

If each of the seven gifts were represented in a family and someone just dropped the dessert on the floor, here is what each one might say. . .

Prophet - ...*That's what happens when you're not careful!*

Motivation: To correct his life.

Service - ...*Oh, let me help you clean it up.*

Motivation: To fulfill a need.

Teaching - ...*The reason that fell is that it was too heavy on one side.*

Motivation: To discover why it happened.

Exhortation - ...*Next time let's serve the dessert with the meal.*

Motivation: To correct the future.

Giving - ...*I'll be happy to buy a new dessert.*

Motivation: To give to a tangible need.

Administration - ...*Jim, would you get the mop? Sue, please help pick it up; and Mary, help me prepare some other dessert.*

Motivation: Achieve the immediate goal of the group.

Mercy - ...*Don't feel badly; It could have happened to anyone.*

Motivation: To relieve embarrassment.

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Gifts*



Questions & Answers

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Church Project - To Build A New Building

Assignment is given to a committee of seven people, each one having one of the motivational gifts. How will it work?

Prophet - Is this the right thing to do? Is this God's perfect will for our fellowship?

Service - What can I do to get this project accomplished and the building built?

Teaching - What does God's Word say about building a place for His worship?

Exhortation - How can we encourage everyone to get involved and be used effectively by God?

Giving - How much should I give in order to see this building built? How can we encourage others to learn the joy of giving?

Administration - As far as I can see, these are the basic steps we need to take to build it.

Mercy - We need to make sure we do not get so busy building that we forget people.

The ministry gift of teaching accomplished by the various motivational gifts:

Prophet - Will usually use the lecture mode and focus on the class as a whole.

Will usually have strong convictions and "soap boxes" from which to preach. Tend to be more evangelistic and burdened for lost people.

Service - Personally involved with particular needs of class members. Seek to involve their class in service opportunities. Recognize special dates in the lives of class members.

Teaching - Many details and much information given to the class. Seldom get off the subject and deal directly with the text. May not be motivated by particular needs or practical applications.

Exhortation - Interested in spiritual needs and struggles of members. Class will be practical with advice about how to handle given situations. Christian life issues more than evangelism.

Giving - Will usually sponsor class projects and parties and pay bills. Seek to motivate others to learn the joy of giving. Not usually the strongest Bible teacher.

Administration - Organize the class to get work done effectively. Look to the long-term effectiveness of the class. Prefer to see the total ministry of the class rather than just Bible study.

Mercy - Strong desire to listen to members, pray with them, and cry with them. Appeal to others who are sensitive in spirit; usually do not meet the needs of those less sensitive. Application of lesson to remove the hurts of members.

If seven people representing each of the motivational gifts met to organize an ideal church, here is what each one would probably emphasize.

What we need in our church is . . .

Prophet - *...preaching which exposes sin, proclaims righteousness and holy living, and warning of judgment to come.*

Service - *...practical assistance to each member of the church to encourage him and to help him fulfill his responsibilities.*

Teaching - *...in-depth Bible studies and strong doctrinal messages.*

Exhortation - *...personal counseling and encouragement for each member to assist him in applying scriptural principles to his daily living.*

Giving - *...generous programs of financial assistance to missionaries and other ministries.*

Administration - *...smooth-running organization throughout the church so that every phase will be carried out decently and in order.*

Mercy - *...special outreach and concern for the precise and varying feeling of individuals with a readiness to meet their needs.*