

Employing God's Gifts Series  
Chapter 8: Seven Gifts of Service (Part B)

**I. Introductory Verses** (Four Series Goals: Mutual Service, Clear Thinking, Unity & Growth in Usage)  
(1 Peter 4:10) As each one has received a gift (χάρισμα / *charisma*), employ it in servicing (διακονέω / *diakoneō*) one another as good stewards (οἰκονόμος / *oikonomos*) of the manifold grace (χάρις / *charis*) of God. (NASB)

**II. Introductory Verses for Chapters 7 & 8:**

(1 Corinthians 12:4-6) <sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties (διαίρεσις / *diairesis*) of gifts (Χάρισμα / *charisma*), but the same Spirit (πνεῦμα / *pneuma*). <sup>5</sup> **And there are varieties (διαίρεσις / *diairesis*) of ministries (διακονία / *diakonia*), and the same Lord (κύριος / *kyrios*).** <sup>6</sup> There are varieties (διαίρεσις / *diairesis*) of effects (ἐνέργημα / *energēma*), but the same God (θεός / *theos*) who works all things in all *persons*.

Note: διαίρεσις (*diairesis*) division, distribution, distinction, difference - in particular, a distinction arising from a different distribution to different persons (Vs. 4: Holy Spirit; Vs. 5: Lord Jesus; Vs. 6: Father God)

(1 Corinthians 12:27-28) Now you are Christ's body, and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps (ἀντίληψις / *antilēpsis*), administrations (κυβέρνησις / *kybernēsis*), various kinds of tongues.

(Ephesians 4:7, 11-14) <sup>7</sup> But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>11</sup> And He gave (δίδωμι / *didōmi*) the apostles (ἀπόστολος / *apostolos*), the prophets (προφήτης / *prophētēs*), the evangelists (εὐαγγελιστής / *euaggelistēs*), the shepherds (ποιμὴν / *poimēn*), and teachers (διδάσκαλος / *didaskalos*), <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry / service (διακονία / *diakonia*), for building (οἰκοδομή / *oikodomē*) up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature (τέλειος / *teleios*) manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. (ESV)

**III. Employing God's Gifts Series: 13 Chapter Titles** (One Sunday per Chapter – 13 CDs)

1. Chapter 1: Getting Properly Oriented: Understanding & Employing Gifts & Fruits to Serve Each Other
2. Chapter 2: Biblical "Gift" Words / 4 Gift Classifications & 3 Church Gifts Categories – Part A
3. Chapter 3: Biblical "Gift" Words / 4 Gift Classifications & 3 Church Gifts Categories – Part B
4. Chapter 4: Seven Gifts of Motivation or Temperament – Part A (1 Corinthians 12:6) (Romans 12:3-8)
5. Chapter 5: Seven Gifts of Motivation or Temperament – Part B (1 Corinthians 12:6) (Romans 12:3-8)
6. Chapter 6: Three New Testament Offices: Terms and Functions (Matthew 16:18)
7. Chapter 7: Seven Gifts of Service – Part A (1 Corinthians 12:5) (Ephesians 4:11) (1 Corinthians 12:28)
8. **Chapter 8: Seven Gifts of Service – Part B** (1 Corinthians 12:5) (Ephesians 4:11) (1 Corinthians 12:28)
9. Chapter 9: Nine Gifts of the Spirit – Part A - The 3 Word Gifts (1 Corinthians 12: 4, 7-11)
10. Chapter 10: Nine Gifts of the Spirit – Parts B & C - The 3 Discernment Gifts & The 3 Power Gifts
11. Chapter 11: Employing Spiritual Gifts in Serving One Another at Meetings – (1 Corinthians 14)
12. Chapter 12: Employing Spiritual Gifts in Proclaiming the King (Mark 16: 20) (Acts 4:29-31; 33)
13. Chapter 13: Cultivating Three Types of Biblical Fruit – Every Seed Brings Forth Its Own Kind

**IV. Seven New Testament Service (Ministry) Functions (Gifts) Part B:** (Note: Not Necessarily Always Offices)

E. Evangelist (εὐαγγελιστής / *euaggelistēs*) Used 3X's in the New Testament in Two Context / Ways.  
Definition: An Announcer, Herald or Proclaimer of the Glad Tidings or Good News.

a. The Philip Model: (Read Acts 8:4-25) (Must have all elements listed below.)

(Acts 21:8) On the next day we left and came to Caesarea, and entering the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, we stayed with him. (See also Ephesians 4:11 listed above.)

(2 Tim. 4:5) But you, be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

1. Includes: Proclamation of Christ & the Kingdom of God; Healing; Deliverance & Water Baptism.
2. Baptized in the Holy Spirit & Grafted into the N. T. Church (See Acts 8:14-25)

b. Equip the Local Church – Evangelist:

1. Heighten the Evangelistic Consciousness and Burden of the Local Body;
2. Teach so as to Restore all Elements of the Gospel of the Kingdom (Proclamation & Embodiment) (OT Community History, Christology; Exclusivity; Call to Repentance; Sin, Grace, Redemption; Signs & Wonders); a
3. Increase the Effectiveness, Numbers and Degree of Conversion. (See Ephesians 4:11-16.)
4. Not An Apostle, but like Philip work under & in conjunction with Apostles, Shepherds & Teachers.

F. Prophets (προφήτης / *prophētēs*) To Speak Forth. To Speak on behalf of Another; In N.T. Several Ways: Of the Cretan poet Epimenides (Titus 1:12); Of John the Baptist; General Prophets (Matt. 10:41, Mk. 6:4); Of the Writings of the OT Prophets (Heb. 1:1; 11:32; James 5:10; 1 Pet. 1:10; 2 Pet. 3:2); Of Christ (Mark, Luke, & John – Implied in Matt.); Of Prophets as Ministry Gift & Office in the Churches (Acts 13:1; 15:32; 21:10; 1 Cor. 12:28-29; 14:29, 32, 37; Eph. 2:20; 3:5; 4:11) ; Of the Two Witnesses (Revelation 11:10, 18) (See use of “prophecy” as a “Motivational” Gift in Rom. 12:8 & a “Charismatic” or “Spiritual” Gift in 1 Cor. 12 & 14)

In regard N.T. use of Prophets as Ministry Gift & Office in the Churches. One who regularly speaks under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and attains to a consistent level of maturity & therefore a degree of recognition in the Ministry Gift of Prophecy and often the office of a Prophet from other Service Gifts Leaders & Prophets.

1. Levels of Prophetic Ministry – (See Precursor of the Sons of the Prophets in OT) (I Corinthians 14: 29-32) Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others pass judgment. <sup>30</sup> But if a revelation is made to another who is seated, the first one must keep silent. <sup>31</sup> For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted; <sup>32</sup> and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets;

2. Local & Trans Local – Church at Antioch; Phillips Daughters, Agabus, (Acts 13:1-4) Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was there, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. <sup>2</sup> While they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." <sup>3</sup> Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. <sup>4</sup> So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

(Acts 21: 9-10) Now this man had four virgin daughters who were prophetesses. <sup>10</sup> As we were staying there for some days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.

G. Apostles (ἀπόστολος / *apostolos*),) Literally one who is sent. In the New Testament: A Delegate, an Ambassador of the Kingdom, Community, and Gospel Message. Sent w/ Orders, Announcement & Blue Print. Used of Three Groups in New Testament: Original 12, Paul & Others (Barnabas, Timothy, Silvanus, Junia, Etc.)

For the Antioch Model See: Acts 13:1-4 Quoted Directly Above. Seven Characteristics of Biblical Apostles:

- a. Sent By the Holy Spirit, Confirmed by Prophetic Leadership & Taking a Pattern.
- b. Evangelize, Plant Churches; & Assist Holy Spirit in Leadership Reproduction / Development (See Titus)
- c. Accountable to Holy Spirit; Sending Church & Larger Body of Christ. (Acts 14:26-28; 15:2-23; 16:4)
- d. Team Building – Traveled in Teams w/ Lead Apostle. (Silas, Luke, Timothy, Etc.)
- e. Signs & Wonders Accompany Ministry –

(II Corinthians 12:12) The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with all perseverance, by signs and wonders and miracles.

- f. Carries a Significant Measure of Faith Imparted from Christ at Calling.
- g. Has Biblical Blue Prints for Building Model New Testament Churches. (Antioch Factor)

(1 Cor. 3:10) According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, (Ephesians 3:4) ... if indeed you have heard of the stewardship of God's grace which was given to me for you; <sup>3</sup> that by revelation there was made known to me the mystery, as I wrote before in brief. <sup>4</sup> By referring to this, when you read you can understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, (Much Wisdom – Much Grief)

**V. Upcoming Weeks: See Chapter Titles in Roman Numeral II (Next: Chapter 9: Nine Gifts of the Spirit – Part A)**