



# GRACE

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## IDENTITY MATTERS

# Fruit: Spiritual Gifts 5



# Scripture Reading (Please Stand)

*And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues. All are not apostles, are they? All are not prophets, are they? All are not teachers, are they? All are not workers of miracles, are they? All do not have gifts of healings, do they? All do not speak with tongues, do they? All do not interpret, do they? But earnestly desire the greater gifts. And I show you a still more excellent way.*

*(1Co 12:28-31 NASB)*



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# EVANGELISM & MERCY



Spiritual gifts is a very important part of church growth.

This is why so many body members put such an emphasis on these gifts. Many members believe that discipleship cannot start unless the person is saved.

This is not true. Use of spiritual gifts is a part of the discipleship process. Most Christians believe the “great commission” is going into the world to get people saved.

This is not the great call. God has called us to use our gifts to accomplish the great commission.

# Evangelism

**A primitive root; to gather, get attention, mobilize or recruit; directing unbelievers to the way of the Savior – Jesus Christ.**



# A NON-YEILDING EVANGELIST

uses the gospel to prosper  
oneself or recruit lost souls to  
advance their personal  
agenda or ministry.

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## Mercy

*kindness; by implication (towards God) piety; rarely (by opprobrium/scorn) reproof, or (subjectively) beauty: - favor, good deed (-liness, -ness), kindly, (loving-) kindness, merciful (kindness), mercy, pity, reproach, wicked thing.*

# A NON-YEILDING MERCY PERSON

One who is unkind, grudge caring,  
constantly corrects others, has  
favorites, good deeds to impress,  
uses mercy like a tool.

# Evangelist

**Definition:** The Christian blessed with the gift of the EVANGELISM has a God given ability to share the Gospel with unbelievers in such a way that people come to know Christ Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

**Purpose:** Many body members seem to believe they have this gift because of their excitement of leading people to the Lord. This is another misunderstood gift. All believers are given the desire to see others come to know the Lord. The Holy Spirit desires all men to come unto Jesus for Salvation. Surveys have determined that about 10% of the Body of Christ actually has this gift. Although there is a far greater percentage that believes, they have the gift.

## **Characteristics:**

**Those indwelt Christians that truly have this gift feel compelled by the Lord to lead lost souls to Him. It does not matter where they are; they constantly are sharing and attempting to lead strangers, family and friends to Jesus. They seem to have supernatural ability to communicate the gospel. Even the verses they remember are “salvation” scriptures. Their concern for the lost and dying generation is evident to all those around them. They typically support ministries that are involved in soul-winning. Those with the gift of EVANGELISM desire to have the message of the gospel mentioned in every message they hear.**

**Those with this gift are mission-minded. They are always ready to give an answer regarding the gospel of Jesus Christ. When you talk with them (even socially), their conversations usually turn to eternal things. From their perspective, the most important thing in life is seeing people come to know the Lord as their Savior.**

# Liabilities

- 1. When an Evangelist is walking after the flesh, he or she is known for being judgmental. They become hyperactive, too talkative, poor listeners, pushy, insensitive, and give off an attitude that what they are doing is the only thing that matters.**
- 2. They typically don't have much time for the exhorters. Exhorters take the time to grow people up on the Lord. Exhorters also do the follow-up work on the salvations that come from the EVANGELIST. Evangelists are normally irresponsible at follow-up. The ongoing day-to-day growth of the believer is not something they want to involve themselves with. It is too "messy" for them.**
- 3. People who are apathetic, indecisive, lazy, all talk and not action, agitate them. Since they are able to talk to strangers anywhere, anytime, they think that others should be able to do the same. Therefore they become impatient with those who are shy and not socially active (Luke 24:45).**

## Place of Service:

- 1. Street witnessing**
- 2. Door-to-door ministry**
- 3. Visitation**
- 4. Missions**
- 5. Evangelism training classes**
- 6. Backyard Bible clubs**
- 7. Altar-call counselor**
- 8. Preaching**
- 9. Alpha groups**
- 10. Inner-city outreach**

**If we expect God to use us, He will be ready and willing to do so. God knows who needs ministry and whom He needs to use to get the job done. When you are in line with the above three items, God is bound to use you. It is important not to set standards on God. Be careful not to tell Him how you want to be used and what gifts you want Him to put in you. Fear of the unknown is a big problem with many Christians in allowing God to do anything He wants with and through them. In any case, the important thing is being willing and expectant of God to do a great and mighty work by using His gifts in you.**

# Mercy

**Definition:** Definition: The gift of mercy is a supernatural ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to experience true empathy and compassion for individuals, both in the Christian world and in the non-Christian world.

**Purpose:** This gift is used not only for people who suffer from distressing physical and psychological problems but with people in general. The Mercy person notices the relational and emotional issues related to what the person is going through. There doesn't have to be a problem at hand. This person will major on the compassion and love expressed by Christ.

## **Characteristics:**

Those with this gift love one-on-one ministry. They seek out those who are in need. They are drawn to hurting people. They enjoy hearing and seeing hurting people receive comfort. The love and compassion they give to others is very practical. Kindness and tenderness flow from them like raindrops from heaven on a rainy day. The Mercy person takes the exhorter's words of love and turns them into deeds of love.

**The Mercy person is compelled to rid people of their pain. They are far more interested and concerned with the person than the reason for their suffering – this is why a Mercy person is not good at confronting others. The Mercy person is the one you send in to do the cleanup after a prophet or exhorter has confronted someone. The Mercy person needs special counsel, and training to work with members of the body that have strong gifting, such as prophets and exhorter. If Mercy is not working and submitting to others gifts, Mercy will attempt to bail the one being confronted and being disciplined by the Lord. The person with this gift needs special prayer and training to stay in tune with the other gifts of the Spirit. They have the ability to put a monkey wrench into the works. Someone being confronted is quick to look for the Mercy person, sometimes for the wrong reasons. Every Christian is called by God to have mercy on all of mankind. This person has mercy as a lifestyle.**

# Liabilities

- 1. Because Mercy people do not want others to suffer, they – if walking after the flesh, have the tendency to help the hurting person escape the consequences of sin. They also have the liability to be over-committed and overly involved in people's problems. This sets them up for being gossips. They give themselves permission to speak too openly about trusted issues. Asking for prayer can become gossip sessions.**
- 2. Mercy people can have problems with sleeping at night. They lay in bed thinking and caring for those who are hurting. If walking after the flesh, they will carry the burden for those who are hurting instead of giving it directly to the Lord. Of course, this will rob them of their joy and peace. A person is robbed of his joy is robbed of his strength (Nehemiah 8:10).**
- 3. Other liabilities are: struggling with feeling subservient, insecure, fearful, or embarrassed; bailing when confronted; and being embittered at people with strong gifting such as prophets and exhorters. People who are pushy, loud, confrontive, inflexible, unfair and proud offend them.**
- 4. The Mercy person needs to become strong, courageous, challenging, aggressive, assertive, confrontational, and supportive of those who have strong gifting.**

## Place of Service:

- 1. Deacon**
- 2. Facilities management**
- 3. Food services**
- 4. Nursery**
- 5. Usher**
- 6. Office worker**
- 7. Secretary**
- 8. Church correspondent**
- 9. Program assistants**

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*Jesus Christ is the great and perfect evangelist & man of mercy! Those who attempt to function in these gifts without yielding to the indwelling Life of Christ and leadership of the Church – can easily turn an entire body emergent.*

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