

Love Gifts Definitions

Administration is the “divine enablement to understand what makes an organization function, and the special ability to plan and execute procedures that accomplish the goals of the ministry.” BRUCE BUGBEE

Helps is the “capacity to unselfishly meet the needs of others through very practical service” enabling ministry to be ongoing.
J. ROBERT CLINTON

Mercy is the “divine enablement to cheerfully and practically help those who are suffering or are in need.” BRUCE BUGBEE

Giving is the “capacity to give liberally to meet the needs of others and yet to do so with a purity of motive which senses that the giving is a simple sharing of what God has given.” J. ROBERT CLINTON

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The Love Gifts

DID YOU MISS SUNDAY'S SERVICE?

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CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

1. Love gifts manifest the love of God in practical ways. Recall an example of when you witnessed one of the Love gifts in action. Share how this experience made an impact on you. (Administration-Guidance, Helps-Hospitality, Mercy, Giving).
2. Discuss how each one of the gifts listed above can be an expression of "love."
3. How might the Love gifts grow and develop through incorporating some of the spiritual practices we considered in our series?

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

4. Read Acts 2:44-45. Why do you think we seem to have a hard time living in this kind of unity and harmony?
5. Read Acts 4:34b-37. What stands out to you in this account of Barnabas' spiritual gift or giving? What can we learn from this?
6. Read Romans 12:9-13. How do you see the specific Love gifts in action in these verses?

7. Read Luke 10:38-42; John 11:17-45; 12:1-11. What evidence of spiritual gifts in action do you see in these passages about Mary and Martha? Both sisters were eager to have Jesus in their home, but what was the tension between them? In John, how has each sister perhaps expanded her understanding about how to exercise her gift?

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

8. Read through the definitions of the Love gifts (back page). Do you find yourself resonating with one or more of the Love gifts? Who else do you know has one or more of these gifts? How can you encourage them this week to use their gifts?
9. Invite the Holy Spirit to show you opportunities to serve in your spiritual gifts. Pray that the Lord will raise up among us more people who find joy in serving through the Love gifts.

PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling." 1 PETER 4:8-9