

**1/25/21**

**Multiple Choice**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. When did Jesus give the Spiritual Gifts?
  - a. When He created the world
  - b. In between naps in the bow of the ship on the Sea of Galilee
  - c. After his ascension
  - d. When he rules his earthly Kingdom
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. What is the Greek word for Gift, that is similar to the Greek word for Grace?
  - a. Charisma
  - b. Ginosko
  - c. Pisteuo
  - d. Parakaleo
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. What is the purpose of the Universal Church as given in the New Testament?
  - a. To do the work of the ministry
  - b. To build up believers
  - c. To Edify the Body of Christ
  - d. All the Above
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. What is one of the Revelatory gifts that is still in operation today?
  - a. Healings
  - b. Tongues
  - c. Gift of Knowledge
  - d. Prophecy
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. What passage of scripture is best used to explain cessation of the temporary gifts?
  - a. John 3:16
  - b. 1 Cor 13
  - c. Revelation 21
  - d. Acts 16:31

Matching - match the gift with its category

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| _____ 6. Gift of Knowledge    | A. Validation Gifts |
| _____ 7. Gift of Tongues      | B. Teaching Gifts   |
| _____ 8. Mercy                | C. Revelatory Gifts |
| _____ 9. Gift of Wisdom       | D. Outreach Gift    |
| _____ 10. Pastor/Teacher gift | E. Order Gifts      |
| _____ 11. Evangelism          | F. Motivation Gifts |
| _____ 12. Administration      | G. Benevolent Gifts |
| _____ 13. Faith               |                     |
| _____ 14. Gift of Apostle     |                     |

## Short Answer

15. List the obstacles for operating in our gifts (I gave hints).

\_\_\_\_\_ - the saints under Emperor Nero in Peter.

\_\_\_\_\_ - Timothy with the legalizers

\_\_\_\_\_ - dealt with in 1 Cor 13.

## True/False

\_\_\_\_\_ 16. The Old Testament Saints had spiritual gifts as well.

\_\_\_\_\_ 17. When the believer by his actions gives God the full weight of His worth, we are giving him Glory - (doxa).

\_\_\_\_\_ 18. The good steward is one who manages well the property of the Master. In the context of our study, the believer who uses his Spiritual gift for his own benefit is a good steward.

\_\_\_\_\_ 19. The person with the exhortation gift, is able to meet the person with a need where they are, if it be correcting confusion, rebuking rebellion, or consoling grief.

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. The person with the gift of Faith would be a good director of the church's resources.

# **Spiritual Gifts 7 - Ministry and Helps - Order Gifts a study for the Gulf Coast Baptist Church Bible Institute for the Winter session 2020-21 by Steve Thomas**

Ministry - Rom 12:1-8

## **Introduction**

The Greek word for Deacon/Ministry (*Diakonos*) is used in a generic sense to describe much in the local and universal church. It is used 30 times in 28 verses as a noun to describe a servant, minister, or Deacon. It is used 34 times in 32 verses as a verb to describe the act of ministering or serving. It is seen throughout the book of Acts to describe the work of the Apostles and other believers as they built up the church in the infant days of the same. In Romans 12 it is listed with the other spiritual gifts.

***Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;*** Paul tells those who have the gift of Ministry to be occupied with their ministering. Minister to others to the proportion which you have been gifted in that area. This is different for all of us.

There are two other words that are used in scripture to describe ministry. *Hubertees* and *Leitourgias* are translated ministers or servants. *Hubertees* is one who serves as an under-rower the lowest form of servitude. In Paul's meeting with the Ephesian Elders in Acts 20 he describes service that he received from his own hands, and how his hands were used to serve others (20:34). This is not the gift of ministry, but a result of proper humility in the Body of Christ. *Leitourgias* is used to describe one who will serve the public as authorized by God. The Word Liturgy comes from this word. This is used to describe Paul in his mission to give the gospel to the unsaved Gentiles (Rom 15:16).

*Diakonos*-type service emphasizes service done to meet the spiritual and physical needs of believers. In 1 Peter 1:12 Peter describes the type of service foretold by the OT prophets. This use of Grace is something that the angels were curious about. Why would God put his quality of life into earthen vessels in this way? God's plan of eternal life (God's quality of life used in present tense salvation) for believers and his gift of grace to them, enabling them to minister to one another fascinated the spirit beings.

## **Office of Deacon**

The office of deacon in Acts distinguished between serving to meet the physical needs and spiritual needs of the people. Men were chosen to wait on tables (physical needs) so that the apostles could spend time in the word (spiritual needs). The same word was used for both. The office with qualifications laid out in 1 Tim 3 is clear about what type of individual should hold the office. As is learned about Bishop and Elder, the gift does not always accompany the office. Those who have the gift of pastor teacher, do not always hold the office of a bishop. One who has the spiritual gift of ministry need not wait to be elected or placed in the office of Deacon in order to serve. It will be a beautiful thing to see the Deacon with the spiritual gift of ministry. They will not struggle with motivation to serve fellow believers or to see needs met.

## **Example of Ministry**

The saints to whom the book of Hebrews was written were an excellent example of ministers (Heb 6:10-12). The gift was seen in their works - deeds performed on behalf of the saints that emanate from faith - and their labors - the tireless work on behalf of saints that emanate from love (1 Thess 1:3, 2:9).

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The Household of Stefanos had addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints (1 Cor 16:15). They arranged their lives and stations around meeting the needs of others.

### Conclusion

The word for ministry is used in three main ways in the Bible, to describe general ministry, the office of Deacon, and the spiritual gift of ministry. The individual with the gift of ministry is consumed with service directed towards the Body of Christ. They yearn to do tasks among the body that meet the needs of the saints, and they will work tirelessly without complaint.

\* **Ministry (διακονία)** “deacon” Romans 12:7 A special ability to serve the saints by performing a task so that another believer will not have to do it, thus supplying that which will lighten their load for other responsibilities or service.

- Church Cleanup Committees
- Janitorial Services
- Social
- Building and Grounds
- Secretarial Services

Helps - 1 Cor 12:28

### Introduction

The ball player who feeds the other teammates so they can score is not concerned with his own scoring opportunities, only setting his teammates up so they can succeed. This would be a good description of the individual with the gift of Helps. The one with this gift will seek to remove barriers from the weak believer so that he can use his gift.

The Greek word - *antilepsis* - “against receiving”.

### Weak

There are several uses of the word for weak in scripture. There are those who are physically weak (Phil 2:26-27, 2 Tim 4:20), those who are weak in the faith (Acts 20:35), and those who are weak during trials (Rom 8:24-26).

Paul describes the mindset of the one with the gift of Helps in Acts 20. He had an attitude against receiving, being made happy by giving. The weakness of the saints creates a need that the church will provide for.

The Old Testament (septuagint) illustrates the weaknesses Ps 18:35, 20:1-2, 22:19. These individuals need the assistance of the fellow believer. The one with the gift of Helps will seek to remove the obstacles that are weakening the believer who is struggling. They will come to the aid of this believer.

*“The word means, in general, those who in any way aided or rendered assistance in the church, and may refer to the temporal affairs of the church. To the care of the poor, the distribution of charity and alms, or to the instruction of the ignorant, or to aid rendered directly to the apostles.”* Barnes Notes on the Whole Bible

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### **The Helper**

This believer will not exist in the spotlight, but will operate behind the scenes. They are in tune with the operations of the church and are involved in the lives of fellow believers. They are aware of needs and will move to aid those working to meet those needs. They will join the team, they will sign up, they will show up, and the work will get done.

### **Conclusion**

The one with the gift of Helps will have a desire to assist one who is weak in the removal of obstacles to using their gift, they will encourage other believers to be willing to help each other, and they have a desire to seek out opportunities to help other believers.

\* Helps (ἀντίλημις) 1 Cor 12:28 A special ability to lay hold of any menial task in the church taking the part of the saint who needs assistance so that they can accomplish the task together, freeing the one from the pressure.

- Building and Grounds
- Secretarial Service
- Assistant to various officers
- Benevolence
- Social committee