

Romans 12:2-8 Analysis

God has blessed every believer with Spiritual Gifts. This analysis will help you determine how God has blessed you.

Instructions: There are 14 statements. You are to enter a number on the right for each. Depending on how you feel about each statement, enter a number between 1 and 10; where "1" means that's not me & "10" describes me perfectly.

This is designed for Christians. Use your personal experiences as the basis for your responses. Please keep in mind this is just one tool in what should be a life-long search for how God has blessed you.

Step 1) Enter a number, from 1 to 10, for each question. Have fun. There is NO right or wrong here.

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| 1. Sometimes I have a burning desire to speak God's word even if I know it will not be well received. | 1. _____ |
| 2. If someone is facing a serious crisis, I enjoy the opportunity to help them. | 2. _____ |
| 3. Studying the Bible and sharing my insights with others is very satisfying for me. | 3. _____ |
| 4. It is enjoyable to motivate people to a higher spiritual commitment. | 4. _____ |
| 5. I strive to find ways to give to others without calling attention to myself. | 5. _____ |
| 6. Others are willing to follow my guidance to accomplish tasks for our church | 6. _____ |
| 7. I have a desire to work with those in hospitals and retirement homes, and feel I do well at this. | 7. _____ |
| 8. People have told me I have communicated timely messages that must have come directly from the Lord. | 8. _____ |
| 9. I enjoy doing routine tasks that help others be more effective in their Christian work. | 9. _____ |
| 10. I devote considerable time to learning new Biblical truths in order to communicate them to others. | 10. _____ |
| 11. I like to speak words of hope and have urged others to seek Biblical solutions to life situations. | 11. _____ |
| 12. I have been willing to maintain a lower standard of living in order to benefit God's work. | 12. _____ |
| 13. God has given me an ability to "rally the troops" and inspire others to greater involvement in church work. | 13. _____ |
| 14. I feel great compassion for the problems of other people. | 14. _____ |

Step 2) Fill in the numbers for each question from the previous sheet.

Answers to questions 1 thru 7 go in the first column

Answers to questions 8 thru 14 go in the second column

Step 3) Total the two “answers to questions” numbers and write it down under “total”

So... add the number for question 1 to the number for question 8

Then add the number for question 2 to the number for question 9

etc. Write down the totals in the “Total” column

Step 4) Circle the highest number in the “Total” column to reveal your greatest gift.

	<u>Answers to Questions</u>	<u>Total</u>	
1] Prophecy	1. _____	8. _____	_____
2] Service	2. _____	9. _____	_____
3] Teaching	3. _____	10. _____	_____
4] Exhorting	4. _____	11. _____	_____
5] Giving	5. _____	12. _____	_____
6] Leading	6. _____	13. _____	_____
7] Mercy	7. _____	14. _____	_____

1] Prophecy - The special ability God gives to some to proclaim the Word of God with clarity and to apply it fearlessly with a view to the strengthening, encouragement, and comfort of believers and the convincing of unbelievers. The special gift whereby the Spirit empowers certain Christians to interpret and apply God's revelation in a given situation.

The divine enablement to reveal truth and proclaim it in a timely and relevant manner for understanding, correction, repentance, or edification. There may be immediate or future implications.

People with this gift:

- expose sin or deception in others for the purpose of reconciliation
- speak a timely word from God causing conviction, repentance, and edification
- see truth that others often fail to see and challenge them to respond
- warn of God's immediate or future judgment if there is no repentance
- understand God's heart and mind through experiences He takes them through.

2] Serving - The gift that enables a believer to work gladly behind the scenes in order that God's work is fulfilled. The special ability God gives to some to serve the church in a supporting roll or to invest their talents in the life and ministry of other members of the body enabling them to increase their effectiveness.

The divine enablement to accomplish practical and necessary tasks which free-up, support, and meet the needs of others.

People with this gift:

- serve behind the scenes whenever needed to support the gifts and ministries of others (without having to be asked)
- see the tangible and practical things to be done and enjoy doing them
- sense God's purpose and pleasure in meeting every day responsibilities
- attach spiritual value to practical service
- enjoy knowing that they are freeing up others to do what God has called them to do.
- would rather do a job than find someone else to do it.

3] Teaching - The special ability God gives to some to explain the truths of the Word of God clearly and to apply them effectively so that those taught understand and learn. To instruct others in the Bible in a logical and systematic way so as to communicate pertinent information for true understanding and growth.

The divine enablement to understand, clearly explain, and apply the word of God causing greater Christ-likeness in the lives of listeners.

People with this gift:

- communicate Biblical truth that inspires greater obedience to the word
- challenge listeners simply and practically with the truths of scripture
- focus on changing lives by helping others understand the Bible better
- give attention to detail and accuracy
- prepare through extended times of study and reflection.

4] Exhorting - The special ability God gives some to help strengthen weak, faltering, and fainthearted Christians in such a way that they are motivated to be all God wants them to be.

The special ability to offer comfort, words of encouragement, hope, and reassurance to discouraged, weak, or troubled Christians in such a way that they are consoled. The ability to help others reach their full potential by means of encouraging, challenging, comforting, and guiding. The divine enablement to present truth so as to strengthen or urge to action those who are discouraged or wavering in their faith.

People with this gift of Exhorting:

- come to the side of those who are weak or discouraged in spirit to strengthen them
- challenge or confront others to trust and hope in the promises of God
- urge others to action by applying Biblical truth

- offer advice, an outline for a solution, or a program for progress
- emphasize God's promises and confidence in his will.

5] Giving - The gift that enables a believer to recognize God's blessings and to respond to those blessings by generously, sacrificially, and cheerfully giving of one's resources (time, talent, and treasure) without thought of return.

The divine enablement to contribute money and resources to the work of the Lord with cheerfulness and liberality. People with this gift do not ask, "How much money do I need to give to God?" but "How much money do I need to live on?"

People with this gift:

- manage their finances and limit their lifestyle in order to give their resources
- support the work of ministry with sacrificial gifts to advance the Kingdom
- meet tangible needs that enable spiritual growth to occur
- provide resources, generously and cheerfully, trusting God for His provision
- may have a special ability to make money so that they may use it to further God's work.

6] Leading - The special ability God gives to some to set goals in accordance with God's purpose and to communicate these goals to others in such a way that they voluntarily and harmoniously work together to accomplish these goals for the glory of God.

The divine enablement to cast vision, motivate, and direct people to harmoniously accomplish the purposes of God.

People with this gift:

- provide direction for God's people or ministry
- motivate others to perform to the best of their abilities
- present the "big picture" for others to see
- model the values of the ministry
- take responsibility and establish goals.

7] Mercy / Compassion - The special gift whereby the Spirit enables certain Christians to feel exceptional empathy and compassion for those who are suffering (physically, mentally, or emotionally) so as to feel genuine sympathy for their misery, speaking words of compassion, but more so caring for them with acts of love that help alleviate their distress.

The divine enablement to cheerfully and practically help those who are suffering or are in need by putting compassion into action.

People with this gift:

- focus upon alleviating the sources of pain or discomfort in suffering people
- address the needs of the lonely and forgotten
- express love, grace, and dignity to those facing hardships and crisis
- serve in difficult or unsightly circumstances and do so cheerfully
- concern themselves with individual or social issues that oppress people.