



*Body Building:
Working On Our Weaknesses*



*When we aren't
spiritually balanced....*





Key Principles

⊕ **Balance**

⊕ **Need**

⊕ **Emphasis**



Intercession

Exodus 17:8-16

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Intercession Defined

The special ability God gives some people to pray for extended periods of time on a regular basis and see frequent and specific answers to their prayers to a degree much greater than that which is experienced by the average Christian.



People with this Gift:

- ⊕ **Feel compelled to earnestly pray on behalf of someone or some cause**
- ⊕ **Have a daily awareness of the spiritual battles being waged and pray**
- ⊕ **Are convinced God moves in direct response to prayer**



People with this Gift

- ⊕ **Pray in response to the leadership of the Spirit, whether they understand it or not**
- ⊕ **Exercise spiritual authority and power for the protection of others and equipping them to serve**
- ⊕ **See regular and consistent fruit from their prayer**



Dangers

- ⊕ **The church is unprotected from spiritual attack**
- ⊕ **People are not spiritually strengthened with the support they need**
- ⊕ **We have not, because we ask not!**
- ⊕ **The church suffers for lack of spiritual power**



You Can...

- ⊕ **Begin to pray for the church every day**
- ⊕ **Pray during the Service, and Esp during an invitation**
- ⊕ **Join the Prayer Chain, and lift up the needs of the body**
- ⊕ **If prayer is a struggle for you, study and grow in this area**



Giving

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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Giving Defined

The gift that enables a believer to recognize God's blessings and to respond to those blessings by generously, sacrificially, and cheerfully giving of one's resources (time, talent, and treasure) without thought of return.



People with this Gift:

- Manage their finances and their lifestyle in order to give generously to Kingdom work
- Support the work of ministry with sacrificial gifts to advance the Kingdom
- Meet tangible needs that enable spiritual growth to occur



People with this Gift:

- Provide resources, generously and cheerfully, trusting God for His provision
- Have the Ability to give and release the gifts to the Lord
- May have a special ability to make money so that they may use it to further God's work



Dangers

- **Giving to be seen**
- **Giving to control the work of the kingdom**
- **Earning without giving when you have been blessed with the ability to earn easily**
- **Giving grudgingly**



You Can...

- ⊕ **Seek new and different ways to give**
- ⊕ **Pray about how to give sacrificially, and learn to grow in your giving**
- ⊕ **Pick specific needs and meet them**
- ⊕ **Find new ways to earn so you can give**
- ⊕ **Ask God to give you a greater vision**
- ⊕ **Read biographies of great givers**