

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS:

Knowing how you fit into the Body of Christ



### 15. MINISTERING – Romans 12:7

“The supernatural ability to attend and serve the needs of the body of Christ. A minister is someone appointed to serve skillfully under the authority of another (\_\_\_\_\_).”

- a. Minister = an agent sent forth to be a steward of the business of another – Ex. 24:13, 33:11; Josh. 1:1; Matt. 20:25-28; 1 Cor. 4:1-2
  - \_\_\_\_\_ are called God’s ministers (servants) and have served Him faithfully throughout the centuries in many capacities – Heb. 1:6-7, 13-14; Matt. 4:11
- b. Those with ministry gifts serve in many different \_\_\_\_\_ in the church to edify (build up) the body of Christ – Eph. 2:10; 1 Pet. 4:10-11
  - ✓ Music (praise team, children’s choirs, teen choir, adult choirs, instruments, etc.), evangelism, hospital visitation, funeral hospitality, A/V, greeters, ushers, prison ministry, ladies/men’s ministries, older men’s ministry, college/career singles, children and youth (kid’s club, VBS, Sunday school, nursery, Jr./Sr. High), cleaning, welcome center, helping hands, life groups, prayer, pulpit, discipleship, visitor outreach, baptism, safety/security.
- c. Biblical Examples
  - Aaron and his sons (the Jewish priesthood) – Ex. 30:30
  - The Twelve Apostles and early deacons (servants) – Acts 1:15-17, 6:1-4
  - Onesiphorus (bringing profit) – 2 Tim. 1:16-18
- d. As with the gift of teaching, those who have been given a ministry gift are to \_\_\_\_\_ on it (like a “waiter” today...be very attentive to it, put it to work, use it) – Rom. 12:6-7; Col 4:17
- e. When ministering with your gift, you can sometimes lose \_\_\_\_\_ of the most important things yourself, develop bad attitudes, and even forget why you are ministering (serving) – Luke 10:38-42; 1 Tim. 1:12-13
- f. One of the biggest pitfalls for someone with this gift can be \_\_\_\_\_ to the rule of those overseeing the ministry you’re serving in, thinking you can do it better than them – Mt. 10:24; Lk. 19:12-14
- g. In what ministry(s) do you participate in the church? Why or why not? Do you think you might be a good fit in a ministry in which you are currently not involved to edify (help to build up) others? – James 4:17