

The Gifts of the Father
Three week series

Part 2 — 18 October 2020

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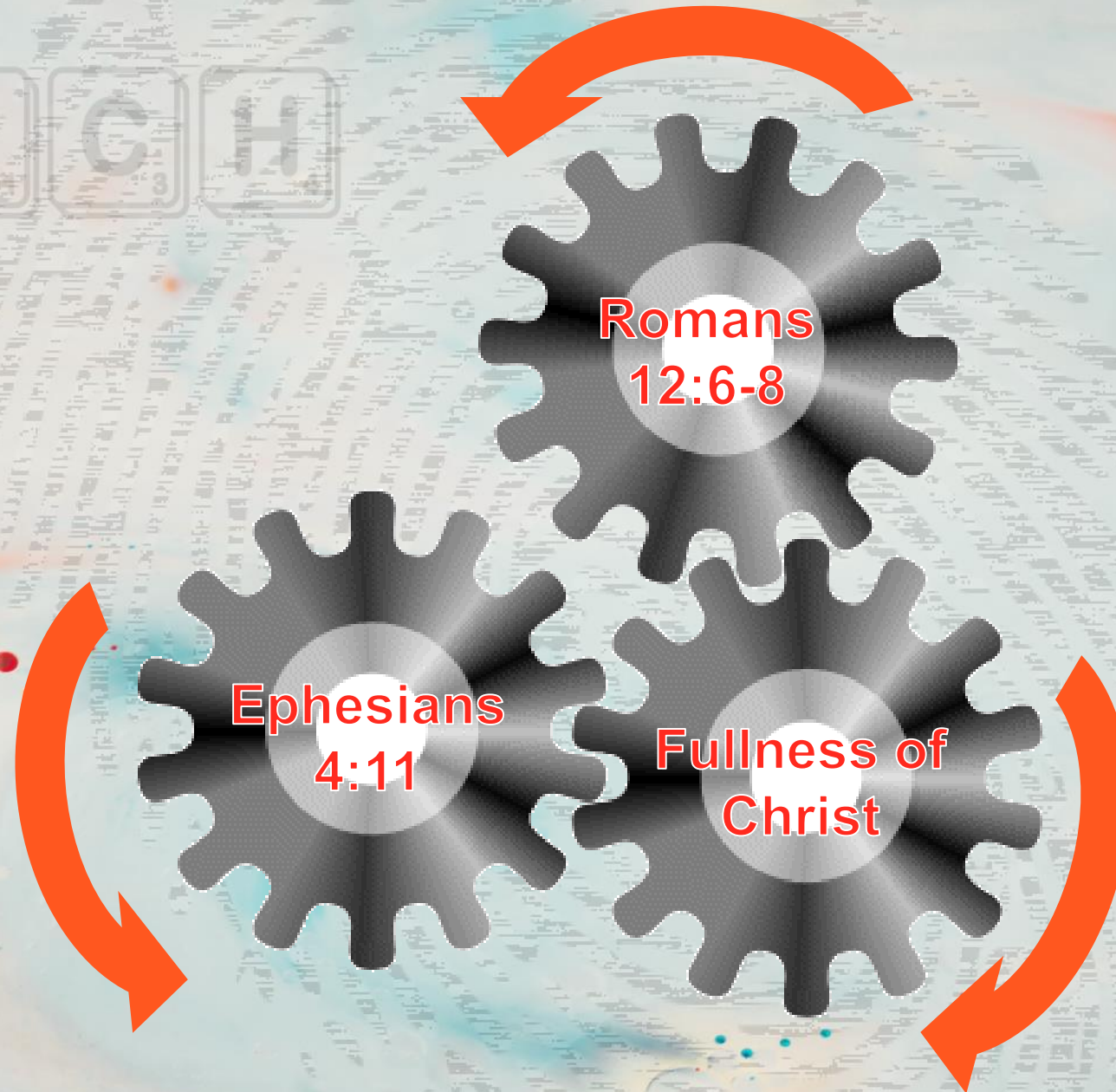
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Romans 12:3-8 (ESV)

3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. 4 For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, 5 so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.

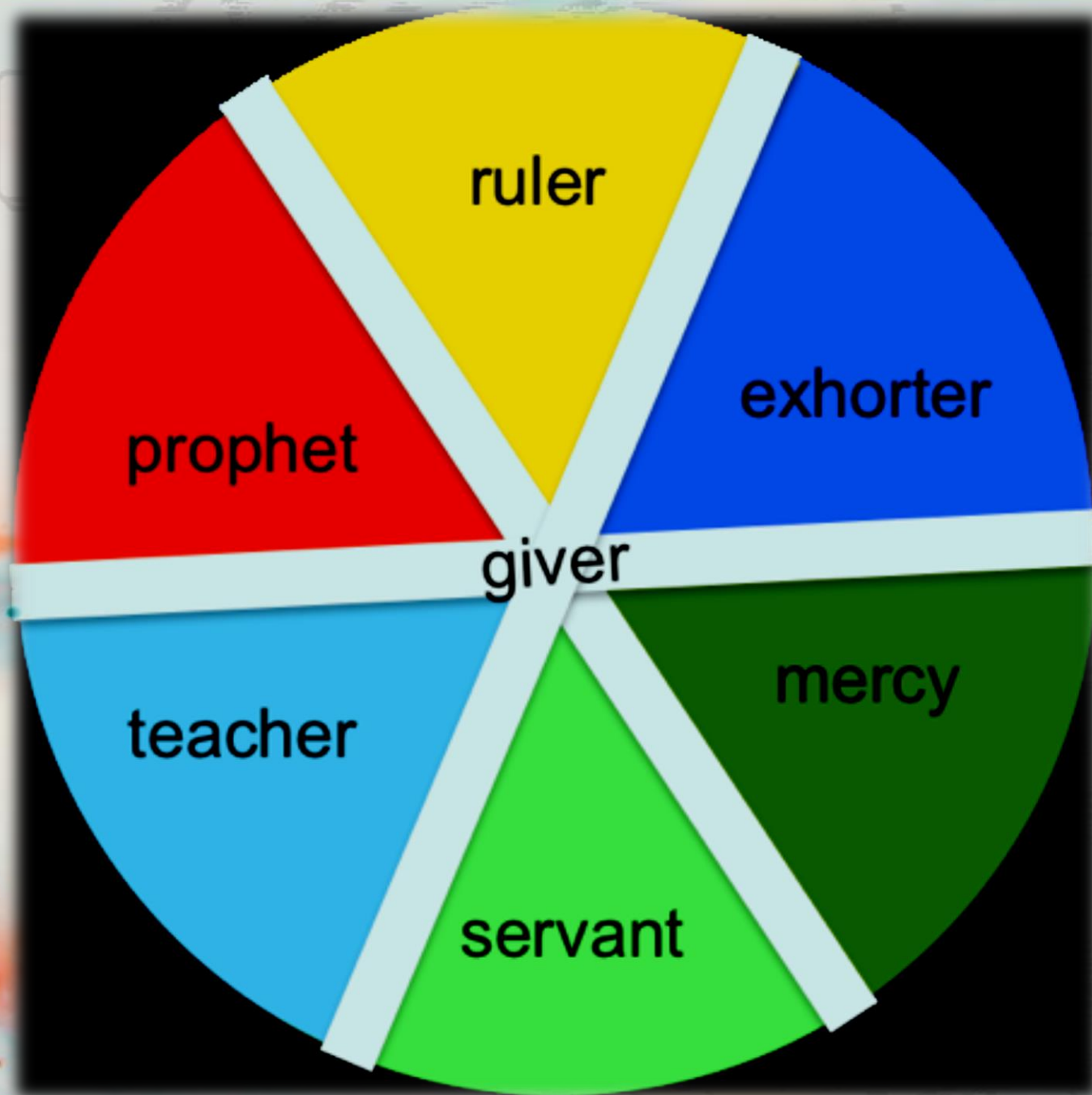
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6 Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; **7** if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; **8** the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Motivational gifts - (Romans 12:3-8)

1. Prophecy
2. Ministry/serving
3. Teaching
4. Exhortation
5. Giving
6. Organizational /leadership (Ruler)
7. Mercy

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The Teacher

John Maxwell

Gift of Teaching: to explain truth so that others can understand and apply it.

TRAITS OF THE TEACHER

- Show me that in the Bible
 - Likes facts
 - Very detailed
 - Good with words
 - Likes context
- Likes to explain principles
 - Enjoy researching
- Likes correct doctrine
 - Logical
- Likes routine

BEHAVIOURAL CHARACTERISTICS

- **Doesn't reject or receive new truth immediately - tests them out**
 - **Accuracy is absolutely vital**
 - **Original Greek, Hebrew**
- **Have more confidence in the Word of God than in the experiences of men**
 - **Willing to die for convictions**
 - **Safe person emotionally**
 - **Fairness – likes to treat people the same**
 - **Counselling out of the Bible**

BEHAVIOURAL CHARACTERISTICS

- They enjoy reflecting on the past to do things right the next time.
- Avoids conflict as far as possible
- Struggles to close the deal. Do not always have action points or a plan of action.
- Can be critical and judgmental
- The key is balance between what the Word of God says and how to live it out practically.
 - Good listeners

IMMATURE CHARACTERISTICS

- Procrastinates
- Makes new decisions slowly, safely; frustrates visionaries
 - Find it difficult to return phone calls
 - Values reason over revelation
- Accepts only what has been documented, traditions, “old wine”
 - Becoming proud of their knowledge
- Despising practical wisdom of uneducated people
- Communicates scepticism towards their teachers

IMMATURE CHARACTERISTICS

- Criticising sound teaching because of technical flaws.
- Depending on human reasoning rather than the Holy Spirit's teaching
 - Poor future planning and preparation for growth, unbalanced ministry perspective
- Values knowledge of God and religious service over relationship with God
- Giving information which lacks practical application.
 - Boring listeners with details of research.

EXAMPLES IN SCRIPTURE

- Moses
- Stephen
- Luke

The Giver

John Maxwell

Gift of Giving: to generously share what God has given

TRAITS OF THE GIVER

- Don't like to waste
- Stewardship focused
 - Generous
 - Entrepreneurial
- Frugal (prudently saving or sparing)
- Likes to see investments grow
 - Empower by resources
 - Likes to budget
- Likes financial transparency
 - Gives anonymously

BEHAVIOURAL CHARACTERISTICS

- **Most difficult to “profile”**
- **Generational worldview (prepare the way for their family after them)**
 - **Deeply committed to family**
- **Have a heart for evangelism, but do not generally want to “pick the fruit”**
 - **Don’t get manipulated easily**
 - **Money and favour come to them**
 - **Like to give in order to empower**

BEHAVIOURAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Stewardship is very important
- Can sustain tense relationships without bringing them to closure
- They have a capacity to read the fine print in deals and find the opportunities other people might miss
 - They have the need that others also give
 - Like to give their best

BEHAVIOURAL CHARACTERISTICS

- **Would easily live below their own income**
- **Extreme joy if giving was an answer to prayer**
- **Sense hidden agendas and don't like info withheld from them.**
- **Tends to be very private about their private life.**

IMMATURE CHARACTERISTICS

- Suspicious, fearful of what might happen, builds protective “structures” based on fear
- Doesn’t accept God's absolutes/wants to keep their options open
- Does not learn from the past, makes same mistakes repeatedly.
- They can misuse their own gift by giving too sparingly to their own family.

IMMATURE CHARACTERISTICS

- **Listening to unscriptural counsel on money management.**
- **Investing in projects which do not benefit the life of the church.**
- **Too frugal or sparing with family members, or generous with an intent to control**
- **Overly cautions, decisions based on fear rather than faith.**

IMMATURE CHARACTERISTICS

- Give in time of abundance
- Put pressure on people who have less to give.
 - Fail to discern God's prompting to give.
- Judge those who misuse funds rather than advising them.
 - Control people or ministry by gifts
 - Corrupt people by giving too much.

EXAMPLES IN SCRIPTURE

- Abraham
- Job – A give-away of a giver, they usually are good screamers.