

The Connection

Messages of Hope



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“The Spiritual Gifts of Exhortation, Giving, and Administration”

In the Bible, spiritual gifts are special abilities given by the Holy Spirit to believers for the edification of the Church and the glorification of God. Among these are the gifts of **exhortation**, **giving**, and **administration** (also called **leadership** or **governing**), most prominently referenced in **Romans 12:6–8** and **1 Corinthians 12**.

1. Exhortation (Encouragement)

Biblical Basis: Romans 12:8 – “...the one who exhorts, in his exhortation...”

Definition:

The gift of exhortation is the Spirit-empowered ability to encourage, comfort, urge, or challenge others to grow in their faith and live obediently to God’s will.

Greek Word: *Parakaleo* – meaning “to call near,” “encourage,” or “admonish.”

Purpose in the Church:

- Strengthens believers in trials.
- Motivates people toward spiritual growth.
- Offers correction in a loving, uplifting way.

Practical Applications Today:

- **Counseling and mentoring:** Christian counselors, small group leaders, or spiritual mentors often exercise this gift.
- **Discipleship:** Encouraging newer believers or those struggling in faith.
- **Preaching or writing devotionals:** Using words to uplift, challenge, and direct others toward Christ.

Example: A person with this gift might regularly send uplifting messages, pray with those in distress, or speak truth in love during times of correction or confusion.

2. Giving (Generosity)

Biblical Basis: Romans 12:8 – “...the one who contributes, in generosity...”

Definition:

The spiritual gift of giving is the God-given capacity and desire to joyfully and generously share resources (money, time, talents) to meet needs and advance God’s kingdom.

Greek Word: *Metadidomi* – “to give over,” or “to share.”

Purpose in the Church:

- Supports ministry work and missions.
- Provides for the needy and suffering.
- Demonstrates God’s provision and love.

Practical Applications Today:

- **Financial support of missions, ministries, or church needs.**
- **Starting or contributing to charitable works or foundations.**
- **Giving anonymously or sacrificially**, not seeking recognition.
- **Creating opportunities for others to flourish** (e.g., funding education or church planting).

Example: Someone with this gift might fund a missionary, quietly pay a struggling family's rent, or donate business profits to ministries.

HOPE Calendar

Wednesday, June 25
Study and Prayer
Bible Study @ 7pm
Prayer @ 7:45

Thursday, June 26
Worship Team Rehearsal @ 7:00

Sunday, June 29
Worship Team Run Through
@ 8:00 a.m.
Worship @ 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, July 2
Study and Prayer
Bible Study @ 7pm
Prayer @ 7:45

Thursday, July 3
Worship Team Rehearsal @ 7:00

**Helping Hands for
June 29, 2025**

**Live Streaming
Al Floyd**

Soundboard

**ProPresenter
Elizabeth Floyd**

**Communion
Lynn Joyner**

**Scripture Text and Sermon
This Coming Sunday**

**“The Gifts of
Mercy and Faith”
Romans 12:3-8;
1 Corinthians 12:7-9**

Prophecies	O.T.	N.T.
June	21	John 19:30
June	22	Ps 23:1
June	23	John 10:11
June	24	Ps 24:3
June	25	Acts 1:11
June	26	Ps 30:3

GROW

Women of HOPE

**Meetings generally at HOPE
on the second and fourth
Saturdays
every month**

**“Food of the Month”
for the Raleigh Dream Center
Food Pantry**

KID'S TREATS: Sweet & Fruity
We have a collection bin in the
foyer

SERVE

**TLC Devotion
June 25, 2025
@ 11:00 a.m.**

5124 Departure Dr # 101,
Raleigh

HOPE Meal Ministry
Take a meal from the freezer if
needed for you or someone
else.

**Congratulations to
Dr. James Christopher King
on his calling to become the new
pastor at Hope Church Raleigh!
Beginning September 21.**

Prayer Requests:

Tom and Donna Williams, Ryan's Mom and Dad, Gene & Becky Hale, Elizabeth, Franklin's Brother Will, Norma (MRI results) Jerry and Alice, Ron Clifton, Pastor Search Committee, Patty Moyer and her son Brandon, Chad's family, Josh McDonald, Erin's parents and brother, Tom Riggelman (Bruce), Janice Worthington, Donna Williams,, Burton(Erin), The Branch's, Phil Parton, Krishana, Dave Rendall, Sam and Rachael, Joan Rollinson, Dianne Reinoso, Cindy (Elizabeth), Barbara(81) Stroke, Joey(18) Crohn's, Ebo (Glioblastoma #3/4)-family has 4 children, Youth Ministry, Kathy Jo and her family, Peggy Karpenske, Claudia in Idaho (Kathy H), Dave & Dot Geil, Corbin Broome, The Mallory family, Carol & Colin (Kathy H), Loretta (Sandi U), Joan Summers, Jordan Stevens (Lynn J.), our Military, Police, Fire,

How will the Holy Spirit minister to you today? As your **Comforter**, your **Counselor**, your **Helper**, your **Advocate**, your **Intercessor**, your **Strengtheners**, your **Standby**? Remember HE is all these things to you... all the time!

**UPCOMING
WOMEN OF HOPE
Saturdays at 10 a.m. at HOPE**

**6/28
“Decision-Making
And
The Will of God”**

**HOPE Church Raleigh
An Evangelical Presbyterian Church
4911 Green Rd
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www.facebook.com/HOPEChurchRaleigh
Twitter: @HopeChRaleigh
YouTube.com (type “HOPE Church Raleigh”
in the search box)**

3. Administration (Leadership or Governance)

Biblical Basis: 1 Corinthians 12:28 – “...administering...”
Also referenced in Romans 12:8 as "the one who leads, with zeal."

Definition:
The gift of administration is the Spirit-empowered ability to organize, direct, and manage people and resources effectively for the achievement of ministry goals.

Greek Word: *Kybernesis* – literally “to steer,” as in steering a ship.

Purpose in the Church:

- Ensures ministry effectiveness and order.
- Implements vision and mission strategically.
- Supports and mobilizes other spiritual gifts.

Practical Applications Today:

- **Church administration:** Overseeing budgets, events, or ministry teams.
- **Project management in ministry:** Launching initiatives like youth camps, outreach programs, or community services.
- **Strategic planning:** Creating long-term goals for church growth, discipleship paths, or mission engagement.

Example: A church elder organizing a multi-week community outreach, ensuring volunteers are trained, schedules are clear, and logistics are handled with excellence.

Final Thoughts:

These gifts are vital to a healthy church. They work together—encouragement fuels the heart, giving supports the mission, and administration ensures everything functions smoothly. Each is equally spiritual and necessary, and they remind us that the body of Christ thrives when every part does its work in love (Ephesians 4:16).

Summary Table

Gift	Key Role	Practical Use Today
Exhortation	Encouraging and challenging others	Counseling, mentoring, teaching, spiritual direction
Giving	Joyful, sacrificial support of God’s work	Donating money/resources, funding missions or ministries
Administration	Organizing and leading ministry efforts	Church management, team leadership, strategic vision implementation