

# Service

The gift of service is the ability to see concrete, practical work that needs to be done for groups or programs to function, and volunteer to do it.

## Scriptural References

Luke 10:38-42, Luke 22:24-27, Acts 6:1-7, Acts 9:36, Romans 16:1, Philippians 4:2-3, 1 Timothy 3:8-10

## Biblical Models

Martha, Dorcas, Phoebe, Euodia and Syntyche

## People with this gift can

- Provide the practical work that needs to be done in any group or program.
- Enjoy working behind-the-scenes.

## Cautions

- May rush in and take over tasks that others were already planning to do.
- May be taken advantage of.
- May “help” in a way that is bossy or controlling.
- May be judgemental of those who need to be asked to help; who don't volunteer as quickly and naturally as those with this gift.
- May burn out, or neglect other aspects of Christian life.

## Personal Traits

- Helpful
- Diligent
- Responsible
- Practical
- Caring
- Conscientious

## Tips for nurturing this gift

- Let your church know this is your gift and of any specific skills and interests you have.
- When joining an existing activity, offer where you can help and wait for acceptance before jumping in.
- As well as developing practical skills, develop skills at working with others, team work, etc.

## Possible Tasks

- Helping with coffee after church, extra jobs in the office, ushering, setting up & cleaning up for events, typing, stuffing envelopes, odd jobs, ...

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

Offer a helping hand.