

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.

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.

GIFTS G5486 charisma *char'-is-mah*
a (divine) *gratuity*, (specifically) a (spiritual) *endowment*, miraculous *faculty*: - (free) gift.

"a gift of grace," (Vine's)

Redemptive Gifts

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

How do I discover which Redemptive Gift I am?

Rom 12:1-2

1 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.

context

Rom 11:29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

Answer:

Present yourself to God

The same process to discovering the Redemptive Gifts, is the same process to developing them.

Rom 5:1-2

2 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2** through whom also **we have access by faith into this grace** in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Rom 4:19-21

19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was **strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,**

21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

Prophet

Behavioral Characteristics

- Sees the design from the mind of God
- Sees things black and white
- Enjoys new things
- Terrible maintainers
- Verbally expressive
- Extremely opinionated
- Takes initiative to judge others
- Knows no fear, never intimidated by the unknown
- Cannot tolerate bondage
- Extraordinarily generous – can be compulsive and unwise when undeveloped
- Shifts gears very quickly
- Visionary – must have a vision and a reason (deadline, objective)
- Fiercely competitive, cut throat
- Transparent, full disclosure
- Very hard on themselves
- Must make sense out of everything

- Doesn't maintain past relationships once they have moved on
- Passion for excellence (in themselves and everyone else)
- Full range of emotion – deep mercy/fierce judgment; deep depression/ecstatic joy
- Cannot tolerate denial – when people won't face their own issues or consequences
- Strong faith
- Drawn to people others would ignore or reject
- Can spot rebellion/hypocrisy immediately
- Victim thinking

Prophecy

Old Test. vs. New Test.

**Old Testament –
Prophecy was essential for hear
God's instructions**

**New Testament –
Prophecy is the confirmation to
God's direction**

5 indicators of MATURE Prophecy (& that it's from God)

1. Consistent with God's character
2. Scriptural
3. Wise
4. In tune with my own character
5. What do people I trust think

Remove all pressure / submit it

1Co 14:3 But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.

Undeveloped

Overreacts, extreme responses that are inappropriate to an event

Developed

Responds appropriately to the situation with God given emotional capacity and depth

Undeveloped

Fear of being sidelined, has difficulty enduring pruning of God, especially when opportunities for successful ministry are removed

Developed

Values and trusts God's timing, allows their root system to go deep in God, & leaves the results up to Him

seasons of silence

Undeveloped

Must have the last word

Developed

Submitted to the discipline of listening and not having the last word

Undeveloped

Assigns blame & complains. Quits relationships, jobs, and churches. Difficulty in seasons of preparation and impartation. They will run ahead of God's timing. Try to initiate things on their own timing.

Developed

Values growing in favor with God and Man.

Has learned to endure hardships and remain faithful in difficult circumstances to allow natural and spiritual authority to be established.

Undeveloped

Over-repents, has a tendency to harbor unforgiveness toward self

Developed

Can forgive and extend mercy to self

Undeveloped

Negative, hopeless, enemy manipulates them to be focused on the problems and deficiencies around them, as well as things in the past

Developed

Release design and intent from the mind of God – correcting and restoring deficiencies, activating potential, **future focused**

Luke 10:38-42

38 Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house.

39 And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word.

40 But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me."

41 And Jesus answered and said to her, "**Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things.**

42 **But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."**

SERVANT G1248 diakonia

to *run* errands; an *attendant*, a *waiter* (at table or in other menial duties); specifically a Christian *teacher* and *pastor* (a *deacon* or *deaconess*): - minister

Servant Redemptive

Behavioral Characteristics

- Sees external needs & makes every effort to meet those needs
- Concerned about others comfort
- Obedience is no problem
- Gets over busy, can't say "no" easily
- Over-apologizes
- Few enemies
- Extends honor to others
- Loyal – fierce anger when close friends or family are hurt (not necessarily angry when, they themselves are hurt)
- Very sentimental, saves and keeps stuff (can't always find the stuff)
- Works very hard
- Attracts dishonor like a magnet (especially in their home)
- In games and sports, very, very competitive
- Doesn't like public attention or recognition
- Invisible
- Can help people with serious problems and walk through areas of deep iniquity without being defiled

- Have absolutely no desire to make a name for themselves, or build their own kingdom, no selfish ambition

Undeveloped Servant

Uses religious activity & service as a way to please God (performance oriented)

Developed Servant Redemptive

Pursues intimacy & relationship with God

Undeveloped Servant

Poor self image, doesn't think that they matter as a person, prone to embrace a victim mentality, and walks in a counterfeit humility

Developed Servant Redemptive

Sees God as He is, sees themselves from His perspective, and walks in true humility

Undeveloped Servant

Martyrs, non-confrontational, complains so that others will set boundaries and confront for them

Developed Servant Redemptive

Speaks the truth in love, confronts, sets healthy boundaries

Undeveloped Servant

Poor self government, over commits, does too many things poorly, rather than fewer things well, makes excuses

Developed Servant Redemptive

Embraces order, accepts personal responsibility, utilizes planning and organizational tools

Undeveloped Servant

Man-pleaser, believes what others say about them instead of what God says about them, they allow others to shape them by dishonor and slander, perpetuates dishonor

Developed Servant Redemptive

God-pleaser instead of man-pleaser. They believe God's word about themselves, serves others while remaining "God-oriented." They attract honor

Undeveloped Servant

Enables poor character and dysfunctional behavior in others instead of empowering them to change

Developed Servant Redemptive
Leads & encourages others to walk in the Spirit

Undeveloped Servant

Denial regarding their children, usually meet too many of their children's wants. Make excuses for their children's bad character

Developed Servant Redemptive
Serves their family in a "healthy way" providing opportunities for others to grow in personal responsibility

Undeveloped Servant

Unrealistic, fairytale expectations, rejects reality

Developed Servant Redemptive
Balanced, realistic expectations, anticipating the best but choosing to see things as they really are

Undeveloped Servant

Have difficulty not defining themselves by their mistakes and breaking free from shame, perfectionism, low compassion

Developed Servant Redemptive
Free to admit and learn from their mistakes, understands God's grace and compassion, knows that love is not earned

Undeveloped Servant

Misunderstands true humility, and walks in poverty of spirit, thinking of themselves in self-deprecating, self-defeating terms. Passes the "work" of spiritual business to others they think are more "qualified"

Developed Servant Redemptive
Because of their trustworthiness and obedience, God can trust the servant with unparalleled **spiritual authority**. Satan's only defense against them is to try to keep them from seeing themselves a God sees them, in hopes of keeping them from exercising that authority.

A **Developed** Servant redemptive can bring God's transformation to lands and leaders.

Closing

Mat 20:25-28

25 But Jesus called them to *Himself* and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them.

26 Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.

27 And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave—

28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."