

Lesson 8 - Serving Gifts

Giving	Helps/Service	Mercy	Faith
<p>All believers have the responsibility to give</p> <p>OT - gifts were brought to the temple</p> <p>between the testaments - they met in synagogues</p> <p>NT - church was the receiver of the gifts</p> <p>gift of giving? joyfulness sacrifice of giving life of giving (church, poor, needy) discernment (listening to God) there is a heart that reaches out to people compassion</p>	<p>helps #G484 - antilepsis - laying hold of anything, to receive and return for something - providing relief (to keep from falling, to assist)</p> <p>service #G1248 - diakonia - deacon - compassion toward the needy</p> <p>helping in the labor of spreading the gospel</p> <p>He 1:14 - angels are ministers sent out to render service to the saints He 6:10 - Christians that are called to minister to other Christians I Cor 3:5 - Paul and Apollos were ministers Mt 20:20-28 - Jesus came to serve</p> <p>Deacon - servant Qualifications - I Tim 3:8-13 II Tim 1:16-18 - not ashamed, seek opportunities to serve</p>	<p>#G1653 - eleeo - to show mercy/pity; to extend help for the consequences of sin</p> <p>Exodus 25:22 - mercy seat where God meets with His people</p> <p>He 2:17-18 - Jesus became our merciful High Priest - becoming like one of us</p> <p>Jude 20-23 - mercy on some with fear? - the flesh has an incredible pull on us - we need to realize how quickly everyone can fall - and that includes us</p> <p>Jesus' mercy Mt 9:36 - had compassion because the people were like sheep without a shepherd Mk 9:22 - because of the evil spirits</p> <p>Our responsibility Mt 5:7 - we are to be merciful if we want God to be merciful on us Mt 18:21-35 - mercy is tied to forgiveness Lk 10:30-37 - Good Samaritan James 2:15-16 - this is an action not just words</p>	<p>#G4102 - pistis - faith and believe - to be persuaded, to have confidence in divine truth</p> <p>I Tim 6:11 - pursue faith Col 1:23 - encourage others to continue in the faith Lk 17:5 - pray for increased faith I Cor 16:13 - stand firm in our faith</p> <p>Ro1:17 - righteous will live by faith</p> <p>He 11:1 - assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen</p> <p>He 11:6 - believe that He is and He is the rewarder of those who seek Him - without faith it is impossible to please God</p> <p>one who has a gift - someone who believes in more than what you or I might see</p> <p>George Mueller</p>