

spiritual gifts



Love Gifts



manifest God's love in practical, tangible ways

Acts 6:1-7

² So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³ Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them ⁴ and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.'....

⁷ So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

Romans 12:3-5

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.

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Serving

Helping (1 Cor. 12:28)

See and meet needs first

Love to meet practical needs

"if it is serving, then serve" - don't feel the need for recognition, serve joyfully

Free others to use their gifts

The church works because of these people

Stephen and others in Acts 6



Giving

See needs and respond with resources

"give generously"

Compelled to give

Want to see the kingdom grow

Strategically minded

Anonymous giving

Give sacrificially and joyfully



Lead

Guidance (1 Cor. 12:28) , Administration, Government

See the big picture and know what needs to be happen

Organise people, projects or resources

Enjoy helping people succeed

Strategic thinkers who plan solutions

Trustees and church leaders

"do it diligently"



Show mercy

Bring God's compassion, healing and hope

Drawn to the hurting and broken

Act when they see suffering

People open up to you about their struggles

"do it cheerfully"

Romans 12:9-13

⁹ Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervour, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practise hospitality.

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