

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.

Redemptive Gifts

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

Sons vs. Slaves

Rom 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.

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Rom 8:14-15

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

Gal 3:26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

Gal 4:4-7

4 But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

5 to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

7 Therefore you are no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

Mat 5:9 Blessed *are* the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God.

Ruler Redemptive

RULE G4291 *proistēmi pro-is'-tay-mee* to stand before, to preside, or (by implication) to *practise*: - maintain, be over.

"to lead, attend to" (indicating care and diligence), is translated "to rule" with reference to a local church... (Vine's)

the word *proistimi*, a compound of *pro* and *istimi*. The word *pro* means *before* or *in front of*, and the word *istimi* means *to stand*. When compounded

together, the new word depicts *someone who is standing up front before others in order to lead, guide, direct, or manage a situation.* It conveys the meaning of *a leader who is responsibly giving oversight and direction to a group of people or to a project.*

Behavioral Characteristics

- Early, on time
- Natural leaders, like to be in charge (of everything)
- Good administrators, implementers, can break down a vision into incremental steps
- Thrives under pressure, craves pressure (if pressure is removed they put on pressure themselves)
- They like people around them to be under pressure
- Skilled at time management – people think they are too busy, but they are as busy as they want to be
- Extremely concerned about loyalty, cares more about loyalty than competence
- Doesn't like to be micromanaged
- Doesn't need affirmation to do their job, is not manipulated by flattery and favor of men

Redemptive Gifts

- Always want things to be bigger and better, i.e., buildings, programs, etc
- Can employ and work with imperfect people – can also bring out the best in these people (this is in direct contrast to the carnal Prophet who has a hard time getting past people's shortcomings)
- Not spontaneous (doesn't change schedules and plans easily)
- Will not volunteer, wants to be asked
- Extremely diverse in interests & skills
- Has really high standards in all they do
- Has trouble recognizing when they are wrong, because they don't believe they are

Undeveloped Ruler

Applies constant pressure to the work, ministry, & home environment

Developed Ruler Redemptive

Applies healthy demands & expectations with wisdom to meet productive goals

Undeveloped Ruler

Walks in moral compromise, thinking that their great works & accomplishments are enough to compensate

Developed Ruler Redemptive

High moral integrity, leads by principle, will take a stand for righteousness, regardless of the personal cost

Undeveloped Ruler

Completes tasks 80%, disregards 20%

Developed Ruler Redemptive

Completes tasks with excellence

Undeveloped Ruler

Are self-reliant, doesn't see the need to partner with others, takes credit for results without recognizing & valuing the contributions of others

Developed Ruler Redemptive

Shares authority and leadership with others; team player, can partner with other churches for citywide group efforts to evangelize

Undeveloped Ruler

Leads or governs others by control and exploitation, over-administrates, is more concerned with meeting "the goal" and finishing the project by a deadline than with the people involved in the project

Redemptive Gifts

Developed Ruler Redemptive

Leads others in a life-giving manner, doesn't push people beyond their limits; builds God's Kingdom, while nurturing people

Undeveloped Ruler

Task and responsibility oriented, doesn't nurture the key relationships in their lives, "Great Commission" over "Greatest Commandment"

Developed Ruler Redemptive

Has healthy, life giving relationships

Undeveloped Ruler

During times of family or relational stress, will work more to avoid problems

Developed Ruler Redemptive

Makes family a priority, allows time for relationship building, & engages emotionally

Undeveloped Ruler

Is too busy with multiple interests and activities to complete key projects, driven by the desire to do more and more, endlessly pursuing more objectives

Developed Ruler Redemptive

Completes the key task God has given them, no longer busy and distracted by the multiple interests and abilities they have, they do the "God-thing" instead of all the "good things"

Undeveloped Ruler

Finds their value in work and accomplishments, instead of in God

Developed Ruler Redemptive

Has learned to partner with God. Because of this partnership, they can get results that are disproportionate to the amount of resources they have. They can build & maintain significant ministries with very limited resources.

Undeveloped Ruler

Thinks they are always right & won't receive correction. They will have power confrontations to convince others they are right.

Developed Ruler Redemptive

Draws balance & correction from the other gifts. They allow the Holy Spirit to reveal hidden faults

Undeveloped Ruler

Judges others, "elder brother" syndrome, love of law over law of love

Developed Ruler Redemptive

The Ruler is the empire builder; it is their birthright to impart generational blessings to government systems, kingdoms, and nations. They are specifically anointed to impart blessing on people's spiritual walk.

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.