

Ephesians 2:10 (ESV) For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

God is making us to become like His Son to become what He desires God knows what we are fitted for. God works in us before he works through us...(Phil 1:6) What is the Key? Serving! We become more like Christ when we serve!

MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS

Romans 12:6-8 (NKJV) 6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; 7 or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; 8 he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

EVERY CHRISTIAN HAS A MOTIVATIONAL GIFT 1 Peter 4:10-11

CHOOSE TO SERVE GOD WITHIN YOUR GIFTING

EACH GIFT IS DESIGNED FOR THE FUNCTION OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

WHAT IS YOUR MOTIVATIONAL GIFT?

A Motivational Gift is the underlying motivation that influences you to do the things you do and the way you do them.

PROPHECY: Perceiving

Discerns/Reveal unrighteous motives or actions by presenting God's Truth.

Misunderstandings:

The person with the gift of Prophecy Needs Understanding and must resist a Critical Spirit. Complimentary Gift: MERCY.

SERVING:

The function of demonstrating love by meeting practical needs.

Misunderstandings:

People with this gift may sometimes appear to be pushy. Their disregard for personal needs may extend to their own family. Their desire to sense sincere appreciation may result in being easily hurt

The person with the Gift of Serving needs Appreciation and must resist Bitterness. Compliment Gift: LEADER

TEACHING:

Searching out and systematically presenting truth.

They have a delight in research in order to validate truth.

They have an appreciation for preciseness of words.

Misunderstandings: :

Their emphasis on the accuracy of the teaching may appear to neglect its practical application.

The person with the Gift of Teaching needs Encouragement and must resist Pride of Learning. Compliment Gift: EXHORTATION.

ANSWERS: LIKE, IN, THROUGH, SERVING, SERVE, EVERY, FUNCTION, WHAT, INFLUENCES, DISCERN, UNRIGHTEOUS, UNDERSTANDING, MERCY MEETING PRACTICAL NEEDS, PUSHY, EXTEND, HURT, APPRECIATION, LEADER, SEARCHING, RESEARCH, APPLICATION, ENCOURAGEMENT, EXHORTATION.

EXHORTATION:

To stimulate faith and encourage growth in others. They encourage a person to pursue a specific course of conduct.

Misunderstandings: :

Their emphasis on steps of action may appear to over-simplify the problem.

They appear to be discouraged with the lack of progress.

People with the Gift of Exhorter needs Acceptance and must resist self-idolatry.

Compliment Gift: TEACHING.

GIVING:

Helping to meet the material needs of others.

Misunderstandings: :

The need to deal with sums of money may appear to be a focus on temporal values. They tend to measure spiritual success by material assets.

Your checkbook is an illustration of your spiritual life.

The person with the Gift of Giving needs Spiritual building up and must resist Materialism. Compliment Gift: LEADING

LEADING OR ADMINISTRATION:

To co-ordinate the activities of others for the achievement of common goals. They have an ability to see the overall picture and know what can or cannot be delegated. They have fulfillment in seeing all the pieces fit together.

Misunderstandings: :

The ability to delegate responsibility may appear as laziness in avoiding work.

The viewing of people as resources may look like projects are more important than people.

The person with the Gift of Leader needs Loyalty - must resist a Controlling Spirit.

Compliment Gift: SERVING

MERCY:

Identifying with and comforting those who are in distress. They have an ability to sense joy or distress and are attracted to people in trouble. They have a desire to remove hurts and to bring healing.

Misunderstandings:

The avoidance of firmness may appear to be weakness and indecisiveness. They may appear to be guided by emotions rather than logic. They may appear to take up another's offense. The ability to detect insincere motives may cause some to feel they are hard to know.

The person with the Gift of Mercy needs Mercy and must resist Being Wounded.

Compliment Gift: PROPHET

ANSWERS: GROWTH, CONDUCT, OVER-SIMPLIFY, ACCEPTANCE, TEACHING, NEEDS, TEMPORAL, CHECKBOOK, BUILDING UP, LEADING, ACHIEVEMENT, PICTURE, FIT, DELEGATE, LOYALTY, SERVING, COMFORTING, ATTRACTED, HURTS, WEAKNESS, INSINCERE, MERCY, PROPHET.

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