

DESIRING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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

- 1st Corinthians 14:1

Class 9

Helps

- Literal Meaning:

- To take the place of someone
 - The ability to accomplish the necessary tasks that support others

- Supporting References:

- 1st Corinthians 12:28

- 28) And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

- Greek: antilambanomai

- Definition: to relieve, to take hold of in turn, to succor; also to participate

- Acts 27:16-17

- 16) And running under a certain island which is called Claudia, we had much work to come by the boat:
- 17) Which when they had taken up, they used helps, undergirding the ship; and, fearing lest they should fall into the quicksands, strake sail, and so were driven.

- Greek: boetheia

- Definition: aid; spec. a rope or chain for stabilizing a vessel, a succorer

- Genesis 2:18

- 18) And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.

- A spouse for the Ecclesia... To consider oneself married to the Lord

- Romans 16:1-4

- 1) I commend unto you Phebe our sister, which is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea:
- 2) That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also.
- 3) Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus:
- 4) Who have for my life laid down their own necks: unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.

- Romans 12:6-7

- 6) Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;
- 7) Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

- Characteristics:

- People with this Gift:

- Feel comfortable serving “behind the scenes”
- Are quick at seeing the practical things that need to be done
- Are able to attach spiritual value to practical service

- Traits:

- Available, Willing, Reliable, Dependable

- Cautions

- People with this Gift:

- Need to esteem their gift – Doing Practical Deeds IS a Spiritual contribution
- Need to remember how to say “No”
- Need to beware of setting their own agenda