

How might God want to use you at Genesis Church?

Category 1: the green area

- Artistic creativity
- Craftsmanship
- Giving
- Hospitality
- Knowledge
- Mercy
- Music
- Organization
- Voluntary poverty
- Wisdom

Category 2: the red area

- Apostle
- Counseling
- Evangelism
- Helps
- Leadership
- Missionary
- Service
- Shepherding
- Singleness
- Teaching

Category 3: the blue area

- Deliverance
- Discernment
- Faith
- Healing
- Interpretation
- Miracles
- Prayer
- Prophecy
- Suffering
- Tongues

The Gift of Helps

All are gifted in some way
with the gift of “helps”

Gift of Helps:

What the Scriptures say about helps

I Cor 12: 27-29: Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues.

Gift of Helps:

What the Scriptures say about helps

I Cor. 12: 30-31: Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But eagerly desire the greater gifts.

Gift of Helps:

- ❖ Helps – *antilempsis* - loving action
- ❖ Only here in 12:28 in the NT
- ❖ Gift of helping one another – idea is “to lay hold, with a firm and loving hand, on one who totters and stumbles and is at the point of falling”
- ❖ Inherent to Humans

Gift of Helps:

“to love all you can and to help all you can is the true way to the highest culture . . . and works out a higher spiritual completeness than other” forms of humanistic endeavors.

– Dean Plumptre

Gift of Helps:

Conscious reproduction of the divine original help ethic - *Imitatio Christi*

“Helps” are of no help to humans who can help themselves. . . so a little knot of Christian people should be ready to help every church.”

- Charles Spurgeon

Gift of Helps:

What the Scriptures say about helps

Galatians 6:7-8: Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

Gift of Helps:

What the Scriptures say about helps

Galatians 6:9-10: *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.*

Gift of Helps:

What the Scriptures say about helps

Isaiah 58: 6-7: “Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?”

Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

Gift of Helps:

What the Scriptures say about helps

Isaiah 58: 8-10: Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I. “If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

Gift of Helps:

What the Scriptures say about helps

Isaiah 58: 11-12: The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings.

Gift of Helps:

What the Scriptures say about helps

Mt 25: 34-36: “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

Gift of Helps:

What the Scriptures say about helps

Mt 25: 37-40: “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ “The King will reply, ‘I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.’

Gift of Helps:

What the Scriptures say about helps

John 15: 13:

“Greater love has no one than this
,that he lay down his life for his
friends.”

Giving and the gift of Helps

Concrete ways of “laying
down our lives for others”

Coming Soon...

EMBER

Watch for it!!

Building & Equipment Expenditures To Date

Library Cart	\$260
Partition in Fellowship Hall	\$2,040
Chairs for Sanctuary	\$4,691
Concrete, 30' X 40'	\$3,000
Basketball Backboard and Hoop	\$503
Food Pantry Equipment	\$1,594
Trailer	\$700
Video Projector	\$427
HD Video Camera & Accessories	\$872
Windows for Children's Building	\$347
Electrical Work	\$1,200
Electrical Equipment, Misc. Supplies	\$2,637
Exterior Paint	\$600
Dell Computer & Docking Stations	<u>\$1,392</u>
	\$20,263

Building & Equipment Expenses Anticipated

Courtyard Pavers - 400 sq.ft @ \$1.25	\$500
Tables & Chairs - 10 sets @ \$150	\$1,500
Concrete Sidewalk	\$300
Kitchen Cabinets	\$1,650
Ice Cream Freezer	\$500
Dishwasher	\$250
Drink Refrigerator	\$500
Smart Board	\$1,500
Flat Screen TV	\$400
Game System	\$300
Stage Materials	\$250
Sound System	<u>\$2,000</u>
	\$9,650

How can you help the work of God here at Genesis?

By the grace of God our family pledges to give the following offerings to Genesis Church:

We will donate _____ immediately to offset building improvements and equipment purchases.

We will donate _____ within the next 2 months toward the additional equipment purchases for the Fellowship Hall coffeehouse/teen center.

Gift of Giving:

**What kinds of organizations
deserve our support?**

Criteria for Spirit-led Giving:

- **Redemptive in Purpose –**

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise (Prov. 11:30).

Criteria for Spirit-led Giving:

- **Excellence in Performance –**

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men (Col. 3:23).

Criteria for Spirit-led Giving:

- **Accountable in Practice –**

There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs (Lk. 12:2-3)

Criteria for Spirit-led Giving:

- Christ-like in Attitude –

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature-God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature- of a servant, being made in human likeness (Philippians 2:5-6).

Criteria for Spirit-led Giving:

- Faithful in Stewardship –

From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked (Lk 12:48).

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Giving and the gift of Helps

Concrete ways of “laying
down our lives for others”

How can you help the work of God here at Genesis?

- Sell Samaritan Cards to help fund our feeding of the poor
- Help with our improvements here at the church – painting, etc.
- Give to the building & equipment fund
- Help co-lead one of our small groups
- Host a Supper Circle
- Pray

