

Go Deep Motivational Gifts

Mercy

“Seldom wants to see people receiving their deserved judgment.” —Dave Williams and David Snook, *Finding Your Ministry And Gifts*

A. **Characteristics**—The person motivated by mercy...

B. **Incorrect perception by others**—Those who scored low on mercy may see this person as...

- E _____. However it’s “...neither feminine nor masculine.”

—Charles Stanley, *Ministering Through Spiritual Gifts*

- Having a p_____ gift.
- Too s_____.
- I_____.
- Violating people’s comfort zones.

C. **Warnings**—If you scored high on mercy, here are some things to guard against...

- Get firm when firmness is needed.
- Don’t be so emotional that you become a worrier.
- You need permission to get close to the hurting.
- Look for solid friendships that can feed you.
- Watch out for emotions that cross the line into sexual desire. Be especially aware to avoid opposite-sex counseling.

D. Biblical examples

- Apostle John (“the disciple Jesus loved”)
 - Quiet and reticent—in the Gospel he wrote, he doesn’t refer to himself by name, but simply calls himself “another disciple” or “the disciple whom Jesus loved.”
 - Incorrectly viewed as effeminate, but bold enough to ask Jesus to give him a place at His side—John 13:23-25; Mark 10:35-39.
 - Speaks in loving terms—the phrase “dear children” is used _____ times alone in John’s first epistle; 2 John is addressed to the “dear lady”; and 3 John mentions “dear friend” _____ times.

- Jesus—He is the perfect example of all of the gifts, because He ***IS*** all of the spiritual gifts personified. When you read through the Gospels, look for example of Jesus operating strongly in the area of mercy.

Conclusion

We need to monitor and adjust the d_____ and a_____ of our gifts.

1. Monitor your spontaneous, top-of-my-mind reactions to situations you encounter.
2. Monitor your y_____, places of rapid l_____, and areas of satisfaction.
3. Monitor your “tense” thoughts: p_____ tense or f_____ tense.
 - When your strengths are really in play you will think, “When can I do this again?”
 - When you are not really in a strength area you will think, “When will this be over?”
4. Monitor your Bible reading and prayer journal.
 - What you highlight in your daily Bible reading, and the thoughts / prayers you record in your journal will say a lot about your strengths.

Hindrances To Developing Your Motivational Gifts

1. F_____.
 - What will someone else think? what new things will God ask me to do?
2. E_____ instability.
 - God has called us to be balanced people.
3. Focusing on the “incorrect perception” categories in others.
4. Wasting t_____.
 - Psalm 90:12
 - TGIT = _____
5. Wasting e_____ trying to strengthen gifts that are not strong.
6. Not allowing the Holy Spirit to transform your mind (Romans 12:1-3)
7. Trying to f_____ someone into your ministry.
8. Not b_____ i_____ in any ministry.