

## SEVEN REDEMPTIVE GIFTS OF INDIVIDUALS

### Romans 12: 6-8

**PROPHET** – Moody. Articulate. Passionate. Generous. Intense. Keen sense of justice and righteousness. Loves the underdog. Ideologically driven. Creative. Judgmental. Extreme.

The redemptive gift of Prophet is very different from the gift of prophesying. While prophets understand the future through revelation, those with the redemptive gift of Prophet understand the future through the use of Biblical principles.

**SERVANT** – Diligent. No enemies. Joyous. Helpful. Alert. Hospitable. High spiritual authority. Low self image. Impeccably honest. Team player. Prone to the victim spirit.

God gives the redemptive gift of Service the highest level of spiritual authority because they can be trusted to use it for the Kingdom instead of for themselves. However, until the Servant sees himself as God sees him, that gift of spiritual authority remains underutilized.

**TEACHER** – Need to validate truth. Processes slowly. Deep family loyalty. Sees the big picture. Sense of humor. High authority over predator spirit.

Intimacy is a major birthright of the Teacher. When the teacher focuses on doctrine rather than on Father, it leaves the church losing.

**EXHORTER** – People person. Obsessive compulsive. Verbally expressive. High energy. In motion. Loves change. Dramatic. Melodramatic. Superb teacher. Natural leader. Fun. Late. Real late.

While the Exhorter is the most spontaneously relational of all the gifts, his real strength is revealing the nature of God. The Exhorter has an unparalleled ability to see God in Scripture and to cause us to see our world differently because we have a bigger perspective of God.

**GIVER** – Private. Intuitive. Insightful. Cautious. Chameleon. Good listener. Very independent. Impulsive. Stable. Contradictory. Frugal. Unpredictable. Multifaceted. Devoid of shame. Family focused.

The gift of Giving has the amazing ability to adapt to almost any situation without being changed at all. While they seem to fit in well, they typically retain all their core values rather than embrace the values of the community around them.

**RULER** – Busy. Real busy. Thinks big. On time. Reliable. Leader. Fearless. Not easily swayed. Visionary. Team builder. Multi tasks easily. Reads people well.

The Ruler has the highest ability to get maximum effectiveness out of a poor labor pool. God has graced them with a combination of love and wisdom that enables the mature Ruler to accomplish extraordinary things with a team that appears to be highly inadequate.

**MERCY** – Intuitive. Intuitive. Intuitive. Safe. Sensitive. Loves beauty. Defines the ambiance. No enemies. Works hard. Hugely compliant. Stubborn in the *nicest* sort of way.

The gift of Mercy is dramatically different than the previous six gifts. The Mercy hears God with his/her heart while the others tend to hear God with their mind. God uses the gift of Mercy to bring the spiritual climate into right alignment through the blessing of presence.