

Empowered Pt. II, Week 2 - July 7, 2026

Come & Stay at My House - Acts 16:11-15

Helps (Serving)

- Definition: the capacity to unselfishly meet the needs of others through very practical needs.
- Service is also a spiritual practice and part of our common faithfulness (Philippians 2:3)
 - Helps is an essential spiritual gift
- The gift of Helps overlaps with other gifts in the love category
 - Mercy
 - Giving
 - Administration
- Another expression of the gift of Helps is Hospitality
 - Romans 12:9-13, 1 Peter 4:8-11

Hospitality

- God opened Lydia's heart to the gospel
 - The gospel opened Lydia's heart to hospitality
- Hospitality is the key to the spread of the gospel today

- First major threshold to becoming a Christian today:
 - Trusting a Christian
- Some people, you are spiritually, amazingly gifted in hospitality

Indicators you may be gifted in Helps/Hospitality

- You notice things that need to be done to help others
 - And you have an urge to do those things
- You don't mind spending your time and energy on the behind the scenes work
 - You are happy to do what others consider small things
 - Even when you don't get any outward credit for doing them
- You have a deep joy when you see your work helping others
 - Or freeing others to follow their calling
- You have a desire to make people feel at home no matter where you are
 - Or you see your home as a tool for God to use