

The Gifts of Teaching & Encouragement

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Series: GIFTED

Week: 5

Text: Romans 12:6-8

Video

Place on P12 to write notes for today's message.

P13 – fill in words for the mid-week video.

So far covered gifts of prophecy, mercy & service; encouragement and teaching – 2 to go.

⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

If your gift is ... giving, then give generously;

Romans 12:6-8

Story of Friday night - Lester

Out of interest – who of you have these in your Top 3? And if not – where do they appear on your list of 7?

No matter where they are – we are trying to understand them and strengthen them! No one can say – this is my No 7 – I am just a stingy selfish person and that's that.

1. What is this gift?

Defn: Being generous and resourceful with time, money, care etc.

People who find tremendous delight in giving to others in big and small ways. They look for ways to bless others in various ways eg with time, thoughtful contact, gifts etc.

The act of giving becomes in itself something delightful and fulfilling. It is possible that some people give out of the acknowledgement that they will get, the thanks from others or some recognition. But that is not at the heart of this powerful gift.

The Romans 12 gift of giving is at its best when it is not looking to get things in return.

Don't think that this gift is simply people giving away things and money left, right and center.

Interestingly – the word i3 profiling uses for giving is Enterprising

Through lots of research they discovered that people who have this gift are often entrepreneurial and thoughtful about how they create wealth and opportunities as well as how they spend their money and how they give away to other.

Often highly ethical people who manage their money diligently
They limit their standard of living so that they can increase their standard of giving!
You are able to prioritise your needs over your wants so that you can simply be in a position to give more.

2. Our Heavenly Father is the Supreme Example of Generosity

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father ...
James 1:17

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!
1 John 3:1

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.
John 3:16

Water in the tap – how did it get there!?
Ocean & Rain rivers & dams reservoirs homes.

God is the Source. We are a tap!

You can never OutGive God.

Giving car away – twice the values given back.

3. Generosity is world-changing - so give

*³⁵In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' "**Acts 20:35*

Blessed – more blessed!

Building project?

