

Redemptive Gifts 2

The “redemptive gift / graces” are found in Romans chapter 12, verse 6 through 8.

- Prophet**
- Sees the world primarily as “black and white”
 - Easily understands and lives by spiritual laws (highly principled)
 - Concerned with justice and injustice
 - Knows the “mind” of God (easily inhabits both realms)
 - Strong intuitive senses and strong faith
 - Does not have a difficult problem with confrontation
 - Visionary (sees “farther” than others)
 - Dislikes being bound and restricted
 - Highly competitive
 - Passion for excellence
 - Needs a destination

Unredeemed → can become judgmental, can have high vacillation of emotions, is hard on himself when he fails, susceptible to witchcraft, needs to work harder on developing and maintaining relationships

- Servant**
- Loves to help people (sometimes to their own neglect and detriment)
 - Comes from the Greek root word “aid,” meaning “waiter”
 - Is amiable and compliant --- an excellent team player
 - Many times apologizes unnecessarily (does not think he is excellent)
 - Extremely loyal (especially to family)
 - Always working behind the scenes (does not want the limelight)
 - Sees needs quickly
 - Consistent and steady in life (even-keeled)
 - Good work ethic
 - Pure motives – assists others without expecting return
 - God usually grants great authority (mainly because they don’t want it)

Unredeemed → is easily taken advantage of (needs but often fails to set firm boundaries), susceptible to a “victim” spirit, often exploited, people pleaser, tends to attract disrespect, can make excuses for bad character

- Teacher**
- Sees details that many overlook
 - Strong responsibility towards others
 - Broad base of understanding
 - Specialist (predisposed to writing and education)
 - Processes information slower than others
 - Needs to validate truth --- Loves research and accuracy
 - Precise with facts (example: See the distinctions in Luke’s Gospel)
 - Deep family loyalty

Unredeemed → can become an “enabler” (by failing to allow others to take responsibility), prone to denial, can give heed to a “religious spirit (because they love the truth they can resist new revelation; [example: the Scribes]), can become legalistic

- Exhorter**
- Encourager, consoler, counselor, intercessor
 - Always diligent and busy
 - Easily crosses relational lines with different groups
 - From the root Greek word "*paraklete*" which means "*one who comes along side of*"
 - World-changer --- very evangelistic
 - Excellent communicator (because they are so highly relational)
 - Quickly adapts to different situations
 - Visionary (sees wider than others)

Unredeemed → Susceptible to taking on too much work, needs to allow others to own their problems, goes with feelings over principles (needs to develop character and integrity)

- Giver**
- Liberal, sometimes extravagant (but not wasteful)
 - Has an innate ability to produce at a high level
 - Non-confrontational
 - Adaptable / flexible (which makes the gifts harder to identify)
 - Has diverse interests and involvements
 - High nurturing ability
 - Generational world view
 - High level of favor
 - Is more situational over experiential
 - Solution oriented
 - Tends to be independent
 - Resists absolutes by trying to keep many options open
 - Female givers are more sensitive to others with hidden agendas

Unredeemed → susceptible to control, can give with strings attached, susceptible to devouring of resources, can be greedy (accumulation of things for self), needs to learn how to entirely trust God, will hoard if driven by fear

- Ruler**
- Strong administrative abilities
 - Extends resources further than most
 - Implementer / Builder
 - High level of excellence
 - Loves pressure
 - Solution oriented
 - Rarely is stagnant – always moving and progressing
 - Can draw the best out of the worst people
 - Excellent with time management
 - Can juggle many things simultaneously

Unredeemed → Susceptible to control spirit, can become "predatory", susceptible to lack of resources, can fall short in nurture (can be an overly strict disciplinarian), puts those around them under the same high pressure

Mercy

- Compassionate / benefactor
- Empathetic --- helps others embrace pain
- Well-liked, rarely has enemies
- A safe person for the wounded
- Can sense and attract the wounded and rejected
- Feeling-oriented
- Knows the “heart” of God
- Drawn to the prophet
- Needs intimacy and physical contact (touching, hugs, etc) because they are designed to help heal
- Dislikes confrontation

Unredeemed → Can become an enabler, prone to the victim spirit, can easily become exploited, [Note: since this gift attracts wounded and dysfunctional people, it is advantageous to set firm boundaries]