

EIGHT MORE GIFTS THAT DO NOT COST A CENT

ANONYMOUS

- 1) The Gift of **Listening...**
But you must REALLY listen! No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just listening.
- 2) The Gift of **Affection...**
Be generous with the appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.
- 3) The Gift of **Laughter...**
Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Your friends will say, "I love to laugh with you."
- 4) The Gift of a **Written Note...**
It can be a simple "Thanks for the help" note, or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.
- 5) The Gift of a **Compliment...**
A simple and sincere, "You look great in red," or, "You did a super job," or "That was a wonderful meal," can make someone's day.
- 6) The Gift of a **Favor...**
Go out of your way to do something kind for someone.
- 7) The Gift of **Solitude...**
There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.
- 8) The Gift of **Cheerful Disposition...**
The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone. It is not that hard to say: *Hello* or *Thank You*. Friends are a very rare jewel indeed. They make you smile and encourage you to succeed. They lend an ear, they share a word of praise, and they always want to open their hearts to us.

***(For happiness for you and for others,
memorize these gifts,
and a number of times every day,
try to give each one of them away.)***

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***For happiness for you and for others,
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and a number of times every day,
try to give each one of them away.***

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** "But the Helper, The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you." (St. John 14:26)*

" But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

Most of us believe in and affirm the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in the Church and the world. The following contain **suggested** definitions of the spiritual gifts that we believe are still operating today.

Prophecy: this is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to receive and communicate an immediate message of God to his people through a divinely-anointed utterance.

Pastor: the gift of pastoring is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to assume a long-term personal responsibility for the spiritual welfare of the people.

Teaching: the gift of teaching is a special ability that God gives to communicate information relevant to the health and ministry of the body and its people in such a way that others will learn.

Wisdom: the gift of wisdom is a special ability to know the mind of the Holy Spirit in such a way as to receive insight into how given knowledge may best be applied to specific needs arising in the body of Christ.

Knowledge: the gift of knowledge is the special ability that God gives to discover, accumulate, analyze, and clarify information and ideas, which are pertinent to the growth and well-being of the body.

Exhortation: the gift of exhortation is the special ability that God gives to minister words of comfort, consolation, encouragement, and counsel to the people in such a way that they feel helped and healed.

Faith: the gift of faith is the special ability that God gives as it helps to discern with extraordinary confidence the will and purpose of God for his work.

Mercy: the gift of mercy is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to feel genuine empathy and compassion for individuals who suffer distressing physical, mental, or emotional problems, and to translate that compassion into cheerfully-done deeds which reflect Christ's love and alleviate the suffering.

Evangelist: the gift of evangelism is special in that it helps us to share the Gospel in such a way that men and women become Jesus' disciples and responsible members of the body of Christ.

Help: the gift of help is the special ability that God gives to certain people to invest the talents they have in the life and ministry of other members, thus enabling those others to increase the effectiveness of their own spiritual gifts.

Giving: this gift is special in that God gives to certain people of the body of Christ in order for them to contribute their material resources to the work of the Lord with liberality and cheerfulness.

Leadership: the gift of leadership is the special ability that God gives to certain people of the body of Christ to set goals in accordance with God's purpose for the future and to communicate these goals to others in such a way that they voluntarily and harmoniously work together to accomplish those goals for the glory of God.

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