



Spiritual Gifts
Continued
Part 4

Gifts for *Strengthening*

❖ **Exhortation/Encourager**

❖ **Healing**

❖ **Mercy**

❖ **Prophecy**

❖ **Music**



Healing

The spiritual gift of *healing* is the Holy Spirit-given ability to impart miraculous healing to the body or soul of a person in Jesus' Name.

‘Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers....’

(1 Cor 12:7-10a)

Characteristics of the gift of **Healing:**

- He/she has a desire to see people healed.
- He/she feels more strongly about healing than other people seem to do.

- He/she believe in praying for the sick and regularly encourage others to receive prayer.
- He/she can look back to a time(s) in the past where he/she received the call of God to the ministry of healing.

- He/she may have significant Bible verses that have spoken to him/her about his/her call to the healing ministry.
- He/she may also have received personal prophecies about God using him/her in the ministry of healing.

- He/she gravitates towards healing ministries.

Burdens, Desires, and Strengths of the gift of **Healing**:

- He/she has experienced first hand the power of God to heal in his/her own life and that encounter with Him has increased his/her faith for God to heal others.

- He/she or others close to him/her, have had severe trials in the area of health, illness, and other problems.

These times cause him/her to pursue God, His Word, and His heart concerning healing.

- He/she has gone through difficult times in his/her Healing Ministry.
- He/she has prayed for people and seen them healed, and then, have gone through a dry or difficult time.

- He/she has had wilderness times of testing, during which he/she have doubted that he/she has the gift of healing.
- He/she is drawn to teaching, training, and equipping in the area of Healing.

- He/she has studied the Bible to learn more about healing and know Scriptures about healing by heart.

- Leaders and Pastors recognize his/her call and ability to minister in the area of healing, and encourage him/her to move forward in his/her gift to serve on teams that minister in the area of healing.

- People have been healed through him/her.
- His/her gift of healing is seen in the evidence of healing through his/her ministry.

- People regularly experience a touch from God emotionally and physically when he/she has prayed for or ministered healing to them.

Mercy

(Deut. 4:31; Matt. 5:7; Luke 6:36; Romans 12:8; James 2:15-16; Acts 2:44-45; Acts 16:33-34; 2 Tim. 1:16-17, Titus 3:5)

The Spirit-guided ability to manifest practical, compassionate, cheerful love toward suffering members of the body of Christ.

The verb *show mercy* may be translated "to pity" commiserate, have compassion on, show gracious favor to, and/or divine love."

Characteristics of the gift of

Mercy:

- He/she is usually soft-spoken, though talkative.
- He/she is outgoing with a low-key inoffensive personality.

- He/she finds it very easy to express himself.
- He/she appears to always be loving.
- He/she is usually good natured, wants people to like him.

- He/she talks easily with people and is easy to talk to.
- He/she is responsive to people, is a good listener.
- He/she is more subjective than objective, decisions are made on feelings more than fact, impulsive.

- He/she is peaceable and agreeable, does not overpower others.
- He/she does not analyze the details.

Burdens, Desires, and Strengths of the gift of **Mercy**:

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- His/her heart goes out to the poor, the aged, the ill, the underprivileged.

- He/she is patient, but responds to others' needs quickly.
- He/she attracts people who are hurting or rejoicing.
- He/she is non-condemning, not a griper (sometimes can be when with other mercy showers).

- He/she identifies emotionally and mentally with others.
- He/she is patient, sincere, responsive, tolerant.
- He/she can become insecure, withdrawn and somewhat remote.

- He/she remembers people's names and faces.
- He/she is self-sacrificing.
- He/she likes to think about things for a while before making decisions.

Special Needs and Weaknesses of the gift of **Mercy**:

- He/she makes a poor counselor without additional discipline.
- He/she resents others who are not as understanding as he/she is.
- He/she is not always logical, but sometimes emotional.

- He/she lets others use him/her.
- He/she often has a low self-image.
- He/she can be indecisive.
- He can become a gossip, especially around other mercy showers.

- He/she gets depressed easily.
- He/she is controlled by his circumstances.
- He/she is pessimistic.

How Those with the Gift of **Mercy** is Misunderstood by Others:

- Others think he/she is weak.
- Others think he/she is a compromiser.
- Others accuse him of "taking up" for people.

- Others think he/she is a "softy".
- Others think he/she is too emotional, he cries too easily.

How Satan Attacks the Gift of Mercy:

- Causes pride because of his ability to relate to others.
- Causes disregard for rules and authority.

- Causes lack of discipline because of strong feeling for those who hurt due to disobedience and sin.
- Causes him to complain and gripe.

Where to Use the Gift of **Mercy**:

- As a hospital, nursing home, shut-in worker.
- As a funeral coordinator and visitor.
- As a poverty center worker (if properly disciplined).

- As an usher or greeter, welcome center worker.
- As a CD worker for shut-ins.
- As a hospitality person.
- As a telephone center worker.