

DESIRING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

“Eagerly pursue Love, yet desire Spiritual Gifts...”

- 1st Corinthians 14:1

Class 7

Giving

- Literal Meaning:

- To give part of

- The ability to contribute money and resources to the work of the Lord with cheerfulness and liberality

- Supporting References:

- Romans 12:8

8) Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

- Simplicity

Strong's reference number: 572

Greek: haplotes

Derivation: Derived from 573

Definition: singleness, i.e. (subj.) sincerity (without dissimulation or self-seeking), or (obj.) generosity (copious bestowal)

Strong's reference number: 573

Greek: haplous

Derivation: Same base as 4120

Definition: prop. folded together, i.e. single (fig. clear)

- Luke 21:1-4

- 1) And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury.
- 2) And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites.
- 3) And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all:
- 4) For all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had.

- Acts 5:1-4

- 1) But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession,
- 2) And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.
- 3) But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?
- 4) Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

- Characteristics:

- People with this Gift:

- Manage their finances and limit their lifestyle in order to give AMAP
- Don't ask, "What do I need to give to God?", but, "What do I need to live on?"
not, "What SHOULD I give?", but "What CAN I give?"
- Meet tangible needs so spiritual needs can be met

- Traits:

- Responsible, Resourceful, Charitable, Disciplined

- Cautions

- People with this Gift should be aware of:

- Not valuing their gift enough – Remember that giving money is a spiritual contribution to the body of Christ
- Forgetting that the Ecclesia's agenda is determined by the Ecclesia, not by the giver's gift