

Spiritual Gift: MERCY

Definition: to be sensitive toward those who are suffering, whether physically, mentally, or emotionally, so as to feel genuine sympathy with their misery, speaking words of compassion but more caring for them with deeds of love to help alleviate their distress

Scripture: Romans 12:8

Greek Word: eleeo - have (obtain, receive, show) compassion

Scriptural Role Models to Study: Good Samaritan (Luke 10)

Characteristics of Someone with this Gift:

- ☐ has a tender heart toward the needy and will often do what one can to help those who are in distress
- ☐ enjoys visiting the sick and shut-in
- ☐ looks out for those who are neglected and alienated
- ☐ empathizes with those who are embarrassed and humiliated and seeks to comfort them
- ☐ likes to spend time with those who are lonely and hurting to cheer them up

Ministry Areas & Tasks Using This Gift:

Benevolence Ministry:

cards/flowers, child-care, emergency shelter, food/clothes distribution, financial assistance, hospital & shut-in visitation, special needs, transportation

Other Targeted Ministry:

ministry to the elderly, disabled, prisoners, poor, sick

Observations About This Gifting:

- The focus of mercy is more on caring than counseling.
- People with the gift of mercy tend to be seen as perceptive, consoling, and non-judgmental.
- People with the gift of mercy may have difficulty in evaluating the intentions of others and may experience the pain of being used.
- There needs to be an understanding of the balance between God's mercy and justice.
- Exposure to those with the gift of exhortation would be helpful.