



Spiritual Gifts

Topic: The Spiritual Gift of Mercy Part 2

What is the Gift of Mercy?

The believer with the spiritual gift of mercy has the God-given ability and desire to compassionately care for those who are suffering, hurting, discouraged, or in need, reflecting God's own heart of compassion.

Key Topic Scriptures: Roman 12:8

Understanding Mercy

Mercy is compassion in action. It goes beyond feeling sympathy and moves toward helping, comforting, forgiving, and restoring those who are hurting or have been hurt. God's mercy is one of His defining attributes, and all believers, just like the believers with the gift are expected to reflect and show mercy toward others.

***(Psalm 103:8; Lamentations 3:22-23;
Ephesians 2:4-5)***

1. God Calls Every Believer to Show Mercy.

While some believers possess the spiritual gift of mercy, all Christians are commanded to be merciful to others. However, the depth and breath of how that mercy is ministered is different from the believer who is gifted in mercy. **(Luke 6:36; Colossians 3:12; James 2:13)**

Everyone should show mercy; however, those gifted in mercy often demonstrate it with unusual and extraordinary consistency.

2. Pitfalls of the Gift of Mercy.

As previously stated in our teaching of spiritual gifts, if we are not careful in how we execute our gifts without balance, they can be used incorrectly.

1. Judgmental Attitudes

- A critical spirit can hinder mercy. **(Matthew 7:1-2)**

2. Compassion Fatigue

- Even Christians with the gift of mercy can become emotionally exhausted. **(Mark 6:31)**

3. Enabling Sin

- Mercy should never become permission for sinful behavior. Mercy restores gently while encouraging obedience. **(Galatians 6:1)**



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3. Practical Ways to Exercise the Gift of Mercy

Emotional Mercy – **Hebrews 13:16**

- Encouraging the discouraged
- Listening to those who are grieving
- Visiting the sick and lonely

Physical Mercy – **Matthew 25:35–40**

- Feeding the hungry
- Helping those facing hardship
- Serving the sick and elderly

Spiritual Mercy – **Galatians 6:2**

- Praying with and for hurting people
- Restoring those who have fallen
- Offering peace and hope through God's Word