

## **Spiritual Gifts**

### **The Gift of Ministry**

#### **Overview**

Ministry (diakonos), Ro. 12:7 is the gift that focuses on serving, working, and ministering to others. The gift of ministry meets the physical needs of believers. Those with this gift perform tasks that often take place behind the scenes. Sometimes, these are things that others cannot or will not do and by doing them the load of ministry is lightened. This is possibly the most common gift, and it is necessary for the ministry to function.

#### **Characteristics/ indicators of the gift**

1. Alert to the needs of ministry and of others.
2. A desire to serve in any way needed.
3. Dependable, faithful, and follows through with tasks, even those that are menial and behind the scenes.
4. Dedicated to service.
5. Willing to serve so that others can function freely.
6. Constantly looks for more opportunities to serve.
7. Willing to allow others to have credit for ministry accomplishments.
8. Willing to volunteer for the behind the scenes tasks.
9. Satisfaction in serving without recognition.
10. The ability to discern areas that need attention.

#### **Areas of service**

This gift has unlimited potential for service to the local church, here are some examples:

1. Church cleaning
2. Church maintenance
3. Grounds maintenance
4. Secretarial
5. Helping the Deacons to meet church member's needs (transportation, yard work, cleaning, etc.)

## **Potential Dangers**

1. Becoming prideful about the work.
2. Overemphasizing the physical aspect of ministry (buildings, vehicles, etc.) and neglecting their own basic spiritual needs.
3. Possibility of becoming discouraged or bitter when their work is not recognized or appreciated by others.