Title

Rom 12:3-8

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.

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.

Redemptive Gifts

- 1. Prophet
- 2. Servant
- 3. Teacher
- 4. Exhorter
- 5. Giver
- 6. Ruler
- 7. Mercy

The same process to discovering our REDMPTIVE GIFTS is the same process to developing them

The process:

1. Present yourself to God (ref. Rom 12:1-2)

(allowing Him to reveal our gifts to us and renew our minds)

(ref.) Psa 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

2. Avoid PRIDE by walking in true **HUMILITY** (ref. Rom 12:3)

"True HUMILITY is not thinking less of yourself. It is thinking of yourself less." (C.S. Lewis)

3. Value and embrace **COMMUNITY** (ref. Rom 12:4-5) (becoming the planting of the Lord)

Say, "no" to pot

(ref.) 1Co 12:18 But now God has set the members, each one of them, in the body just as He pleased.

SET G5087 tithēmi tith'-ay-mee to place (to an upright and active position), sink down.

Sonship vs. Slavery

(ref.) Gal 4:7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

True FREEDOM is manifested when the negative things of our past do NOT influence our present or future.

You can NOT put an Undeveloped RULER REDEMPTIVE in charge, because they reproduce slaves

Mercy Redemptive

MERCY G1653 eleeō *el-eh-eh'-o* to *compassionate* (by word or deed, specifically by divine grace): - have compassion.

"to feel sympathy with the misery of another," and especially sympathy manifested in act..." (Vine's Expository Dictionary)

Behavioral Characteristics

- Has few enemies, gets along w/ everyone
- Make people feel accepted and safe
- Most sensitive of all the gifts
- Can sense when wounded and rejected people are in the room
- High level of excellence, unmatched organizational skills
- Designed by God for intimacy, which transcends to the physical – needs hugs and touch
- Has easy access to God's presence.
- Slow to make transition, not because of their will, but because of their emotional processing
- Doesn't like confrontation. They are designed to bring comfort.

Redemptive Gifts

- Does not hold on to offense, forgives easily, except when friends or family are hurt.
- Can be very dramatic and emotional
- Drawn to intercession by their love for others and desire to help end their suffering
- Stubborn (in the nicest way)

Undeveloped Mercy

Does not stand on values, but does whatever is necessary to make the people around them happy. They tend to make decisions based on feelings.

Developed Mercy Redemptive

Makes decisions based on Godly principles & values, combined with the heart of God for themselves and others.

Undeveloped Mercy

Flees from pain. They try to protect others from appropriate negative consequences. They cannot discern counterfeit mercy from genuine mercy.

Developed Mercy Redemptive

Walks in genuine mercy. Embraces discipline and consequence as part of the healing growth process.

Undeveloped Mercy

Embraces dangerous people who do not demonstrate the fruit of repentance. They often won't leave relationships that exploit them. They can have a victim's mentality, which allows them to justify why it is "right for them to do wrong."

Developed Mercy Redemptive

Walks in true empathy that leads others to repentance and healing, with wisdom and appropriate boundaries.

Undeveloped Mercy

Takes on an offense for a third party. They get involved where they don't belong.

Developed Mercy RedemptiveObserves appropriate boundaries.

Redemptive Gifts

Undeveloped Mercy

Mishandles and misapplies their discernment. They have a tendency to overreact.

Developed Mercy Redemptive

Draws balance from others gifts and responds rather than react.

Undeveloped Mercy

Doesn't allow the appropriate consequences in the discipline of their children. They think love alone is enough.

Developed Mercy Redemptive

Disciplines consistently and avoid emotional extremes. They allow their children to experience appropriate consequences. (ref. - Dr. Kevin Leman)

Undeveloped Mercy

Can be wrapped up in the opinions of others. Man-pleasing

Developed Mercy Redemptive

Are God-pleasing and free from the fear of man

Undeveloped Mercy

Passes the buck and won't take a stand on issues. They can be indecisive when crucial decisions need to be made. They can be fearful, insecure, and unwilling to confront sin.

Developed Mercy Redemptive

Has resolved their identity issues. Their identity is based in their relationship with the Father and has true emotional wholeness. They have allowed God to re-father them and bring healing to their hearts and can confront sin with love.

Undeveloped Mercy

Has a tendency to be motivated by fear and feelings. They may walk in a counterfeit and immature fruit of the spirit, which enables corruption, counterfeit unity and rebellion.

Developed Mercy Redemptive

It is their birthright to display the heart of God, His true redemptive plan for man, His ways, and His truth.

Gifts Survey

Closing

1Pe 4:10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Next week: Conclusion: Birthright