

Definition

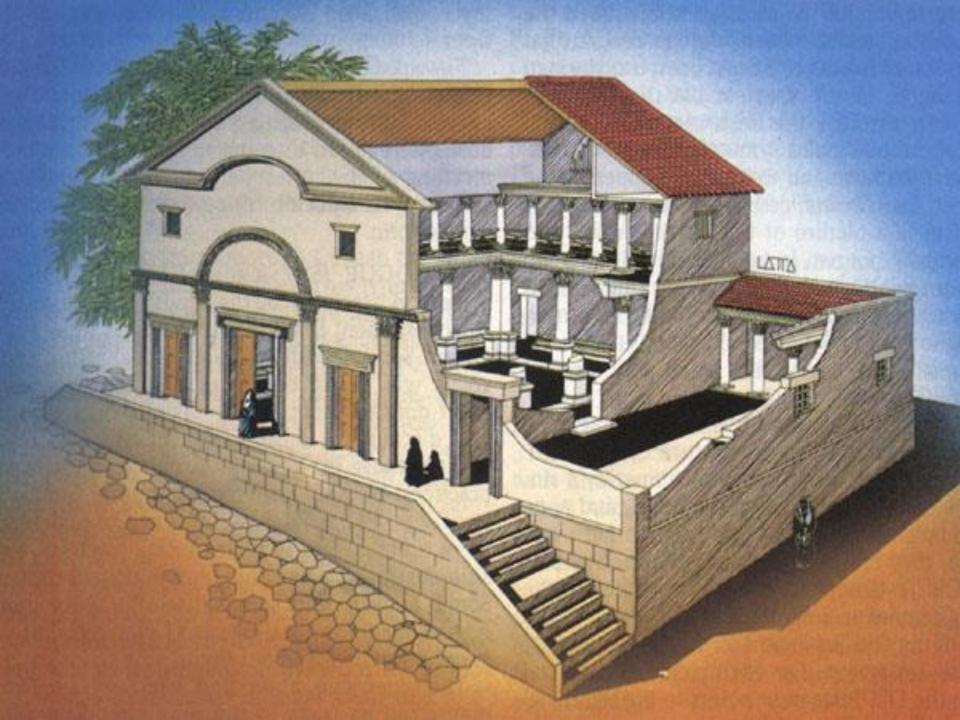
A spiritual gift is a supernatural ability or a natural talent given by God to every believer for the purpose of serving others under the direction of the Holy Spirit.

Giving Administration Teaching

Giving

To <u>share</u> what material resources you have with <u>generosity</u> and cheerfulness without thought of return.

Biblical Examples The Centurion in Luke 7



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Zacchaeus in Luke 19

Believers at Pentecost in Acts 2

Acts 2:43-47

⁴³Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with **all**, as **anyone** might have need.

Acts 2:43-47

⁴⁶ Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Generosity How generous are you? How are you generous?

Administration

To <u>steer</u> the body toward the accomplishment of God-given <u>goals</u> by <u>planning</u>, organizing, and supervising others.

Greek Lesson

kubernesis - to steer, guide, mentor (helmsmen – one who steers a boat)

Biblical Example - Nehemiah

- He learned of the condition of Jerusalem.
- He prayed for three months.
- He presented the condition to the king.
- He acquired the necessary documents.

Biblical Example - Nehemiah

He surveyed the conditions.

He informed and motivated the people.

- He assigned the work.
- He had to prepare for a possible attack.
- They completed the work in 52 days.

Biblical Example - Nehemiah Items not mentioned but were necessary: Food Tools Cleanup Communications **Transporting materials**

Sign up Pay up Show up

Picking a date Establishing a budget Finding a location Finalizing and signing a contract

Choosing a topic or theme Finding a speaker/teacher Finding a worship leader/team Communicating to the church

Consider a Church Retreat Determining a schedule Finding & assigning volunteers Preparing materials – workbooks, song sheets, games, prizes Signups and room assignments **Collecting money**

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Consider a Church Retreat Coordinating rides Packing and transporting material Checking in **Providing maps** Providing a schedule Setting up & breaking down Checking out

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Do your Best

"Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus..." *Colossians 3:17*

Teaching

To <u>instruct</u> others in the Bible in a logical, systematic way so as to communicate pertinent information for <u>true</u> understanding and <u>growth</u>.

Jesus is the Teacher Parables Direct lectures Comparison and contrast

Jesus is the Teacher

Socratic method – asking questions

"And who of you by being worried can add a *single* hour to his life?"

"If David then calls Him 'Lord,' how is He his son?"

"But who do you say that I am?"

Jesus is the Teacher

Confrontation Examples Explained the Scriptures

Conclusions

We are to present ourselves as a living sacrifice and let God use us whenever and however He chooses regardless of what gifts we have or don't have.

Conclusions

You don't have to be rich to be a generous person.

You don't need to have an <u>MBA</u> to organize events.

You don't need to have a seminary <u>degree</u> to explain important truths about God to someone.