

**“Motivational Gifts”**  
**Romans 12:6-8**  
**Romans 12: Devoted to Service**

**Introduction:**

1 Thessalonians 2:7-8 “But we proved to be gentle among you. As a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children, in the same way we had a fond affection for you and were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God, but also our own lives, because you had become very dear to us.”

Romans 12:6-8 “Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith; if service, in his serving; or he who teaches, in his teaching; or he who exhorts, in his exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”

**I. Our Gracious God is a Gift-Giving God**

Romans 12:5-6a “...so in Christ we who are many members form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to us.” (NIV)

1. We have all received gifts from God.
2. We have all received gifts that differ.
3. We have all received gifts according to the grace of God.

**II. The Gifts Motivate Us and Others** “each of us is to exercise them accordingly.”

Purpose #1 - The spiritual gifts were given to us for our benefit.

Purpose #2 - The spiritual gifts were given to us for the benefit of others (cf. Eph. 4:15-16; 2 Tim. 2:2)

Purpose #3 - The spiritual gifts were given to us for God’s glory.

**III. The Seven Motivational Gifts**

**Motivational Gift #1 - The Gift of Prophecy (The Gift of Proclamation)**

Romans 12:6 “...if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith...”

**A. The Purpose:**

1. The gift of prophecy is given to some to motivate them to proclaim their confident faith in the Word of God.
2. The gift of prophecy is given to some to motivate the rest of us to proclaim our faith in the Word of God.

**B. The Practice:**

The people with the gift of prophecy exist to point us upward to heaven.

## Motivational Gift #2 - The Gift of Serving

Romans 12:7 "...if service, in his serving..."

### A. The Purpose

1. The gift of serving is given to some to motivate them to minister as slaves of God and servants of men.
2. The gift of serving is given to some to motivate the rest of us to serve.  
The people with the gift of serving exist to help us look outward for opportunities to minister.

### B. The Practice

## Motivational Gift #3 - The Gift of Teaching

Romans 12:7 "...or he who teaches, in his teaching..."

### A. The Purpose

1. The gift of teaching is given to some to motivate them to study and share with others.  
The people with the gift of teaching exist to push us deeper into the Word of God.
2. The gift of teaching is given to some to motivate the rest of us to study and teach others (cf. Col. 3:16)

### B. The Practice

## Motivational Gift #4 - The Gift of Exhortation

Romans 12:8 "...or he who exhorts, in his exhortation..."

### A. The Purpose

1. The gift of exhortation is given to some to motivate them to draw near to people.
2. The gift of exhortation is given to some to motivate the rest of us to exhort.  
The people with the gift of exhortation exist to help us to stand shoulder to shoulder with others.

### B. The Practice

## Motivational Gift #5 - The Gift of Giving

Romans 12:8 "...he who gives, with liberality..."

### A. The Purpose

1. The gift of giving is given to some to motivate them to give like God gives.
2. The gift of giving is given to some to motivate us to give.  
The people with the gift of giving exist to help us DIG DEEP into our hearts and our wallets.

### B. The Practice

## Motivational Gift #6 - The Gift of Leading

Romans 12:8 "...he who leads, with diligence..."

### A. The Purpose

1. The gift of leading is given to some to motivate them to protect.  
The people with the gift of leading exist to help us fly above the situation and accurately see what's needed.
2. The gift of leading is given to some to motivate the rest of us to lead.

### B. The Practice

## Motivational Gift #7 - The Gift of Mercy

Romans 12:8 "...he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness."

### A. The Purpose

1. The gift of mercy is given to some to motivate them to empathize with others.
2. The gift of mercy is given to some to motivate the rest of us to show mercy

### B. The Practice

The people with the gift of mercy exist to help us feel other's pain.

## Conclusion:

1. The People with the Gift of Prophecy motivate us to look to heaven.
2. The People with the Gift of Service motivate us to look outward for opportunities to minister.
3. The People with the Gift of Teaching motivate us to dig deeper into the Word of God.
4. The People with the Gift of Exhortation motivate us to stand shoulder to shoulder with others.
5. The People with the Gift of Giving motivate us to dig deep into our hearts and our wallets.
6. The People with the Gift of Leading motivate us to fly above a situation and see what's needed.
7. The People with the Gift of Mercy motivate us to feel other's pain.

It takes the whole Body proclaiming, serving, teaching, exhorting, giving, leading and showing mercy to get us to proclaim, serve, teach, exhort, give, lead and show mercy.

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Why did God gift you?
2. What do you believe is your primary motivational gift?
3. How has using this gift equipped others to do the same?
4. If you were in the hospital being visited by seven different people with a different motivational gift, which one would you want to visit you first? Last?