

INTERCESSION

Literal Meaning: To plead on behalf of someone, intercede

Description: The gift of **Intercession** is the divine enablement to consistently pray on behalf of and for others, seeing frequent and specific results.

Distinctives:

- Feel compelled to earnestly pray on behalf of someone or some cause
- Have a daily awareness of the spiritual battles being waged and pray
- Pray in response to the leading of the Spirit, whether they understand it or not
- Exercise authority and power for the protection of others and the equipping of them to serve

Traits:

- Advocate
- Caring
- Sincere
- Peacemaker
- Trustworthy
- Burden bearer
- Spiritually sensitive

Cautions:

- Should avoid feeling that their gift is not valued, by remembering that interceding for others is their ministry and spiritual contributions-to the body of Christ
- Should avoid using prayer as an escape from fulfilling responsibilities
- Need to avoid a “holier-than-thou” attitude sometimes caused by extended times of prayer and spiritual intimacy with God

Scripture References: John 17:20-26; Romans 12:13; Hebrews 13:1-2

1. Do you routinely feel the urge to pray for someone else or some ministry and stop what you're doing to pray?
2. Do you spend long periods of time in prayer for others?
3. Do you feel prayer is extremely important in the work of God's Kingdom?
4. Are you concerned about others, often bearing their burdens, and feel that your prayers on their behalf will have an impact?
5. Are you aware of spiritual battles that are occurring and pray for them more than others?
6. Do you often recall and celebrate answered prayer?