



“Spiritual Gifts in Action”

Romans 12:9-13

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Christian service is transformed minds using sound judgment in the _____ of our gifts.

1. _____ love in regard to what is good. v9

"[Let] love [be] without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good." - Rom 12:9

1) The chief _____ for the exercise of your gift must be love. Jn 13:34-35, 1 Cor 13:1-8

34 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." [Jhn 13:34-35]

2) Understand that the _____ of God is to the battle between good and evil. Eph 6:10-12

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual [forces] of wickedness in the heavenly [places.] [Eph 6:10-12]

✳ **Abhor _____.** 1 Tim 1:8-11

8 But we know that **the Law is good**, if one **uses it lawfully**, 9 realizing the fact that **law is** not made for a righteous person, but **for those who are lawless and rebellious**, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers 10 and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching, 11 according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, with which I have been entrusted. [1Ti 1:8-11]

✳ **Cleave to _____.** Phil 4:8

8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, **whatever is of good** repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. [Phl 4:8 NASB95]

2. _____ love in regard to the brethren. v10

"[Be] devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;" - Rom 12:10

1) Love your church brethren like they are _____. Mt 12:47-50

47 Someone said to Him, "Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside seeking to speak to You." 48 But Jesus answered the one who was telling Him and said, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" 49 **And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, "Behold My mother and My brothers!** 50 "For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother."

[Mat 12:47-50]

2) Prefer that honor goes to _____. Phl 2:3-4

3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind **regard one another as more important than yourselves**; 4 do not [merely] **look out** for your own personal interests, but also **for the interests of others.** [Phl 2:3-4]

3. *Be diligent not slothful in your Christian* _____ . v11

"not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;" - Rom 12:11

- 1) *Be fervent in the* _____ . Jhn 14:17.
17 [that is] the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, [but] you know Him because **He abides with you and will be in you.**
[Jhn 14:17]
- 2) *Be* _____ *to the Lord.* Rom 6:16
16 Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone [as] slaves for obedience, you are **slaves of the one whom you obey**, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness? [Rom 6:16 NASB95]
- 3) *Be continuously* _____ *in our hope.* v12
 - "rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer," - Rom 12:12 NASB95
 - 16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with [Him] so that we may also be glorified with [Him.] 18 For I consider that **the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.** [Rom 8:16-18 NASB95]
- 4) *Persevering in* _____ . Rom 5:3-4
3 And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that **tribulation brings about** perseverance; 4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, **hope;**
[Rom 5:3-4]
- 5) *Devotion to* _____ .
Pray for opportunity for the gospel and fruitful service in discipleship
- 6) *Helping each other to future* _____ . v13, Jas 3:9
 - 🎧 "contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality." - Rom 12:13
 - 🎧 9 With it [our tongue] we bless [our] Lord and Father, and with it we curse **men, who have been made in the likeness of God;** [Jas 3:9]

"It is a serious thing to live in a society of possible gods and goddesses, to remember that the dullest and most uninteresting person you talk to may one day be a creature which, if you saw it now, you would be strongly tempted to worship, or else a horror and a corruption such as you now meet, if at all, only in a nightmare. All day long we are, in some degree helping each other to one or the other destinations...—immortal horrors or everlasting splendours. C. S. Lewis
- 7) *Practicing* _____ .
2 Do not neglect to **show hospitality to strangers**, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it. [Heb 13:2]