

Assisting

The gift of assisting is the ability to work to support leaders, lightening their workload, attaching spiritual value to practical, often behind-the-scenes tasks.

Scriptural References

Exodus 18:21-22, Numbers 11:16-17, Mark 15:40-41, Luke 8:2-3, Luke 10:38-42, Acts 6:1-6, Acts 9:36, Romans 16:1-2

Biblical Models

Timothy, Martha, Aaron, Joanna, Susanna, Silas, Dorcas, Phoebe

People with this gift can

- Gladly do behind-the-scenes tasks to help others.
- See the practical things that need to be done to help leaders, and enjoy doing them.
- Sense God's purpose and pleasure in meeting everyday responsibilities

Cautions

- May be denying other gifts.
- May neglect their own spiritual needs.
- May become over-helpful, or overly needy of being helpful.
- Might "help" in a way that is controlling and bossy.
- May find it hard to say, "No."

Personal Traits

- Resourceful
- Reliable
- Willing
- Loyal
- Dependable
- Helpful
- "Can do" attitude

Tips for nurturing this gift

- Stay up to date with skills you use.
- Look for new ways to apply your skills.
- Let leaders know that this is your gift.

Possible Tasks

- Typing, phoning, research, event registration, keeping lists, purchasing supplies, ...

Not to be confused with the responsibility of all Christians to ...

Serve where needed