

# HELPS

**Literal Meaning:** To take the place of someone

**Description:** The gift of **Helps** is the divine enablement to accomplish practical and necessary tasks which free up, support, and meet the needs of others.

## **Distinctives:**

- Serve behind the scenes wherever needed to support the gifts and ministries of others
- Seek the tangible and practical things to be done and enjoy doing them
- Sense God's purpose and pleasure in meeting everyday responsibilities
- Attach spiritual value to practical service
- Enjoy knowing that they are freeing up others to do what God has called them to do

## **Traits:**

- Available
- Willing
- Helpful
- Reliable
- Loyal
- Dependable
- Whatever-it-takes attitude

## **Cautions:**

- Need to esteem their gift, remembering that doing practical deeds is a *spiritual* contribution to the body of Christ
- Find it difficult to say "no"
- Need to be responsive to the priorities of leadership instead of setting their own agendas

**Scripture References:** 1 Corinthians 12: 28; Romans 12:7; Acts 6:1-4; Romans 16:1-2

1. Do you enjoy helping others become more effective in their work?
2. Do you prefer to labor behind the scenes?
3. When someone is doing a job poorly is your first instinct to help them instead of criticize?
4. Do you prefer to work in a supportive rather than a leadership capacity?
5. When you hear of someone with needs, do you offer your services if possible?
6. When someone asks for your help, do you have difficulty saying no?