

## **Giving / Generosity**

### **Description:**

Persons with this gift manage their resources of income, time, energy, and skills to exceed what is considered to be a reasonable standard. They can discern the best ways to put money to work and can guide others in the management of financial concerns.

### **Distinctives:**

#### People with this gift:

- Manage their finances and limit their lifestyle in order to give as much of their resources as possible
- Support the work of ministry with sacrificial gifts to advance the Kingdom
- Meet tangible needs that enable spiritual growth to occur
- Provide resources, generously and cheerfully, trusting God for his provision
- May have a special ability to make money so that they may use it to further God's work.

#### Traits:

- Stewardship-oriented
- Responsible
- Resourceful
- Charitable
- Trusts in God's agenda
- Disciplined

#### Cautions:

- Need to esteem their gift, remembering that giving money and resources is a spiritual contribution to the body of Christ.
- Need to remember the church is determined by leaders, not by the giver's gift.
- Need to guard against greed.

### **Biblical Examples:**

Romans 12:8

2 Corinthians 6:8

Luke 21:1-4

### **Ministry Suggestions:**

Committee on Finance

Financial Peace University Leader

Capital Campaign Committee

Stewardship Committee

Mission Leadership Team

VBUMC Foundation Committee