



Helps, Spiritual Gift

The permanent spiritual gift of helps functions by helping and visiting the sick, those in hospitals, the disabled, and those unable to care for themselves. The word “helps” in the Greek is ἀντίληψις (antilēpsis) and means to aid, to help. The gift of helps is possessed by a great many believers, both men and women, and is conveyed at the point of salvation. This gift is very important because it is the most sustaining gift and provides stability in a local church. This is the spiritual gift that really supports all the other spiritual gifts. 1 Cor. 12:28.

"And God has appointed in the church, first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, various kinds of tongues." (1 Corinthians 12:28, NASB)

This spiritual gift can be extended inside or outside the local church and can function toward both believers and unbelievers. The difference between the gift of service and the gift of helps is that the gift of service only functions within the local church, whereas the gift of helps functions both inside and outside the local church.

It is very likely that most if not all Christians have this gift, which is the ability to serve the local church. This gift involves faithfulness in doing all of the little things that make a local church run properly. These are people who come early to church and have the heart of a servant. They are faithful and loyal to the details that make a local church function. It takes a lot of people willing to serve faithfully in the little things.