

*Spiritual  
Gifts*



Questions & Answers

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The Aptitude for Pity

Definition: (eleos) - A Feeling of Pity that Moves the Person Into Action

### **Description:**

- (1) An ability to feel joy, sadness, or distress in another person or the church.
- (2) An attraction to the “underdog” or those in distress.
- (3) A desire to remove “hurts” from people.
- (4) A sensitivity to words or actions that will hurt or offend somebody.
- (5) A desire to unite with those who are sensitive.
- (6) A closing off to people who are insensitive or insincere.
- (7) An avoidance of firmness unless they can understand a benefit from such action.

### **Problems or Misunderstandings:**

- (1) Sometimes spend more time “feeling” for people than in doing something to meet the need.
- (2) Sometimes, in order to protect others, are not honest about how they feel.
- (3) This person may consider others cold or indifferent.
- (4) The avoidance of firmness may appear to be weakness.
- (5) This person needs to be careful in his/her responses to people of the opposite sex.

### **Ultimate Benefit to the Body of Christ -**

Those gifted in the area of mercy help us maintain a sensitive heart toward God and one another. Their work is to teach us by example and remind us of our calling to care for, love, and bear the burdens of one another.

### **Biblical Example-**

The Good Samaritan      Luke 10:33-47

Jonathan      1 Samuel 18:1-4; 19:1-7;  
20:1-3; 20:30-42  
23:16-18