Spiritual Gifts

The Spiritual Gift of Serving - Part 1

Key Topic Scriptures - Romans 12:6-7

What is the 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.

1. **Jesus: The Ultimate Example of a Servant** (Mark 10:45)

Jesus modeled servant-hearted living throughout His ministry. Though He was Lord, willingly served others, healed the sick, raised the dead, fed the hungry and ultimately sacrificed His life for mankind. True greatness in God's Kingdom is measured by service. Every believer is called to serve, though some are especially gifted in it. Serving others is not a lesser role; it reflects the love and character of Christ.

2**. Characteristics of Those Gifted to Serve**

A. **Humility** – Servants put the needs of others before their own recognition. **Philippians 2:3-4**

B. Faithfulness - Serving faithfully often involves completing small tasks that have great Kingdom impact. **Luke 16:10**

C. **Love in Action** - Serving always transforms love into action. **1 John 3:18**

D. **Dependability** - Those gifted in serving work diligently because they serve Christ first. **Colossians 3:23-24**

The Greek word for "**service**" is **diakonia**, from which we get the word **"deacon"**. It refers to practical ministry that meets needs and supports the work of God's Kingdom. **1 Peter 4:10-11; Galatians 5:13; Acts 6:1-7**