

**DISCOVERING OUR GIFT – 2**  
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**REVIEW:**

- Have a true experience with Jesus.
- Spend time in prayer.
- Spend time in the Word.
- Do what your hand finds to do.
- Listen to what others say about you.
- What brings joy to your heart?

**CONTINUE:**

**Rom. 12:4-9 (NIV)** – Seven motivational gifts are listed that are to be used to benefit people and glorify God. They deal with our personalities and provide the motivating force that drives us.

**PROPHECY**

1. Definition: Inspired speaking forth or making known God's thoughts. An inspired delivery of a warning or exhortation: A proclamation, not a prophetic prediction.
2. A better rendering would be a perceiver.
  - A. A perceiver is one who is sensitive to the will of God and views people in the light of God's Word.
3. Some characteristics include:
  - A. Strong desire to express truth. **NUM 13:30**
  - B. Alert to what is right or wrong. **NUM. 14:8-9**
  - C. Feels responsible to correct wrong.
    - Motive, to promote love, abhor evil and cleave to good.
4. Some dangers to be aware of:
  - A. Can be too quick to judge people. **MT. 7:1**
  - B. Expose without restoring. **GAL. 6:1**
  - C. Can be pushy. **MK. 8:31-32**

**SERVING**

1. This means practical service, or doing practical things to be of service to others.
2. Some characteristics include:
  - A. Sees and meets practical needs. **PHIL. 2:19-22**
  - B. Disregards weariness. **GAL. 6:9**
  - C. Has difficulty saying no.
  - D. Goes the extra mile.
3. Some of the dangers:
  - A. Providing unrequested help.
  - B. Neglecting their responsibilities.
  - C. Working beyond physical limits. **PHIL. 2:25-30**
    - Martha is an example of a biblical server, whereas Mary may have had a teaching gift. The server is sensitive to the needs of others and always ready to get a job done.
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**TEACHING**

1. The spirit-given ability to explain scripture and make clear the truth of God's Word.
2. Some characteristics include.
  - A. A desire to present truth in a systematic way.
  - B. A delight in researching details. Bereans. **ACT 17:11**
  - C. The need to validate truth. **LUKE 1:3-4**
3. Some dangers to consider.
  - A. Becoming puffed up with knowledge. **1 COR. 8:1**
  - B. Being exposed to false doctrine. **1 TIM. 4:1**
    - Greater judgment. **JAMES 3:1** Much more was said about Jesus as a teacher than as a preacher. He taught with authority, not as the scribes. The ultimate goal of teaching is to share truth that people apply to their lives in obedience to God.