

Spiritual Gifts

God's Empowerment for Supporting and Equipping the Body of Christ

Biblical Truth

Insight

Romans 12:3-8

3For 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**,^e 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. **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,^f

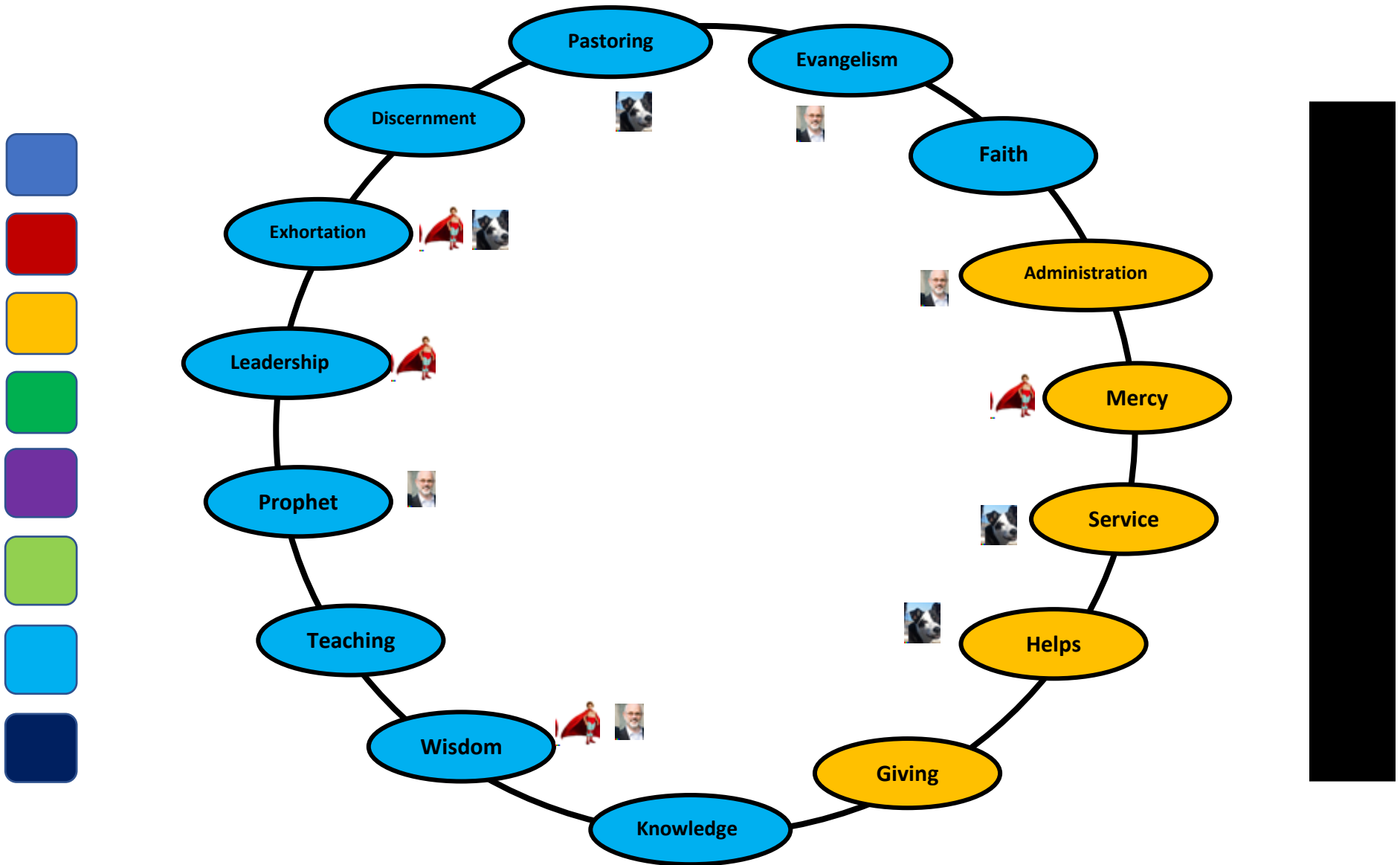
9Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.

Key Concepts:

1. **Stewardship: Self/Others**
2. **Supporting and Equipping: Roles/Combinations**
3. **Gift Mix: Unique Blend**

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4Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; **5**and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; **6** and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. **7**To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. **8**For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, **9**to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, **10**to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. **11**All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

Ephesians 4:1- 16 Unity in the Body of Christ

1I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, **2**with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, **3**eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. **4**There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— **5**one Lord, one faith, one baptism, **6**one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. **7**But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. **8**Therefore it says, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."^a

9(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth?^b **10**He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) **11**And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds^c and teachers,^d **12**to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, **13**until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood,^e to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, **14**so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. **15**Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, **16**from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.