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- Prayer Requests: email them to PrayerRequests@HeartMenders.org
- Audio CD's, Books & Workbooks: www.HeartMenders.org

REDEMPTIVE GIFTS

by Carol Gordon

"And having gifts differing according to the grace that was given to us, whether prophecy, (let us prophesy) according to the proportion of our faith; or ministry, (let us give ourselves) to our ministry; or he that teacheth, to his teaching; or he that exhorteth, to his exhorting: he that giveth, (let him do it) with liberality; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness."¹

It is a part of the human condition to desire validation. Learning that our Heavenly Father has a unique design for each of us personally can clarify how we see ourselves. It also increases our appreciation of how intensely He loves us. It is almost beyond our imagination that He can interact intimately with each of us all of the time!

When someone mentions "gifts" in a Biblical context, most people immediately think of the nine "Gifts of the Spirit" from I Corinthians 12. This clearly states that these gifts are manifestations of the Holy Spirit's operation through members of the Body. We are also familiar with the "Five-Fold Office Gifts" that Jesus gave for structure in the Church (see Eph. 4). Not as many have studied the seven "Redemptive Gifts" from Romans 12.

A clarification of these enlarges our appreciation of each other and our unique design. We also discover facets of God's plan to bring the Kingdom to earth. Redemption is the legal process of reestablishing ownership. As we receive revelation of our identity in Him, we can offer our special, individual purpose back to Him for the completion of His plan.

The seven design gifts, again, are Prophet, Servant, Teacher, Exhorter, Giver, Ruler and Mercy. There are over a hundred lists of seven things in the Bible. I will list just a few: seven Days of Creation, Names of Jehovah, Moses' responses at the Burning Bush, the Steps in the Tabernacle, the Feasts of the Old Testament, seven miracles in the Gospel of John, the Armor of God, Jesus' words on the Cross, and the Seven Churches of Revelation. Each of these 'Lists of Seven' follow the same pattern, and help to describe a particular dimension or aspect of these gifts.

For instance, my granddaughter, Faithe, had a major breakthrough when she learned she was a Mercy gift. It gave her a peace about who she was and that she is special to God.

Studying various Bible Characters that have a the same gift we do helps us see how Father works with each one of us to accomplish our assignment. We also learn the strengths we have, and the pitfalls we must watch out for. It will open up the Word to you in a brand new way.

It doesn't mean you can justify your weaknesses or brag about your strengths. In fact, it will encourage you to develop your character in Christ Jesus in a more effective way. Character, manifesting the nine fruit of the Spirit, is essential.

The primary goal is finding the key that unlocks the treasure in you that Father wants to bring out for His redemptive purpose on the earth. Without mining for this, you will miss the best of what He has called you to do in your brief sojourn here!

I encourage you to hear this teaching.

1 - Rom 12:6-8 ASV

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RECOMMENDED READING

THE SHACK by William Young

GLORY INVASION by David Herzog

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by Shawn Bolz

Back In July
The POWERHOUSE MARRIAGE SEMINAR
With Dave and Linda Crites
was a great treat...

We have some of their CD's available
Call for information or go online to our Web store

"HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS" UPDATE

Our outreach ministry, **Hope for the Hopeless**, has been growing and expanding. Our main projects are as follows:

1. **The No Promises Project:** Basic Re-entry services to those exiting the prison system and coming to OKC. This primarily consists of a publication, 'The OKC Faith-Based Social Services Directory,' and a building we have built to the City Rescue Mission.
2. **The OKC Storehouse Project:** In the initial planning and design stages, this project is an attempt to coordinate donated goods (clothing, furniture, etc.) among the various faith-based organizations in OKC. It may also evolve into a physical facility (warehouse, etc.) as documented on the new 'OKC Storehouse' page on the Heart Menders website, under the 'Initiatives' category.
3. **Employment & Housing:** We are also becoming a clearinghouse of information about housing and jobs for ex-felons. Instead of re-inventing the wheel, we are seeking to partner with existing organizations, such as Genesis One Network (in Tulsa) and others.

There is so much LIFE in this ministry. Please visit our website at www.H4Hweb.org to read more. And you can see current updates at our blog:

www.H4Hweb.blogspot.com

NEWS AND NOTES

Dearest Partners and Friends:

I am presently teaching about the Redemptive Gifts in some depth to the Women's group at our church, and also at Heart Menders. I urge you to send for these CD's.

Autumn is here and with great challenges in prayer. We are grateful to see that "Gustav's" threat did not materialize at the rate anticipated. My prayer groups are enjoying the response we are receiving from the Lord as we press into Him.

We discovered, after obeying the Lord, that this was Disaster Preparedness Month in Oklahoma, and nationally. We had Gary and Ra-Jean Vawter, from Texas, present a Preparedness seminar last Saturday. Very helpful information so that we can be helpers not ones in need of help in storms and other challenges.

In September, I am teaching on our longing for the Lord on the Radio for two weeks. Then I will host Steve Gordon, Steve Eden, and Kent Tucker talking about the Kingdom of God in the City. If you don't live here, you can get the program on the Internet in real time (7 AM CDT) on Sundays on KTOK.com.

We are so very grateful for our financial partners! Your gifts, large or small, help us reach out to the broken world around us! Thanks so much for your support! You will be blessed as you are a blessing!

Our purpose is reaching out with the message of wholeness. Pray for HEART MENDERS, Heart MENtors (the men's ministry), and HOPE FOR THE HOPELESS. Please keep praying, "LORD, HELP CAROL FULFILL THE CALL ON HER LIFE." Your sister in Him,

Carol Gordon

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- Prayer Requests for Needs for healing
- Prayer for me and Heart Menders
- Prayer for the Radio Ministry

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