

Unsung Heroes

Six inconspicuous but indispensable spiritual gifts

- ◆ _____ (1 Cor. 12:9): *An unusual ability to trust God to do what appears impossible.*
Mark 11:23-24; Acts 6:5-8; 11:22-24; Romans 4:18-21; Hebrews 11:1, 6, 33-34
- ◆ _____ (1 Cor. 12:28): *An unusual willingness to self-sacrificially care for the personal needs of others.*
Mark 15:40-41; Acts 20:35; Philippians 2:25-30; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; 2 Timothy 1:16-18
- ◆ _____ (Rom. 12:7): *An unusual readiness to provide the practical assistance that is needed to accomplish spiritual goals.*
Luke 10:40; 22:27; Acts 6:1-7
- ◆ _____ (Rom. 12:8): *An unusual skill in stoking others' spiritual fire through appropriate words or actions.*
Acts 9:26-28; 11:19-24; 15:36-40; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; Hebrews 3:13; 10:25
- ◆ _____ (Rom. 12:8): *An unusual commitment to sacrificially share financial resources.*
Mark 12:41-44; Luke 8:2-3; John 12:3-8; Acts 4:36-37; 9:36; 2 Corinthians 8:7
- ◆ _____ (Rom. 12:8): *An unusual ability to empathize with and comfort those who are suffering.*
Matthew 25:34-40; Mark 2:41; 10:46-52; Luke 10:30-37; Romans 12:15

Transformed by the Truth

Questions for reflection and discussion

1. Do you believe the desire to become "great" or "prominent" is a godly longing? Why or why not? Read Matthew 20:25-28. Is Jesus critical of these ambitions? How does He say we can attain them?
2. As you think of others in the Body of Christ, are you more likely to struggle with an inferiority complex or a superiority complex? How do Paul's words in 1 Corinthians 12:15-22 encourage or challenge you?
3. Which of the six spiritual gifts we studied this week do you believe you are mostly likely to possess? How have others confirmed or contradicted your suspicions?
4. How can you fan your gift into flame this week, specifically?
5. Since each of these six gifts represent ideals all Christians should pursue, in which area do you have a glaring need to grow? What practical steps can you begin to take to become more like Jesus in this area of your life?