Ministry of the Holy Spirit

Serving
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Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:8-11; Ephesians 4:11-13

Reveal Something: Wisdom, Knowledge, Discernment of spirits

Do Something: Leading, **Serving**, Giving, Mercy, Exhortation, Faith, Healing, Miracles, Shepherding, Apostle

Say Something: Teaching, Prophecy, Evangelize, Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues

Romans 12:7 ...if service, in our serving...

1 Corinthians 12:27-28

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 28 And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, <u>helping</u>, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.

• **Helping/Serving** – the supernatural ability to see a *need*, a weakness, a person in crisis, or a task that calls for immediate action, and instantly feel an impulse from the Spirit to step in and devote their energies to helping bring resolution. (Sam Storms)

Acts 6:1-5

1 Now in these days when the disciples were increasing in number, a complaint by the Hellenists arose against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. 2 And the twelve summoned the full number of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should give up preaching the word of God to serve tables. 3 Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." 5 And what they said pleased the whole gathering...

The Greek word *diakonia* (serving) is where the English word "deacon" is derived. Cf. **Philippians 1:1; 1 Timothy 3:8-13**

Matthew 20:25-28

25 But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 26 It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 27 and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, 28 even as the Son

of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Cf. Matthew 9:36; 14:14; 15:32

Pray that God would give us eyes to see the needs around us, just as Jesus did in His earthly ministry, and the willingness to give ourselves for the good of others.

1 Corinthians 12:31 But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. → Chapter 13 to LOVE

Philippians 1:9-10

9 And <u>it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more</u>, <u>with knowledge</u> <u>and all discernment</u>, 10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,

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