

Multiculturalism

The gift of multiculturalism is the ability to share one's faith in a second culture.

Scriptural References

Joshua 6:15-25, Ruth 1:15-22, Acts 9:13-17, Acts 13:1-5, Acts 14:21-28, Acts 17:22-34, 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, Galatians 1:15-17, Ephesians 3:6-8

Biblical Models

Rahab, Ruth, Paul, James

People with this gift can

- Pioneer or establish new ministries or churches.
- Welcome learning from other cultures.
- Enjoy new foods, languages, customs, dress, etc.
- Quickly learn new social customs.
- Respectfully and appropriately translate Christian life and faith into other cultural contexts.

Cautions

- May be so sensitive to other cultures that the Christian gospel is watered down.
- May be so committed to the Gospel that they fail to see non-Christians as children of God.
- May fail to see the activity of God already in other cultures.
- May confuse one's own cultural assumptions with genuine Gospel values.

Personal Traits

- Adventurous
- Curious
- Experimental
- Persevering
- Adaptable
- Risk-taking
- Culturally aware
- Committed

Tips for nurturing this gift

- Seek opportunities to learn about and experience other cultures where you live: people and events, restaurants, movies, books, etc.
- Seek out people from other cultures in the church to learn from and share with them.
- Learn another language, way of cooking, social customs, etc.

Possible Tasks

- Ministry to international neighbours, overseas ministries, social outreach, youth/seniors ministries, ...

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

Combat narrow-mindedness.