

Today's Study

Spiritual Gifts

"Understanding the Gifts, Part 9"

Today's Scripture: I Timothy 2:1-8

Definition:

- ♦ Intercession: the _____ of interceding.
- ♦ Intercede: to _____ between parties/individuals (ie. _____ & _____).
- ♦ _____, _____ in favor or on behalf of _____.

Look at Romans 8:26-27

- ♦ The Holy Spirit intercedes on our behalf, in other words the Holy Spirit _____ us in _____ and _____ to God on our _____.

"Christ Jesus, who died – more than that, who was raised to life – is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us!" Romans 8:34b

- ♦ Christ Jesus himself is having _____ with God about us!

⌘ The Gift of Intercession

Definition:

- ◆ The gift of intercession is the distinctive ability to _____ for significant lengths of time, on a regular basis, and often observe _____ to those prayers for others.

Biblical References:

- ◆ James 5:14-16
- ◆ 1 Timothy 2:1-2
- ◆ Colossians 1:9-12
- ◆ Romans 8:26-34

Purpose:

- ◆ To pray fervently according to the ' _____ of _____ ' for specific _____ in the body of Christ, as well as for the lost.

Characteristics:

- ◆ You are drawn to spend time in prayer and you see _____ to your prayers.
- ◆ You have a passion to _____ for the _____.
- ◆ You find great fulfillment in _____ and _____ prayer.
- ◆ You pray for _____ and _____ far more than you pray for yourself.
- ◆ You have a _____ awareness of ongoing spiritual battles.

Cautions:

- ♦ “Hearing from God” and thinking you are the _____ authority. You must be _____ and _____.
- ♦ Spiritual _____ resulting in pride.
- ♦ Spending so much time in prayer that you don’t get other responsibilities taken care of. Prayer becomes your way of _____.
- ♦ Forgetting to take time to _____ and _____ God’s Word.

Additional Comments:

- ♦ All of the biblical references seem to refer to the _____ of intercession and not to a specific spiritual gift.
- ♦ There are though, without a doubt, people who are _____ by God to a _____ of intercession than the average Christian.
- ♦ Even though it cannot be clearly identified as a gift, it is valuable to be aware if God has called one to a _____ ministry of prayer.
- ♦ I know intercessors who pray regularly and with a commitment for concerns, and even may awaken in the middle of the night with a burden to pray for _____ things. (These people are the “stand in the gap” in the spiritual realm.)

Making Intercession

For the lost...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

For those who have wandered away from the Lord...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

For needs of others...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

For needs of my family members...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

For my church...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

For my country/community...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.