

CRAFTSMANSHIP

Literal Meaning: To craft, design, build

Description: The gift of **Craftsmanship** is the divine enablement to creatively design and/or construct items to be used for ministry.

Distinctives:

- Work with wood, cloth, paints, metal, glass, and other raw materials
- Make things that increase the effectiveness of others' ministries
- Enjoy serving with their hands to meet tangible needs
- Design and build tangible items and resources for ministry use
- Work with different kinds of tools and are skilled with their hands

Traits:

- Creative
- Designer
- Handy
- Resourceful
- Practical
- Behind-the-scenes
- Helpful

Cautions:

- Could fail to see that their gift is significant and one that makes a spiritual contribution to the body
- Could use people to get things done instead of helping them grow in the process
- Should remember that the things they produce are just a means to the end and not the end itself

Scripture References: Exodus 31:3; 35:31-35; Acts 9:36-39; 2 Kings 22:5-6

1. Do you have tools that you love to use to create things that will point people to God?
2. Are you willing to put in many hours of your free time to make something that no one will ever truly know you made or how much time you spent?
3. Are you able to see a final creation by looking at a pile of raw material and thinking about what someone else envisioned?
4. Do things that you make cause other people to see God more clearly?