

DISCOVERING OUR GIFT – 3

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REVIEW:

ROM. 12:4-9 (NIV)

- Have a true experience with Jesus.
- Spend time in prayer.
- Spend time in the Word.
- Do what you hand finds to do.
- Listen to what others say about you.
- What brings joy to your heart?
- These gifts are to be used to benefit people and glorify God.
- Prophecy, serving, teaching.

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EXHORTATION – ROM. 12:8

1. The exhorter is a person who desires to see believers grow spiritually and live victorious lives.
He encourages people to pursue higher levels of achievement.
 - A. Joshua and Caleb encouraged the Israelites not to settle for mediocrity.
2. Paul was an exhorter.
 - A. **1 TIM. 2:1-4** – He exhorts Timothy to pray for leaders.
 - B. **2 TIM. 2:15-22** – He exhorts him to present himself approved to God, and gives guidelines to follow.
 - C. The gift can result in teaching, counseling or disciplining someone.
3. The exhorter presents truth in a sensitive and loving manner.
 - A. **EPH. 4:15** – He speaks truth in love. He knows everyone is challenged, so he exhorts with kindness and sensitivity.
 - B. **GAL. 6:1** – The exhorter may be used to correct and restore. Not everyone receives correction as David did when confronted by Nathan.
 - C. **PR. 15:31 (TLB)** – Our Attitude must be right whether we are giving or receiving correction.
4. The exhorter knows God cares for His people and wants what's best for them.
 - A. **DEUT. 30:19-20** – God is an exhorter.
 - B. **HEB. 10:24-25** – Exhorters provoke to good works and encourage public assembly.
 - C. Every church need exhorters willing to invest in promoting success in peoples lives and the life of the church.

CONCLUSION: If you are one who loves helping others grow spiritually and live victorious lives, then your motivational gift may be exhortation. The reason we are told to wait on our gift, is because if our attitude is wrong, we can abuse the gift. Before going to others, we are told to examine our own motives and be certain the driving force behind our exhortation is to help others and glorify God.