

The Serving Gifts, Part 1

Various Passages

1. The gifts of _____ and _____.

Service: the Spirit-given ability to identify the unmet _____ involved in a _____ related to god's work and to make use of available resources to meet those needs and help accomplish the desired goals.

Helps: the Spirit-given ability to invest the other gifts and talents they have in the life and ministry of other _____ of the body, thus enabling the _____ helped to increase their effectiveness.

The gift of service is centered on the _____, whatever is needed to make the ministry more successful. The gift of helps is focused on another _____, whatever is needed to make that other person more successful.

2. The gift of _____.

The Spirit-given ability to feel genuine empathy & _____ for individuals, both Christian & non-Christian, who suffer distressing physical, mental or emotional problems, and to translate that compassion into cheerfully-done deeds that _____ Christ's love and alleviate _____.

Showing compassion and mercy, it gets the attention of a world that is _____ of empty religion.

3. The gift of _____.

The Spirit-given ability to provide open house and warm _____ for those in need of physical and/or emotional support.

If we will open our homes to people, invite them in for a meal or a game, and focus on them, not on ourselves, it will get attention and _____ love and acceptance like few other things can.

4. The gift of _____.

The Spirit-given ability to pray for extended periods of time on a _____ basis and see frequent and specific _____ to their prayers to a degree much greater than that which is expected for the average Christian.

Calvary Connection Group
Discussion Questions for the week of Nov. 29, 2021

Getting to Know Me

- If drawing or painting were a class in school, what grade would you give yourself? Why?

- What bone have you broken in your body? When and why?

Into the Bible

- What one thing stood out to you in this week's sermon as something important to understand and apply?

- Dr. Luke wrote the book of Acts. Read Acts 16:1-18, paying particular attention to the plural pronouns. What does the change in pronouns between vv. 1-9 and vv. 10-18 tell you? (See also 20:5-15; 21:1-18; 27:1-28:16.) Why is this significant to Luke? To Paul? To us today?

- Hospitality is a New Testament command. Read the following passages that mention hospitality: Rom. 12:13; 1 Tim. 3:2; 5:10; Titus 1:8; Heb. 13:2; 1 Pet. 4:9. Who is commanded to show hospitality?

- Prayer is key to our mental and spiritual health as Christians. Read Phil. 4:4-7. What other attitudes or mind-sets go with a dependence on God in prayer?

Application

- What do you think hospitality look like today? Why is it so important for Christians?

- Who is the greatest intercessor, or "prayer warrior" you have know? Why?