going through their own issues.
- Tends to avoid giving discipline when in a leadership position
- Bases decisions on emotions instead of principles.

### **6. The server**

- One who renders aid and relief to others. One who naturally serves the saints.
- Servers see the needs of others, especially their physical needs, and desire to meet those needs.
- They are willing to invest a considerable amount of time and energy into the lives of others.
- People with this gift enjoy manual projects. They are not kings; they do not even want to be kings. They are happy working behind the scenes. They are “king-makers.”
- Martha was such a person – her way of loving Jesus was by serving Him.

*Luke 10:38 And as they went, it happened that He entered into a certain village. And a certain woman named Martha received Him into her house. 39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. 40 But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she came to Him and said, Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me.*

- **Positive characteristics**

- Recognizes practical needs and is quick to meet them
- Enjoys manual projects, jobs, and functions
- A detail person with a good memory
- Enjoys showing hospitality
- Stays with a project until its completion
- Has a hard time saying no to requests for help
- Meets the needs of others before own needs

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- Needs appreciation to confirm direction
- Prefers doing a job to delegating it
- Freely uses up personal assets of time, money, and strength to help others.
- **Negative Characteristics**
  - Overly critical of those neglectful of others' needs
  - Reacts to those who refuse to follow through with his suggestions
  - May neglect own family's needs in serving others
  - Task may become more important than the person
  - Has difficulty being served by others
  - Easily hurt when unappreciated
  - Will experience more physical problems due to anxiety
  - Needs directions and approval or feels lost

### **7. The giver:**

- God has bestowed upon the giver the ability to use resources in a very effective manner.
- Secretive is the best word to describe the giver – rarely does a giver trumpets his giving.
- Givers are very good at acquiring material things, but very rarely do they use them for their own purposes.
- The Lord seems to grant givers a natural wisdom and insight into the usefulness of items.
- They have natural business abilities. If they begin their own business, it tends to be successful because of their skillful use of resources.

*Acts 9:36 And in Joppa was a certain disciple named Tabitha (which translated is called Dorcas). She was full of good works and kind deeds which she did. 37 And it happened in those days, becoming sick, she died. And washing her, they laid her in an upper room. 38 And, because Lydda was near Joppa, hearing that Peter is in it, the disciples sent two men to him, begging him not to delay to come to them. 39 And rising up, Peter went with them. When he had come, they brought him into the upper room. And all the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas made while she was with them. 40 And putting them all out, Peter knelt down and*

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*prayed. And turning to the body he said, Tabitha, arise! And she opened her eyes. And when she saw Peter, she sat up.*

- **Positive Characteristics**

- Gives freely of money, possessions, time and energy
- Believes God is the source of his supply
- Loves to give without others knowing about it
- Wants to feel a part of the ministries to which he gives
- Focuses on sharing the gospel
- Intercedes for the salvation of souls
- Feels delight when his gift is an answer to specific prayer
- Wants gifts to be of high and lasting quality
- Needs continuous reassurance that decisions are God's will.
- Reacts negatively to pressure appeals for money
- Very industrious and tends to be successful
- Has natural and effective business ability

- **Negative Characteristics**

- Tries to control how contributions are used
- Tends to pressure others to give
- Tends to spoil his children
- May use money to escape responsibility
- May focus on projects instead of people
- Spoils the receiver with high quality gifts
- May become materialistic
- May miss severe hidden needs if focusing on projects
- May bring attention to himself with his giving
- Sometimes fails to obey God's prompting immediately