

Justice

The gift of justice is the ability to see the quality of human relations through the lens of God's shalom, and to work effectively for necessary physical, social, political, economic or environmental changes.

Scriptural References

Exodus 3:7-8, Deuteronomy 1:16-17, Deuteronomy 10:17-18, Deuteronomy 16:20, Judges 4:4-5, Isaiah 1:10-23, Isaiah 10:1-4, Jeremiah 9:23-24, Jeremiah 22:13, Lamentations 3:34-36, Amos 5:15, 21-24, Micah 6:6-8, Luke 1:46-55, Luke 4:16-21, Acts 9:36, James 2:14-17

Biblical Models

Moses, Deborah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos, Micah, Jesus, Mary, Dorcas

People with this gift can

- Look beyond the immediate needs to underlying causes.
- Have a strong sense of fairness and equity.
- See past superficial differences to the God in all people.
- Be self-critical; practice what they preach.
- Inspire others to action.

Cautions

- May become tiresomely “preachy.”
- May identify justice with particular political parties and/or ideological positions.
- May burn out.
- May neglect other aspects of discipleship.
- May forget Christian origins and move to a generic faith, or even a “no-faith” position that lacks the roots to nourish the soul.
- May act as though it is all up to them and forget to trust God.

Personal Traits

- Passionate
- Committed
- Insightful
- Analytical
- Sensitive
- Hopeful

Tips for nurturing this gift

- Join with others who share this gift.
- Know the Biblical references for this gift and the ones for God's mercy and forgiveness.
- Maintain a spiritual practice.

Possible Tasks

- Social justice ministries, educating others about social, political, economic issues, ...

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

Be fair to all.