

*Spiritual
Gifts*



Questions & Answers

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The Aptitude to Help (As Quickly As Possible)

Definition: (diakonia) - Ministry, to Render Service.
Like Waiting on Tables

Description:

- (1) An unusual ability to identify and meet practical needs, especially manual labor.
- (2) The ability to recall likes and dislikes of people.
- (3) They have stamina that abounds, unusual energy, disregard for weariness.
- (4) Avoid delays by doing immediately, even if they have to use personal funds.
- (5) They always do more than is expected.
- (6) Find it difficult to say "No."
- (7) A need to sense sincere appreciation and an ability to detect insincerity.
- (8) Greater enjoyment in short-range goals than in long-term goals.

Problems or Misunderstandings:

- (1) Sometimes they appear to be "pushy."
- (2) React against those who do more talking than working.
- (3) Sometimes their own family suffers because of their service to others.
- (4) Their willingness to "do" sometimes hinders God's work.
- (5) A desire to sense sincere appreciation may result in being easily hurt.
- (6) May get frustrated with those who are insensitive.
(i.e. Prophet)
- (7) Dislike of "red tape" and those who do planning before they begin work. (i.e. Administration)
- (8) Their eagerness to work may lead to unwanted leadership positions.
- (9) Over-emphasizing practical needs to the neglect of spiritual needs.

Biblical Example:

Martha, Luke 10:38-42