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BIBLE *Study*

THE SPIRITUAL GIFT OF

SERVING/HELPS

SAME PURPOSE. A HIGHER CALL. – *Part 2*

WHAT IS THE SPIRITUAL GIFT OF SERVING?

The believer with the spiritual gift of serving has the God-given ability and desire to meet practical needs, support others, and advance God's work through humble selfless action. Those believers who are gifted in serving often work behind the scenes, helping others succeed and demonstrating Christ's love through tangible acts of service.

KEY TOPIC SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:6-7

1 BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF SERVANTS

a Martha

Martha demonstrated a heart for hospitality and practical care. While Jesus corrected her anxiety, He did not condemn her strong desire to serve. **Luke 10:38-42**

Lesson: *Serve diligently, but do not neglect intimacy with Christ.*

b The Seven Chosen to Serve

Strong spiritual men, such as Stephen and Philip, were appointed to meet practical needs within the church. They were identified and set apart for this special service within the Body of Christ. **Acts 6:1-7**

Lesson: *Practical service is essential to the health and growth of the local church.*

c Dorcas (Tabitha)

This woman was full good works and almsdeeds which she did freely and happily. Almsdeeds are acts of charity, mercy, or financial help given directly to the poor and needy.

Lesson: *A life devoted to serving others leaves a lasting spiritual impact on the lives of others.*

2 DANGERS FOR THOSE GIFTED IN SERVING

a Burnout

Even Jesus Christ encouraged periods of rest. **Mark 6:31**

Warning: *Servants may overcommit and neglect spiritual renewal.*

b Resentment

Martha became extremely frustrated when she felt others were not assisting at the supper for Jesus. **Luke 10:40**

Warning: *Serving can become burdensome when done from a position of obligation, rather than from heartfelt love.*

c Seeking Recognition

No act of service should ever be done to receive recognition. Believers who are gifted in service perform their works as unto the Lord. **Matthew 6:1-4**

Warning: *Service should always be motivated by pleasing God, not receiving praise from others.*

3 THE REWARDS OF SERVING

- Hebrews 10:6
- Matthew 25:21
- Galatians 6:9
- 1 Corinthians 15:58

God sees every act of service that we do, even those that go unnoticed by others.

SERVING HEARTS CHANGE LIVES