

Giver Redemptive

Biblical

Romans 12:7 μεταδίδωμι *metadídōmi*; fut. *metadósō*, from *metá* (3326), with, denoting association, and *dídōmi* (1325), to give. To share with someone, to impart, communicate, followed by the dat. (Luke 3:11; Eph. 4:28). Used in an absolute sense meaning one who distributes alms, an officer of the church (Rom. 12:8). With the acc. and the dat. (Rom. 1:11; 1 Thess. 2:8).¹

This gift involves a special ability – and desire -to share **material assistance**. The giving being discussed here is of personal resource – not the distribution out of the treasury of the Church.

You do NOT have to be wealthy to have this gift. However, it does seem that those with this motivational gift have often been blessed with abundant resource. It seems the more they give, the more they have! They also seem to have the corresponding abilities to accumulate, handle and distribute assets.

The word “simplicity” (or “liberality” in some translations) comes from the Greek word *laplotetes*.

This term sometimes means “liberality” in scripture. But here it means single- mindedness of heart, a purity of motive or purpose.

Since the giving involves personal resource, the giver should NEVER have a selfish motive. Sometimes the wealthy will make a donation expecting to gain influence or advantage for himself or herself. The ruling elders or senior pastor should never allow this (see James Chapter 2).

If such a motive is suspected, those in leadership should make clear to the giver that there will be no advantage allowed him. If the person giving the gift does not understand or agree, the gift should be refused. God will provide for your needs another way. For an example of how God feels about impure motives in giving, see Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5:1-11.

Characteristics

The giver is the most difficult to peg by behavioral characteristics

Givers are legendary for diversity, adaptability, and flexibility

They do not fit easily into nice, neat pigeonholes

Has a generational worldview

Is focused on trying to prepare the way for his family and others after him

Is nurturing

¹ Zodhiates, S. (2000). In [The complete word study dictionary: New Testament](#) (electronic ed.). AMG Publishers.



Creates a family environment to foster relationships
Has a heart for sharing their faith, but tends not to do it personally
Wants to empower others to do the work of evangelism
Is very independent
Stands alone
Does not look to other people for help and sometimes not even to God
Resists being conned, manipulated, or guilt-tripped into action
Tendency to feel manipulated when others withhold information from him
Is able to relate to a wide range of people
Desires to empower other people's productivity
Desires to keep his own life private
Is not confrontational by nature
Is keen at finding unseen options, solutions, and resources
Is opportunistic in seizing an available moment
Finds favor in terms of money. Resources and money flow to him
Gives well and wisely, not impulsively
Tends to be frugal with family members which can cause friction
Tends to find bargains, good deals, or discounts before making purchases"
May tend to see money as a source of security
Lives in the present and future
Tends not to learn from the past
Does not like to be confronted on issues that are more than a week old
Likes to keep all options open as long as possible.
Hesitates to accept absolutes in circumstances, maybe even in the Bible
Is a natural networker
Has an ability to bring people together and persuade them to do things
Is pragmatic and practical
Is a peacemaker
Can work with people who have conflicting views and theologies
Can sustain ideological tension in a group or project
Provides a place of safety
Is involved in a diversity of projects, interests, and activities. Is multi-focused
Can birth, nurture, and protect new things and new ideas
New things arise and grow at a greater pace than other gifts
Can struggle with gratitude due to present focus and short memory.
Does spiritual things, but sometimes not from the right motivation
May avoid risk because of a tendency to rely on self rather than God's resources
Faith may seem hard for the giver
Most diverse/adaptable/flexible of all gifts
Designed not to be needy – does not look to others for help
Can look at a problem and find own solution
Can't be hustled – must accrue money before can give
Sensitive to manipulation of others toward spouse or family
Private in own life – protective of reputation of self, spouse, and family
Delegates spiritual warfare



Non-confrontational by nature – wait for opportunity to get best out of situation
Immense heart for evangelism but does everything just short of sharing the gospel overtly
Nurturer to family – facilitate family environment
Intuitive
Concerned about safety, cautious
Is without shame – does not have shameful view of self
Can be very impulsive
Insightful
Not a big risk-taker
Good listener
Money flows to them
They give well, invest wisely
Usually, the giver does not want to give funds for a start-up
They do not want to be asked for money
They also tend not to invest in the poor
Tendency for the giver not to learn from the past
Not easily conned
Does not like absolutes

Major Weaknesses

Independence
Does not need others
May not acknowledge needs to God
Hypocrisy. May appear to do the right things, but may not deeply pursue holiness
Control and manipulation
Desires to control based on fear of the unknown and risk. Tries to manipulate God and people
There is a tendency for the giver to see his money as a point of security

Biblical Example of Giver –

The life of Abraham provides us with some insights as to the functioning of this gift:

1. Givers may be entrusted by God with many assets (Genesis 13:1, 2).
2. Givers are of a generous and liberal spirit (Genesis 13:9, 10).
3. Givers can be very aggressive and resourceful in the protection of their assets (Genesis 14:14-16).
4. Givers recognize God's work and causes, and are responsive (Gen 14:18-20 - Melchizedek and tithing).
5. Givers have a firm knowledge that God is the source of their wealth, and give Him the glory (Genesis 14:22-24).
6. God puts givers in the right place at the right time



Job, Dorcus - Acts 9:36-42, Cornelius - Acts 10:1-31, Epaphras - Col 1:7, 4:12, Philemon 23, Lydia - Acts 16:14,40, Zacchaeus- Luke 19:1-10, Solomon - 1Kings 1-11, 2 Chronicles 1-9

Discernment

