

BROOKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
Bible Study
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Lecture II

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Discovering Your Spiritual Gift(s)

These 19 Spiritual Gifts may be divided into three categories.

Category I – Serving Gifts (7)

- A. Ministry/Helps
- B. Ruling/Leadership/Government
- C. Giving
- D. Mercy
- E. Faith
- F. Discernment
- G. Hospitality

Category II – Speaking Gifts (8)

- A. Prophecy/Preaching
- B. Teaching/Writing
- C. Wisdom
- D. Knowledge
- E. Exhortation/Encouragement/Music
- F. Pastoring
- G. Evangelist
- H. Apostleship

Category III – Sign Gifts (4)

- A. Healing
- B. Miracles
- C. Tongue Speaking
- D. Interpretation of Tongues

I. THE GIFT OF MINISTRY/HELPS

The gift of “**ministry**” is listed in *Romans 12:7* and in *1st Corinthians 12:28* where it is called “**helps**.” Some versions translate this gift to “**service**.” The Greek word “Antilepseis” translated as “**helps**” refers to those who minister to or help those who are sick, weak, hungry, homeless, or helpless. The Greek word “Diakonia” translated as ministry is the same word that is also translated as “**deacon**” which literally means “**servant**.” These 2 Greek words are synonymous with the same gift.

The gift of ministry/helps can be defined as “**the God-given ability to help or serve joyfully and in love for the purpose of ministry in the Body of Christ.**”

General Indicators of the Gift of Ministry/Helps

1. Take action to meet physical and practical needs rather than merely talking about or planning to help.
2. Willing to DO the helping task rather than get someone else to perform the service.
3. Make an effort to help without always being asked.
4. Have a greater concern for the comfort and well-being of others than for self.

- **Matthew 25:31-36**

II. THE GIFT OF RULING/LEADERSHIP/GOVERNMENT/ADMINISTRATION

The gift of leadership is defined as “the God-given ability to plan, organize and motivate with such efficiency that a project is harmoniously completed to the glory of God.” They have the special ability to set goals in accordance with God’s purpose and to communicate these goals to others in such a way that they are encouraged to work together to accomplish their goals.

General Indicators of the Gift of Leadership

1. Able to recognize possibilities in others and then motivate them to action.
2. Skilled in presenting the “big picture” for others to see.
3. Able to recognize a group for the purpose of pursuing a goal.
4. Continue to work toward a goal in the face of negative criticism.
5. Know when to delegate responsibility and respect the abilities of those to whom you delegate.
6. Follow through until the assignment is complete.
7. Takes full responsibility when something goes wrong, but gives credit to others when the assignment is complete.

- **Nehemiah 6:3**
- **Nehemiah 6:15**