

## **Motivational Spiritual Gifts**

### **The Giver Gift and General Comments**

*“But we have gifts (**charismata**) that differ, and which are meant to be used according to the grace that has been given to us – if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; <sup>7</sup>if service, in our serving; or the one who teaches, in his teaching; <sup>8</sup>or the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who gives, in generosity; the one who leads, with diligence; the one who shows mercy, with cheerfulness” (Ro. 12:6-8).*

Rabbi Paul states that we have *“gifts that differ and which are meant to be used.”* The list here is not earned, and you do not have to qualify to have one of them. God gives them according to His grace (His desire and His power for YOU to do His Will). They are not organized according to spirituality, that is, some gifts are NOT more spiritual than others. He has placed one of these gifts in every person that is born. The *Ruach HaKodesh* activates our spiritual gifts. **Lord, activate these gifts in Kol Simcha today!**

Today we discuss the gift of Giving – which is the stewardship of God’s riches for His purposes...

As we start today’s message, I want to motivate you with the following points for study and meditation:

1. Everyone is **inherently motivated** in *one* of these gifts. We must find it and move on it.
2. We can start using people **immediately** as *Yeshua* adds to the body, regardless of maturity.
3. Finding and identifying our gift is **liberating** and **fulfilling**, and it gives others space.
4. We need to **examine** ourselves, **experiment** and **exercise** our gift.

### **A List of all the Spiritual Gifts and Matters (*pneumatics*)**

<b>Motivation</b> (Romans 12:3-9)	<b>Ministry</b> (1 Cor. 12:27-31)	<b>Manifestation</b> (1 Cor. 12:7-11)
1. <b>Prophecy</b> Proclaim Truth Expose Sin	1. <b>Apostles</b> Sent Forth Mission/Establish	1. <b>Word of Wisdom</b> Seeing Life from God’s Viewpoint
2. <b>Serving</b> Meet Needs Free Others	2. <b>Prophets</b> Proclaimers of Truth Confront Christians	2. <b>Word of Knowledge</b> Comprehending <i>Yeshua</i> And His Word
3. <b>Teaching</b> Clarify Truth Validate Information	3. <b>Teachers</b> Instructors Certify Message	3. <b>Faith</b> Visualizing What God Wants to Accomplish
4. <b>Exhorting</b> Stimulate Faith Promote Growth	4. <b>Miracles</b> Supernatural Deeds Active Faith	4. <b>Healing</b> Removing Diseases in Spirit Soul or Body
5. <b>Giving</b> Entrust Assets Maximize Results	5. <b>Healings</b> Spiritual, Mental and Physical Restorer	5. <b>Miracles</b> Natural/Supernatural events with precise timing giving glory o God
6. <b>Leading/Organizing</b> Plan Ahead Complete Tasks	6. <b>Helps</b> Assist Leadership Aid the Needy	6. <b>Prophecy</b> Bringing to light the secret motives of the heart
7. <b>Mercy</b> Remove Distress Share Burdens	7. <b>Governments</b> Overseers Local Elders	7. <b>Discernment</b> Recognizing what is God’s vs. world, flesh & the devil
	8. <b>Tongues</b> Various Languages Testing Tongues	8. <b>Various Languages</b> Glorifying God using language and music
		9. <b>Interpretation</b> Declare divine messages

## Characteristics of the gift of Giver

GIFT	CHARACTERISTICS	MISUSES
Who in Scripture best illustrates the motivational gift of giver?	<p><b>1. Able to see resources</b> A giver has an ability to discern wise investments. His motivation is to use assets of time, money, and possessions to advance the work of the Lord. If a person with the gift of giving has limited funds, he is still able to use his ability of recognizing available resources and draw upon them when needed.</p>	<p><b>1. Hoarding resources for self</b> An effective use of the gift of giving depends upon having the fear of the Lord. One way we learn the fear of the Lord is by regular giving. It was for this purpose that the tithe was established. (See Deuteronomy 14:22-23.) If a giver stops exercising his gift, he will not only begin to lose the fear of the Lord, but his storing up will cause him to become stagnant.</p>
<i>Matthew</i>	<p><b>2. Invest self with gift</b> A giver needs continuous reassurance that his decisions are in God’s will whether he has little or much to give. To achieve this, he will first give himself and then his gift to the Lord. Since all believers must practice giving, Paul explained how the Macedonians “...they gave themselves to the Lord, which means, by God's will, to us.” (2 Cor. 8:5).</p>	<p><b>2. Using gift to control people</b> A giver has a desire to make sure that his gifts are wisely invested and used. Thus, he will often buy a good quality item rather than giving the money for it. However, if items are purchased or projects are sponsored by a giver, he may be viewed as using his gifts to control lives and ministries.</p>
Share what you have with God’s people (Romans 12:13)	<p><b>3. Desire to give high quality</b> The giver’s ability to discern value motivates him to provide quality gifts. He wants them to last. Matthew recorded in greater detail than any other Gospel writer the gifts given to <i>Yeshua</i>. He is the only writer who mentioned “the treasures” brought by the Magi; he described <i>Mary</i>’s ointment as “very precious,” and <i>Yosef</i>’s tomb as “new.” (See Matthew 2:11; 26:6-11; and 27:57-60.)</p>	<p><b>3. Forcing higher living standards</b> If a giver’s focus is more on the quality of the gift than the need that it is meeting, he can cause the receiver to be dissatisfied with the quality of other things which he owns. A giver could also excuse personal luxuries on the basis that he is generous with his money. However, when he is not faithful in little, God will not trust him with much.</p>
Practice hospitality (Romans 12:13)	<p><b>4. Hope gift answers prayer</b> A giver who is in fellowship with the Lord will be prompted to give even when a need is not obvious. His ultimate confirmation that this gift was according to God’s will comes when he learns that it fulfilled an unknown need or answered a special prayer.</p>	<p><b>4. Feeling guilty about personal assets</b> A giver who is not in fellowship with the Lord will begin to feel guilt as he stores up funds. Even if he is preparing for a special need, he must have the reassurance from the Lord that his plans are according to God’s will.</p>

	<p><b>5. Desire to give secretly</b> Just as the giver looks to the Lord for direction, so he wants recipients to look to the Lord for provision. The giver knows that future reward is more valuable than present praise, thus he will give quietly and often anonymously. Matthew is the only Gospel writer who emphasized secret giving. (See Matthew 6:1-4.)</p>	<p><b>5. Rejecting pressure appeals</b> If a giver reacts to all appeals for funds and looks only for the hidden and unannounced needs, he may fail to get the mind of the Lord in a particular situation. He may also miss an important opportunity to give wise counsel as well as needed funds to a worthy ministry.</p>
<p>What basic Scriptural principle does the person with the gift of giver most need to exercise?</p>	<p><b>6. Concern that giving will corrupt</b> A mature giver understands the destructiveness of the love of money. He is very aware that the disciplines that God taught him in acquiring assets may not have been learned by those who need his assistance. Therefore, he looks for ways of giving which avoid dependency, slothfulness, or extravagance.</p>	<p><b>6. Giving too sparingly to family</b> The frugality of a giver is often extended to his own wife and children. However, if he does not show the same concern, care, and delight in meeting their needs as he does others, they will react to his generosity. By listening to the Lord and the counsel of his wife, he will avoid the damaging consequences of unwise gifts or investments.</p>
<p><b>Ownership</b></p>	<p><b>7. Exercise personal thriftiness</b> The personal assets which the giver has are often the result of consistent personal frugality while being content with basics. A giver will always be concerned in getting the best buy, not with how much he has left. He will spend extra effort in saving money and being resourceful with what he has.</p>	<p><b>7. Giving to projects vs. people</b> If a giver loses his focus on meeting the needs of people, he may be unduly attracted to projects. His desire for measuring value may prompt him to build a “memorial to his generosity.” The emphasis of Scriptural giving is distributing to the necessity of saints. Paul’s collection was for the needy Believers.</p>
<p>Why is this true? It allows the giver the freedom to respond to God’s direction.</p>	<p><b>8. Use gifts to multiply giving</b> The motivation of a giver is to encourage others to give. He wants them to experience the joy and spiritual growth that comes by sacrificial giving. Thus, the giver may provide matching funds or the last payment in order to encourage others to give.</p>	<p><b>8. Causing people to look to him vs God</b> When a giver lets others know what he is giving, he will cause many to turn their attention from the Lord to him. He also runs the danger of attracting carnal Christians with wrong motives. These people are trained to appeal to his human inclinations and extract funds which were not directed by the Lord.</p>
	<p><b>9. Confirm amount with counsel</b> A giver reacts to pressure appeals. He looks instead for financial needs which others tend to overlook. A husband who has the gift of giving will often confirm the amount that he should give by seeing if his wife has the same amount in mind.</p>	<p><b>9. Waiting too long to give</b> If a giver is not instantly obedient to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, he may lose the joy of seeing God accomplish a miraculous provision through him. The one who was to receive the gift will also be denied the opportunity of seeing God provide funds precisely when needed.</p>

## ***UNDERSTAND HOW EACH GIFT RESPONDS IN A SITUATION***

If seven Christians representing each of the motivational gifts visited a sick person in the hospital, here is what each one might say, based on the perspective of his gift.

### ***SERVER***

"Here's a little gift! Now, I brought your mail in, fed your dog, watered your plants, and washed your dishes."

### ***TEACHER***

"I did some research on your illness and I believe I can explain what's happening."

### ***MERCY***

"I can't begin to tell you how I felt when I learned you were so sick. How do you feel now?"



### ***GIVER***

"Do you have insurance to cover this kind of illness?"

### ***ORGANIZER***

"Don't worry about a thing. I've assigned your job to four others in the office."

### ***EXHORTER***

"How can we use what you're learning here to help others in the future?"

### ***PROPHET***

"What is God trying to say to you through this illness? Is there some sin you haven't confessed yet?"