

MOTIVATED YET?

Romans 12:1-8

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I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. ³ For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think *of himself* more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. ⁴ For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, ⁵ so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them*: if prophecy, *let us prophesy* in proportion to our faith; ⁷ or ministry, *let us use it in our* ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸ he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.

There are seven Motivational Gifts found in Romans 12:6-8

Motivational gifts are those gifts that explain the motivation of the people in the body to minister to one another.

It is their gifts that tend to coincide with their distinct personality. It is part of who they are.

Faith – Here it denoted the spiritual power given to each Christian for the discharge of their special responsibility

1. Prophecy – Propheteuo – To foretell events; Speak under inspiration

Seeing had two purposes:

1. It looked into a persons or nations heart and read the needs or sin in light of God's Word and then addressed God's Word to that particular need.

2. Indicated event to come.

It encourages, consoles and builds up a believer, it convicts a non-believer

2. Ministry – In the NIV it is called **Service**

It involves a **practical** ministry to **needs**

One of the greatest examples is Jesus **washing the disciples' feet.**

It is the ministry of **love**

3. Teaching – While the prophet speaks to the moment, teachers are **systematic** and strive for **accuracy**.

You cannot build a church on **preaching** without **teaching**

A teacher must above all be **teachable** – He has to have a love of learning and receive instruction with joy

Acts 18:24-28

²⁴ Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man *and* mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus.

²⁵ This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John.

²⁶ So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. ²⁷ And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace; ²⁸ for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

4. Exhorting – It literally means **encouragement**

In the Greek it means **“One called alongside to help”**

The gifts of prophecy, teaching and exhortation all **interrelate.**

The prophet depends upon his interaction with the **Spirit** and with the **Word.**

The teacher depends upon a thorough **mastery** of the subject in order to address it.

The exhorter or encourager depends upon a **need** to arise that they can address to help, encourage and inspire people.

5. Giving – It is the unique gift of seeing and responding to needs

If you have the gift of giving you need to have the resources to give; whether it is time, finances or skill.

They give willingly and finds great joy in giving.

They normally possess great wisdom and knowledge in certain areas, especially finance

6. Leadership – The ability given by the Holy Spirit to help set a course of **direction** and **unify** people for the **accomplishment** of the work of the Lord

It helps the Body strive toward **common ideals**

Servant leadership is the always the best

The leader cares for the **soul**

7. Mercy – It is helping others *graciously* and with *compassion* and is always done with *cheerfulness*

There are often critical needs where *teaching* and *words* cannot help

The merciful person reaches out and administers the *redemption* and inner *healing* of Jesus

The person with their personalities

Prophets – Bold and articulate

Ministers/Servers – Faithful and loyal

Teachers – Thinkers and studiers

Exhorters – Motivated and motivates others

Givers – Generous and trusting

Leadership – Good organizers and managers

Mercy – Caring people

The Effectiveness of the Gifts

Romans 12:9-12

⁹ *Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.* ¹⁰ *Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;* ¹¹ *not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;* ¹² *rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer;* ¹³ *distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality*

To be really effective in the gifts takes us having the *mind* of Christ and the *heart* of Christ

Pride and the Gifts cannot co-exist

It is the *renewing* of the mind that clarifies our gifts, calling and direction for our lives

Just because we have a gift it does not mean that the results are *instantaneous*

We keep *rejoicing* and *praying*; God will give the increase, they after all are His gifts not ours