

Spiritual Gifts Mini-Series

Part 7: The Qualities *Behind* the Gifts – Matt.21:1-11; Rom.12:6-13

0.0 Introduction

- 0.1 Thoughts on hosting POA this weekend: service, support & care of those who serve
- 0.2 Background to the original “Palm Sunday” – service behind scenes in difficult zone
- 0.3 What goes *behind* the gifts? – generosity, energy, a good spirit, and love (vv.8-9)

1.0 Some Motivations for Using Your Gifts

- 1.1 To enrich other people
- 1.2 To alleviate pressing needs
- 1.3 To develop a community that offers a taste of eternity
- 1.4 Doing anything we do, first to God (I Cor.10:31): and so
“building up body of Christ, until we attain unity of faith” (Eph.4:12-13)

2.0 Some Deterrents from Using Your Gifts

- 2.1 Busy with involvements
- 2.2 Hesitation, indecisiveness, ‘losing steam’
- 2.3 Bad experiences (‘being burnt’)
- 2.4 Resentment toward others
- 2.5 Harsh seasons
- 2.6 Some of my experiences have included...
- 2.7 Those most visible/active get targeted (or neglected)

3.0 Some Encouragement Toward Using Your Gifts

- 3.1 Bible acknowledges these factors – see I Tim.1:3-7; Heb.12:17; and see Heb.6:10)
- 3.2 The ‘body of Christ’ encompasses many precious people – will you contribute?

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Conclusion/Part 8: The Gift of a Son – Jn.3:16*