

Spiritual Gifts

The Gift of Helps

Overview

Helps (antilempsis), is mentioned in 1 Cor. 12:28. This gift might better be understood as one who assists others in the performance of their gift. The one with helps will “fill the gap” so that the other believer can accomplish a task. These tasks are often the behind the scenes, but are necessary to ministry success.

Characteristics / Indicators of the Gift

1. A desire to assist others in ministry (Don't have to be in charge).
2. A desire to help the needy or those with physical issues.
3. Comfortable with functioning as a helper in different areas of service.
4. Ready to give help when ever needed.
5. Concerned with “getting the job done.”
6. Eager to help and ready to encourage others in the performance of their gift.
7. Ready to step in and fill a gap.

Areas of Service

The areas of service this gift are almost unlimited. Many areas would be similar to the gift of ministry. The areas of service associated with this gift of helps would often be in a support or supplemental role.

Potential Dangers

1. Assuming this gift is an unimportant or lesser gift.
2. Resenting others being unthankful or overlooking importance of the gift.
3. A tendency to focus on the practical side of ministry and ignoring the spiritual side.