Serving/Ministering - The spiritual gift of service, or ministering, covers a wide range of activities in its application. The Greek words for this gift (Diakonia) mean literally “to wait tables,” and the other word (Antilepsis) means "helping."

This gift is used to help or aid in love within the community. The HS gives this gift to fill gaps of ministry and meet the needs of the church as it fulfills the Great Commission. Persons with this gift energize the church and help others use their gifts to the fullest.

We see people with this gift in passages like Acts 6:1-7. Those with the gift of service are committed to the spread of the Gospel and serve in ways that benefit others with different gifts and ministries that are more public. They have a heart devoted to Jesus and a desire to follow His command and example in Matthew 20:25-28. Those with this gift do not seek recognition or a position in the “spotlight,” they just love to help out. A server renders practical help and enjoys meeting practical needs. They are content with serving in the background ("behind the scenes") knowing that their contribution will bless the church, display the love of Christ to the world, and bring glory to God.

The gift of serving is not the gift God gives you when you cannot do anything else. It is spiritual in nature and as important as any gift in the church. Never think it is anything less; it only becomes less if you do not use it as God intended.

Servers are willing to do a million and one necessary tasks. They likely don't even realize that their love for the Lord is showing every time the doors of the church are open; in fact, they probably oiled the hinges last week so the doors don't squeak any more. Servers are ambitious, often involved in a variety of activities, and enjoy manual projects. They are loyal, sincere, tolerant, faithful, and devoted - they like to support a good leader. Most people will find a Server easy going, likable, congenial, and not offensive. They listen to others without being critical. They don't like to be in the spotlight and prefer not to express themselves publicly.

Servers are quick to respond to needs and feel urged to respond to a need when someone asks. Because of this, a Server will find it difficult to say no. A Server may be considered a workaholic and tends to emphasize practical needs over spiritual needs.

Be careful that you complete what you start and don't neglect the needs of yourself or your own family by trying to meet so many needs in the church or for others. Beware of Satan's attack on your gift - He can cause pride because of the work you do. But He will often try to cause you to feel insignificant or cause you to lack concern for spiritual growth. Also impatience and rushing in too fast can cause poor-quality workmanship.

HOW TO USE THIS GIFT? Put yourself in the action. Help with maintenance; or do tasks like put up signs, pick up trash, put out hymnals, take up chairs, paint signs, cook meals, drive so others can come, run errands, help with record-keeping, act as a greeter, usher, etc. You may want to help in special ministries such as hospitality, meals-on-wheels, helping the needy and elderly, or as a hospitality worker for newcomers. The list goes on and on.
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