

Go Deep Motivational Gifts

Recap

God gives us gifts to evangelize the sinner and edify the saint.

1. Every person has received a motivational gift. *Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts...* (Romans 12:4-6)
2. These motivational gifts are focused on s_____ the Kingdom of God. *His intention was the perfecting and the full equipping of the saints—His consecrated people—that they should do the work of ministering toward building up Christ’s body—the church.* (Ephesians 4:12 AMP)
3. We are commanded to use these motivational gifts. *Each one should* [better: “has to”] *use whatever gift he has received* **to serve others**, *faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.* (1 Peters 4:10)

Remember: These are w_____ of i_____, not labels.

Prophecy

“This gift provides divine insight to see things others don’t see. A person with this gift often has an ‘intuitive knowledge’ of the motivating forces behind political decisions, church decisions, and personal decisions.” —Dave Williams and David Snook, *Finding Your Ministry And Gifts*

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

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

- S_____
- I_____
- R_____
- A_____

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

- You have a tendency toward procrastination on practical, down-to-earth matters.
- You need to learn to go over-the-top on grace!
- You need to slow down—the right word at the wrong time is not effective.

D. Biblical examples

- Peter (post-Pentecost)

All of our biblical examples will be post-Pentecost, as the presence of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life makes their gift(s) truly useful for the Kingdom. Peter is the only example we'll use where we can see his life pre-Pentecost and post-Pentecost.

Look at:

- His faith—Mark 5:37-43 (“astonished”) vs. Acts 9:36-42
 - His quick answers / judgments—John 18:1-10 vs. Acts 10:34-48
 - Dealing with opposition—Mark 14:66-72 vs. Acts 4:8-12, 18-20
 - Correct application of Scripture—Matthew 18:21 vs. Acts 15:6-11
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- 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 prophesy.

Serving (Ministry)

Literally this is the gift of p_____ s_____.

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

B. **Incorrect perception by others**—Those who scored low on serving/ministry may see this person as a...

- C_____
- “B_____”
- P_____

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

- Just say “no”—you have a tendency to over-extend yourself
- Don’t forget about home—you may overlook your own (or your family’s) emotional needs
- Discouragement—you may have feelings of being less spiritual and less-appreciated by others
- Beware of the ends-justify-the-means mentality—you often want to throw out rules and procedures to get things done
- “Stick-to-it-iveness”—stay with one thing until that need is met before moving on to something else

D. Biblical examples

- Timothy
 - Meeting practical needs—Acts 18:1-5 (notice that Paul could preach full-time only after Timothy arrived to help him)
 - Over-the-top service—Philippians 2:19-22
 - Needed to be reminded about stick-to-it-iveness—1 Timothy 4:13-16
- Jesus—He is the perfect example of all of the gifts, because He is all of the spiritual gifts personified. Looking through the Gospels, you can easily find a couple of example of Jesus operating strongly in the area of serving/ministry.