
MERCY

Description:

The gift of Mercy is the divine enablement to cheerfully and practically help those who are suffering or are in need, compassion moved to action.

Distinctives: People with this gift...

- Focus upon alleviating the sources of pain or discomfort in suffering people
- Address the needs of the lonely and forgotten
- Express love, grace, and dignity to those facing hardships and crisis
- Serve in difficult or unsightly circumstances and do so cheerfully
- Concern themselves with individual or social issues that oppress people

Traits:

- Empathetic
- Caring
- Responsive
- Kind
- Compassionate
- Sensitive
- Burden-bearing

Cautions: People with this gift...

- Need to be aware that rescuing people from their pain may be hindering God's work in them
- Need to guard against feeling "unappreciated" since some of the people helped will not show or express any appreciation
- Should guard against becoming defensive and angry about the sources of others' pain

References:

- [Romans 12:8](#)
- [Matthew 5:7](#)
- [Mark 10:46-52](#)
- [Luke 10:25-37](#)

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