



SPIRITUAL GIFTS: GIVING

DESCRIPTION

Members with the gift of giving give freely and joyfully to the work and mission of the body. Cheerfulness and liberality are characteristics of individuals with this gift (Romans 12:8).

ABOUT GIVING

The Greek word for the spiritual gift of giving is “*metadidomi*”. It simply means “to impart” or “to give.” However, this word is accompanied in Romans 12:8 by another descriptive word: “*haplotes*”. This word tells us much more about the kind of giving that is associated with this gift. The word Haplotes means “sincerely, generously and without pretense or hypocrisy.”

The Holy Spirit imparts this gift to some in the church to meet the various needs of the church and its ministries, missionaries, or of people who do not have the means to provide fully for themselves. The goal is to encourage and provide, giving all credit to God’s love and provision. Those with this gift love to share with others the overflow of blessings God has given them. They are typically very hospitable and will seek out ways and opportunities to help others. They are also excellent stewards and will often adjust their lifestyles in order to give more to the spread of the Gospel and the care of the needy. They are grateful when someone shares a need with them, and are always joyful when they can meet that need.

SHADOW SIDE OF GIVING

There must be a distinction made between the gift of Giving and the grace of giving. First, realize that tithing and giving are responsibilities of every Christian. The tithe is the first fruits of our increase. It is God’s and we should give it to Him immediately. **Luke 6:38** is for every Christian, not just those with the gift of Giving. That is the grace of giving—giving from a heart of love, allowing God to furnish the returns when we have given from a desire to help others and further His work.

SCRIPTURE

- Romans 12:8, 13
- 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; 9:6-15
- Acts 4:32-37
- Galatians 4:15
- Philippians 4:13

ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- Financial Peace University
- HEART
- Business
- Administration

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- “Do You Have The Spiritual Gift Of Giving?” [CLICK HERE](#)
- “The Gift Of Giving” [CLICK HERE](#)