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The Bride of Christ

FINDING YOUR PLACE IN THE BODY OF CHRIST:

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Romans 12:8

Exhortation. Rom. 12:8

- Characteristics.
 - Exhortation is the ability to **help** others reach their full potential by means of energizing, challenging, comforting and guiding. Rom. 12:8; Acts 9:27, 11:25, 14:21-22, 15:38-41; John 8:1-11
 - Exhorters desire to see believers to maturity in **faith**, reach their spiritual potential and spiritual welfare. Eph. 4:22-25; 2 Pet. 3:18; Eph. 4:11-16, 1:15; Col. 1:4-12; Philem. 5; 1 Thess. 3:6
 - Exhorters are **results** oriented, practical, how to and about application. Eph. 4:21-32, 5:1, 8, 15, 18; Eph. 6:10-20
- Function within the body of Christ.
 - Work very **well** one-on-one.
 - Good at giving **direction**, guidance and equipping believers. Eph. 4:11-32
 - Good at **helping** people deal with hardships and difficult times. 2 Cor. 11:23-28, 12:1-10, 1:3-8

Giving. Rom. 12:8

- Characteristics.
 - Have the keen ability to make use of investments and purchases in order to have **more** resources to give. Matt. 25:14-30
 - Does **not** seek to draw attention to himself. Matt. 6:1-4

- Have the gift of giving to meet the **needs** of others. Luke 3:28; Eph. 4:28; Acts 4:32-35, 2:44-45; John 19:38-41; 2 Cor. 8:1-11

- Function within the body of Christ.
 - The church cannot make it without their **generosity**. Acts 4:32-35, 2:44-45
 - Eager to motivate others to **give**. Luke 6:38; 2 Tim. 4:6; 2 Cor. 8:1-16

Leadership.

- Characteristics.
 - The one who stands in front and has **vision**. Ex. 3-14; Neh. 1-4
 - He understands the **importance** of delegation. Ex. 18:13-27; Neh. 3-4; Josh. 1:10-18
 - He is **goal** oriented. Neh. 1:3-11, 2:1-10; Ex. 3-14
 - He is motivated and often a **good** motivator. Neh. 1:3-11, 2:1-10; Matt. 28:19-20; Acts 2-28
- Function within the body of Christ.
 - Keeps the **body** of Christ from “doing right in his own eyes”. Judg. 17:6, 21:25; Deut. 12:8
 - Keeps the body of Christ on **track** to fulfill its purpose of evangelism, discipleship, fellowship, worship and ministry.

Application.

- Did you find your spiritual **gift** today?
- **What** are you willing to do with it?
- What is holding you **back**?
- When will you start to **use** it?

Please turn your outline over.