

## The Person & Work of the Holy Spirit

This week we examine the spiritual gifts of **helps & administrations**.

1) The gift of helps

*“And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, **helps**, administrations, varieties of tongues.”*

*1 Corinthians 12:28*

The word translated as “**helps**” is the Greek word, *antilapesis*, which means “to aid, to provide relief, to support, to help.” It is only used this one time in the New Testament so to properly understand the gift we have to look for biblical examples of people providing help to others.

Read Acts 6:1-7 and describe how the gift of helps resolved a contentious issue within the church:

2) Read Acts 9:36-43 and describe how Tabitha provided help to the believers in Joppa.

3) Read Philippians 4:14-18; how did the church in Philippi provide help for the apostle Paul?

4) All of us are capable of helping others, and we should! But what makes the person with the gift of helps different (think back to the examples you’ve just read about)?

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- 5) What are examples of opportunities in our church and community where the gift of helps is needed?
  
- 6) The word translated “**administrations**” in 1Corinthians 12:28 is *koober'naysis*, and is also used only this one time in the New Testament! It means “to steer, direct, manage, and govern”. Think back to the situation you read about in Acts 6:1-7; how did the gift of administrations bring about a resolution to the conflict in the church?
  
- 7) Think of someone from scripture who was an exceptional manager; what did that person manage and how did their administrative gifting help others?
  
- 8) What are some of the ways that the gift of administrations is needed in the local church, and what staff position in a church would require a person to have this gift?
  
- 9) How can you know if you have the gift of helps or administrations?
  
- 10) Why are the gifts of helps and administrations just as important to the Church as the gifts of miracles, healings, preaching and teaching?