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The first time I heard Arthur Burk speak on Redemptive Gifts, it really got my attention. I realised how important the gifts are to us as believers and how these gifts form an integral part of our spirit.

As we have already spoken about the spirit¹ (our human spirit) and the fact that it should be “in charge” versus the soul, I want to expand on this in relation to the Redemptive Gifts and how it relates to trauma and dissociation. Burk has done much research and scientific study into this, especially with regard to the human spirit. Much of what he shares has been scientifically measured over years of research and work with people in ministry.

Romans 12v3-8 “For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function, so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching; he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness”.

The Greek word for gift in Romans 12 is “*charisma*”, indicating a gift of grace. These are referred to as the motivational gifts or redemptive gifts. All of us have different measures of each of the seven gifts operating in our lives. Usually, one of the gifts represents our basic inward drive and is the dominant gift. They shape our views on life circumstances, others, God, and ourselves. It is the mindset that God gives us through which we interpret life and respond, make decisions, choose ministry, enjoy friends, choose a partner, etc. Our dominant gift causes us to see life through a particular point of view with certain spiritual assumptions.

Each redemptive gift has traits that identify it that are often also unique to the person who carries these gifts. Burk has posited that working with Romans 12 and the seven gifts template that God uses to create the human soul, we come to see that every believer has one of these gifts. We carry all the seven gifts in our spirit and they should come forward as we need them, much like a carousel. The soul mostly has only one of these gifts but could have a secondary complementary gift, that often informs our drive or motivation in life.

According to Burk, Sapphire Leadership Group uses a metric model; i.e. it must be verifiable, measurable, and have sustained results. An idea is not valid until the second generation has implemented it.

¹ See our resources under Dealing with the Human Spirit

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The soul has no reference for the things of the spirit, so when addressing the spirit and receiving a response, it is verifiable. You can call your own spirit forward to experience what it looks like or feels like.

When we have been through trauma and have experienced fragmentation, essential parts of us are in essence “locked up”, and the virtues and strengths that we need to function fully in God’s design are either compromised or lacking. Receiving healing for our brokenness is essential to our functioning as spiritual beings. We need our spirit to bring forth what God destined for us. Just as we would deal with dissociation or fragmentation to bring forward parts for healing, we can do the same with these seven parts of our spirit.

This makes sense to me as I have worked with individuals to help establish what their gifts are and what might be needed to be healed in terms of this. Often it is linked to wounding surrounding that trait, e.g. if someone has a strong prophetic gift, but mercy is missing, you may end up with a lot of hurt individuals for lack of tact. Now in ministry the prophetic has a definite potential to ruffle feathers and often this is part and parcel of this gifting. But what if the person with a prophetic gift, that often has black and white thinking, interacts in interpersonal relationships in the same way? If there is no mercy to temper the way they interact with others it does not make for very good relationships.

What we need to understand is that these gifts are interconnected and each one plays an important role in the function of the others. Some of these gifts are complementary to each other and in their mature state and function are a huge blessing to the body of Christ.

It is therefore important to identify what God has put inside of our spirit and it should also be part of the healing and sanctification process.

²There seems to be a distinct difference between the manifestation gifts in 1 Corinthians 12v7-11, *“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills”*, the redemptive gifts; prophet, servant, teacher, exhorter, giver, ruler, and mercy (Romans 12v6-8), and the ministry gifts, *“Some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ”*, in which we walk out our other gifts (Ephesians 4v11-12). The redemptive gifts are possibly received at conception. The Word does not make clear the exact timing but we have some indication from Jeremiah 1v5 *“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”*

The gifts tend to shape our personality and the way we may then receive one or more of the manifestation gifts. A redemptive gift is the grace of God woven into who we are; that by His Spirit we are made right with God and are able to honour Him in who He has made us to be. There are certain common behavioural characteristics that are used to help determine the redemptive gifts of an individual. Although certain traits such as compassion may come easily for some gifts, we are cautioned not to use our gift as an excuse for not growing. We are all called to walk out the fruit of the Spirit whether it comes naturally or not. The Redemptive Gift

² *Redemptive Gifts Full Edited Gifts* (2016, June). Retrieved September 6, 2022 from <https://ecklesiariising.files.wordpress.com/2016/06/redemptive-gift-full-edited-gifts-def-pdf.pdf>

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teaching developed a connection with the many lists of sevens in the Bible (seven things Christ said on the Cross, seven days of creation, seven pieces of furniture in the tabernacle).

Also, the redemptive gifts apply to cities, churches, states or institutions. Once this is clear, the destiny will be made much more clear.³

Characteristics of the Redemptive Gifts

The following are only guidelines to help you identify your gift and may not apply to all those that have these gifts. You will also find more extensive description lists by doing your own research and I would like to encourage you in this as this topic is extensive in the application thereof. For the purpose of this manual, I am just giving a basic outline to give you some understanding of this very valuable teaching and insight into our spirit.

These characteristic traits are mostly accurate for myself and others I have worked with. Bear in mind that as with any trait we have, there is a difference when the Holy Spirit has had His way and work has been done in our hearts and minds. So weaknesses can be tied to areas that we may still need to work on.

Each of the gifts is based on a biblical principle. Each gift needs the other, and the principles are necessary for application to our design in Christ. These principles (as seen in the Redemptive Gift descriptions) are based on the following foundations. The foundations are guidelines that help people and groups reach their full potential and achieve their goals. They include:

1. **Intentionality:** Being purposeful and making decisions with a clear plan.
2. **Authenticity:** Staying true to who you are and living by your core values.
3. **Stewardship:** Taking care of your time, money, and talents responsibly.
4. **Transformation:** Believing that positive change is possible and actively working on personal growth.
5. **Partnership:** Building strong relationships based on trust and working together.
6. **Creativity:** Thinking outside the box and coming up with new ideas to solve problems.
7. **Excellence:** Striving to do your best in everything you do.

These foundations can be used in different areas of life, like self-improvement, leadership, and managing organisations. When people apply these, they can achieve greater success and fulfilment.

Although Arthur Burk's specific principles might not be explicitly mentioned in the Word, they align with biblical teachings like love, forgiveness, humility, and taking care of what we have. It's always important to compare teachings with the Word and use wisdom to see if they match with biblical truth.

These are the Redemptive Gift⁴ portions and characteristics⁵:

³ To see a list of cities/countries and their gifts, visit The Sapphire Leadership Group. https://theslg.com/img/cms/redemptivegifts.pdf/Redemptive_Gifts_of_Nations_2015.pdf

⁴ The Redemptive Gifts Quiz can be found on www.lionsarise.org - Free download

⁵The characteristics have been compiled based on the work of Arthur Burk, but he is not the direct source. Various contributors have shared views on the Redemptive Gifts and the characteristics are a compilation of some of the aspects related to the gifts. The majority of characteristics were taken from Redemptive Gifts compiled by Wanda Agar (n.d.) Retrieved from http://storage.cloversites.com/crossroadscommunitychurch9/documents/Redemptive_Gift_Series.pdf

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1. **Prophet** - *Principle of design* - taking principles of truth and applying them to problem-solving.

Characteristics:

- Taps into the mind of God
- Committed to the truth even if no one else agrees
- Sees things in black and white – right or wrong
- Often a pioneer of new ideas/ Visionaries and dreamers – not good at maintaining things
- Judges and evaluates everything – looking for what's real
- Easily spots fakes or counterfeits
- Needs to have a goal, an objective; never quite satisfied with the status quo
- Has a compulsion for honesty, integrity, and transparency. Intolerant of hypocrisy
- Has a large range of emotions because of deep convictions and passions.
- Can embrace a problem and figure out a solution.
- Isn't designed to meet people's needs (hold their hands). Wants to keep moving.
- Needs time to re-fuel, re-energize, and process.

Weaknesses:

- Judgmental and critical of others – even more of themselves.
- Unforgiving towards those who disagree or don't live up to their standards
- Bitter due to past wounds and unresolved issues
- Non-relational – not given to build healthy long-term relationships
- Over-reacts – withdraws or isolates themselves when unwilling to work through things
- Focuses on problems rather than working with others to address issues

Mature Gift of Prophet:

- Able to properly discern and provide correction to error or compromise in the Church
- Speaks with boldness – no fear of man
- Can eradicate any “orphan thinking” when mature in the Lord
- Can be Trailblazers into new territories and create paths for others
- Passion for excellence and restoration
- Ability to endure for the long haul (when patient in affliction or testing)

Carnal Prophet:

- Overreacts
- Can be isolated and withdrawn
- Feel hopeless and wounded.
- Focuses on problems around them.
- Quits relationships.
- Negative.

Battlefield - Fractured relationships.

Legitimacy Lie - I can solve my own problems better than God.

A biblical example of Prophet - Peter (Acts 5v29–42). Also Enoch, Elijah, Ezekiel, Caleb, James, brother of Christ, Naomi & Miriam

Birthright of Prophet - To help others obtain their birthright and destiny; to rebuild and restore.

Tabernacle Item- Brazen Altar deals with sin. Prophet stands for righteousness.

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The gift of the Prophet will empower believers to be all they were created to be and to inherit all that God has promised. They are excellent builders and can bring great restoration to the Body of Christ.

2. Servant - Principle of Authority - the Servant takes their place alongside the Prophet, lending their principle of authority to the outworking of the Prophet's principle of design. The Servant has an important role in building a platform for others in walking out of their authority. In doing so they help others to reach their destiny including their own.

Characteristics:

- Sees the immediate need and goes about meeting it
- Is a team player with no desire to build their own kingdom or following
- Practical – meets the needs and thinks of the best way to meet them
- Sees the best in others – optimistic
- Has purity of motive with no intention of reaching for the stars
- Can be trusted – honest and hard-working
- Can be in a sinful environment without being defiled – not there to correct
- Low maintenance – always looking to the needs of others above themselves
- Don't strive for things and can be trusted with lots of responsibility
- Enjoy seeing others succeed and fulfil their dreams

Weaknesses:

- Has difficulty in saying "No" – takes on too much
- Given to worry and anxiety if they can't fix something or help someone
- Can enable others by feeling responsible to "save" them
- Battle for self-worth. Finds it hard to accept compliments from others – can often apologise for not doing a better job
- Can often be made fun of because of their low profile
- Doesn't delegate or train others due to a sense of responsibility

Mature Gift of Servant:

- Will please God and not man, bringing provision and help when needed most
- Demonstrates the heart of Christ by their attitude and actions
- Is free to admit mistakes without self-condemnation
- Learns healthy boundaries
- Has no guile or falseness about them – can be trusted with great authority

Carnal Servant:

- Poor self-image,
- Over commits,
- Walks in poverty spirit.
- Thinks in self-defeating terms.
- Shame – performance-oriented.

Battlefield - Mindset of victimisation, feeling like a victim rather than a victor.

Legitimacy Lie - I am legitimate when I build a platform of success under others.

A biblical example of Servant - Esther (Esther 8-9). Joseph (husband of Mary) Barnabas, Timothy & Ananias (ministered to Paul)

Birthright of the Servant - To wear a crown of life, bringing life to broken families, leaders and defiled land.

Tabernacle Item - Bronze laver used for cleansing; facilitates transition into the Throne room.

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A healthy Servant can bring tremendous blessing and healing to the Body of Christ. Their presence and their heart for serving others can change the atmosphere and bring heaven's favor to rest in a place. They wear the crown of life because of their willingness to wash feet.

3. Teacher - Principle of Responsibility - the Teacher portion is all about gaining and sharing knowledge. The Principle of Responsibility is very important in this process because it drives us to use what we have learned to make a positive impact on the world around us.

Characteristics:

- Taps into the truth of God – looks to validate what is true
- Loves information – knowledge, details, and facts – Wheels are always turning!
- Values precision and is usually articulate in explaining things
- Because they are always open to new information, they can be a safe person to process things with (sometimes confused with Mercy)
- Teachers lead with their heads, whereas Mercy's lead with their heart
- Values foundations and healthy family – is very loyal to the family
- Often has a great sense of humour due to constant input of new ideas
- Often will be the last to speak in a group once amassing all the information
- Enjoys research and the process – not just the destination

Weaknesses:

- Processes things and makes decisions slowly – can frustrate impulsive people
- Tends to feed their minds more than their spirits
- Intimacy and prayer can be harder than reading something
- Because they are always processing information, they can be emotionally depleted and selective in responsibility
- Procrastinate or put things off – struggles to plan for the future
- Not timely
- Tends to live by sight and not by faith – cautious about things of the Spirit
- Believes that knowledge can “save” – only lives by what is documented
- Can be immobilised by fear or risk

Mature Gift of Teacher:

- Has the ability to access hidden manna from the Word of God.
- Treasure hunters in the Kingdom.
- Walks in healthy loyalty to the church and family.
- Able to complement other gifts by providing a solid foundation of truth
- Their hunger keeps believers stirred in searching out truth
- Able to bring solid foundations to the Church

Carnal teacher:

- Accepts what has been documented
- Can be ritualistic
- Stays stuck in "old wine"
- Arrogant in knowledge
- Unhealthy loyalty, perverted by enemy to keep them in toxic relationships

Battlefield - Selective responsibility

Legitimacy Lie - I know I have the truth, and it gives me power. I am right, and I have complete and accurate information.

A biblical example of Teacher - Luke, Daniel, Isaiah, Levi, and Samuel.

Birthright of Teacher - To know God's deep truths and to experience Him.

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Tabernacle Item - Table of Showbread; Jesus is the True Bread of Life, the Word Incarnate.

Teachers are greatly needed to ensure that the following generations will secure the lessons of the past and attain their own promised inheritance. Their delight in God's Word keeps the Body of Christ anchored and enriched in the journey.

4. Exhorter - *Principle of Sowing and Reaping* - Exhorters need to learn sowing and reaping. They will keep reaping the bad until they learn. They have to own the principle in order to grow.

Characteristics:

- Life of the party! Loves people and being at the centre of attention
- Has the ability to cross every kind of barrier (social, racial, economic, etc.)
- Has the ability to share their faith easily with anyone and in difficult circumstances
- Has a big vision for reaching the world
- Sees the best in people – optimistic
- Good communicator and drawing people out – great networker
- Usually creative and open to new ideas and new truth
- Is a visionary – always seeing the possibilities
- Great at reconciliation and mediation
- Works hard – stays busy – functions on little sleep and involved in many projects

Weaknesses:

- Tends to be a people-pleaser – hard to expose sin in the camp
- Poor time management and over-extending themselves
- May compromise when trying to get along with everyone (settle for Good, not Best)
- Might use influence to achieve personal agenda – impure motives
- Unwilling to embrace pain – denies it exists
- Can be superficial – afraid to face their own weaknesses for fear of failure

Mature Gift of Exhorter:

- Can mobilise, influence, and inspire people to reach their full potential
- When pleasing God – increased influence and favour to change mindsets
- Be given the authority to make changes and open new doors
- Can steward innovation and creativity with great fruitfulness and impact
- Bring people into freedom and new life

Carnal Exhorter:

- Uses influence to achieve their personal agenda and goals
- Unwilling to embrace pain and has self-serving relationships
- Unwilling to address sin in the camp because of rejection
- Can be superficial

Battlefield - Denial, accepting responsibility for their own failures.

Legitimacy Lie - I am legitimate when people want and need to be around me.

A biblical example of Exhorter - Paul, Moses, Jeremiah, Solomon.

Birthright of Exhorter - To reveal God to others

Tabernacle Item - Candlestick sheds light. Oil needed to be pure.

The Exhorter reveals a much-needed characteristic of God which is to inspire and motivate. Especially when going through hard times, the Exhorter is needed to bring light and life into the darkness. To build faith and hope for the future.

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5. Giver - *Principle of Stewardship* - the Giver is a legacy maker and can pave the way for the next generation and others.

Characteristics:

- Taps into the GENEROSITY of God. They love to give – money, gifts, time, talents
- Independent thinkers who can stand alone – not depend on others
- Generational perspective – loves to see others flourish for the long haul
- Cannot be easily conned, manipulated, or guilt-tripped into action.
- Can relate to a wide range of people – a natural networker
- Created to steward and increase what has been given to them – do it wisely
- Has high standards for themselves but is easy on others
- Not confrontational by nature – isn't worried about past problems, looks ahead
- Usually more private – don't like talking about themselves
- Has a grace to find bargains, good deals, and discounts.
- Things COME to them just as easily as they give it away
- Can birth, nurture, and protect new things and new ideas with quick return

Weaknesses:

- Independence can block out help from others when trust is in their own abilities
- Can be frugal at home, which can cause friction
- Struggles in dealing with past problems – just wants to stay positive
- Can see money as security – depend on their gift instead of God
- Prone to hypocrisy is focused on what they do instead of who they are
- Carnal Giver will tend to manipulate people with their gift in order to get something

Mature Giver:

- Trusts God as their ultimate Source
- They know they are simply a conduit of God's blessings – stewards
- Builds and provides for the future with balanced generosity
- Takes financial risk based on FAITH in God
- Stands against destructive forces of excess and indulgence

Carnal Giver:

- Too frugal,
- Puts trust in money/possessions.
- Shallow relationships,
- Overly cautious.
- Decisions are based on fear, not faith.

Battlefield - Wants to stand alone, independent of others.

Legitimacy Lie - I am legitimate when others need me (I can provide for them).

A biblical examples of a Giver - Job, Abraham, Jacob, and Matthew.

Birthright of Giver - to release life-giving generational blessings.

Tabernacle Item - Altar of incense - worship and intercession flowing from relationship. Inspires gratitude.

The Giver is designed to release life-giving generational blessings to those around them. They are ones who can easily bring increase and multiply the provision of God. They are a great source of strength and stability when their faith is anchored in God's supernatural and faithful provision.

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6. Ruler - *Principle of Freedom* - The ruler is to go from bondage to obedience to freedom. Rulers can have the tendency to be focused on tasks and do what is required – and not walk in freedom. The ruler must learn to walk in spiritual freedom.

Characteristics:

- Taps into the government of God.
- Rulers are empire-builders – visionaries who see the big picture
- Able to get jobs done because they know exactly what and who is needed
- Skilled at time management
- Able to use imperfect people and draw out the best in them
- Thrives under pressure – doesn't mind others feeling it, as well (good and bad)
- Is an implementer – knows how to execute ideas and strategies
- Knows how to delegate effectively, seeing people's gifts and strengths
- Focuses on immediate tasks without losing sight of the end goal
- Is willing to be vindicated by God and not man – in touch with a higher call
- Can withstand strong opposition (Nehemiah)

Weaknesses:

- Can be motivational or abusive in leading projects or goals – be controlling
- Can be prone to compromise values if finishing the project is the goal
- Can be task-oriented and not aware of people's issues or how to encourage
- Not good shepherds or caregivers
- Can be workaholics – struggles to find rest – too independent
- Can find it difficult to receive correction

Mature Ruler:

- Will lead with diligence and perseverance
- Will have high moral integrity because quality is just as important as quantity
- Shares authority and leadership with others – isn't a lone wolf
- Life-giving in leadership as they draw out gifts in others
- Demonstrates healthy governing authority and leadership

Carnal Ruler:

- Leads or governs by control,
- Applies constant pressure at work/ home/ ministry.
- Can't receive correction, or they are right.
- Too busy with multiple interests.
- Self-reliant. (Great commission becomes greater than Great commandment)

Battlefield - Exploitation - Use (a situation or person) in an unfair or selfish way. Overwork or underpay.

Legitimacy Lie - I am successful when I have authority over others.

A biblical example of the Ruler - Nehemiah, Noah, Boaz and Joseph (son of Jacob).

Birthright of Ruler - To go beyond obedience and honour God, live in freedom and holiness.

Tabernacle Item - Ark of the Covenant. True leadership is submitted to God's law.

When living a yielded life before the Lord, the Ruler lives with great freedom and great authority. The government of God is rightly aligned and it opens the gates of heaven to pour out blessing on all who follow.

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7. Mercy - Principle of Fulfilment - the Mercy gift is a complex one and takes time to come to maturity. When the Redemptive Gift of mercy comes to maturity you will see a fulfilment of all seven gifts working together in co-ordination to reveal the glory of God.

Characteristics:

- Taps into the HEART of God
- Gets along with everyone – rarely has an enemy
- Is a safe person for someone who is wounded – great listeners and empathize quickly
- Hears easily from God and is in touch with inner core and spirit
- Can easily enter into the Presence of God – intuitive
- Able to reach deep places in worship and prayer – usually express themselves easily
- Bring a sense of comfort in a room due to their caring personalities
- Able to be in sinful environments without fear or compromise
- Focus is on the person first, issue second
- Can build bridges in relationships and help people understand one another
- Always sees the best in others

Weaknesses:

- Craves intimacy - love language can be touch – go beyond appropriate boundaries
- Tends to be slow in making transitions or changes based on emotional processing
- Operates on subjective and intuitive feelings denying real facts
- Doesn't like confrontation – believes it will always crush
- Can become a people-pleaser and enabler
- May attract abuse and exploitation because of their kindness and empathy
- Prone to stubbornness
- Can compromise – willing to live with a mixture of holy and unholy

Mature Mercy:

- Able to show compassion and love with JOY – not a burden
- Free from the fear of man and responds to the situation as unto the Lord
- Knows the heart of God and the proper response for long-term benefit and health
- Observe appropriate boundaries in relationships
- Sanctifies the atmosphere with a pure presence of the Lord.

Carnal Mercy:

- Flees pain and the discipline of God
- Embraces dangerous people
- Man pleasers
- Inappropriate intimacy
- Motivated by fear and feelings
- Can overreact due to insecurity

Battlefield - Stubbornness, futility (seeing no results).

Legitimacy Lie - When I have earned God's or people's favour through self-sacrifice.

A biblical Example of Mercy - John, Adam, David and Ruth.

Birthright of Mercy - To release holiness and the glory of God resting in His presence.

Tabernacle Item - Mercy Seat representing where the glory of The Lord resides.

Those operating in Mercy are designed to demonstrate the depth of God's love, purity, and holiness. They can usher in God's presence and change the atmosphere through their sensitivity to the Spirit. They are the "heart-beat" of God and can open heaven's gates.

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Synergy of the Seven Redemptive Gifts

The synergy between the seven redemptive gifts refers to the dynamic and harmonious interaction that occurs when individuals with different redemptive gifts come together and work collaboratively. Each gift brings a unique set of strengths, weaknesses, and perspectives, and when they are combined, they complement one another, leading to greater effectiveness and a more complete expression of God's character in the world.

Here's an overview of the synergy between the seven redemptive gifts:

1. Prophet and Servant:

Prophets are visionaries who see the big picture and call people to righteousness, while Servants are empathetic and compassionate, attending to practical needs. When these gifts collaborate, the Prophet's vision can be infused with Servants' care, making sure that the needs of individuals are not overlooked while pursuing the broader vision.

2. Servant and Teacher:

Servants are attuned to practical needs, and Teachers have a passion for understanding deep truths. When working together, they ensure that the truths taught by the Teacher are practically applied and met with love and care, enhancing the overall impact of their teaching.

3. Teacher and Exhorter:

Teachers excel in communicating deep truths, while Exhorters motivate and encourage others. Together, they can inspire people to embrace and live out the truths shared, fostering growth and transformation.

4. Exhorter and Giver:

Exhorters are encouragers, and Givers are generous in their support. Working together, they can encourage others to use their resources wisely and generously, channelling those resources to areas where they can have the most significant impact.

5. Giver and Ruler:

Givers have a heart for generosity and stewardship, and Rulers are natural leaders. When combined, they can effectively lead initiatives that promote justice, fairness, and proper use of resources.

6. Ruler and Mercy:

Rulers provide order and protection, while Mercies bring compassion and comfort to the hurting. When they work together, Rulers can ensure that the vulnerable and hurting are protected, while Mercies can contribute emotional support and healing to the overall vision.

7. Mercy and Prophet:

Mercies are compassionate, and Prophets are visionaries. When they collaborate, the Prophet's vision is softened and tempered by Mercy's compassion, making it more approachable and relatable to those in need.

In essence, the synergy between the seven redemptive gifts highlights the beauty of diversity within the body of Christ. When individuals with different gifts come together, each person's strengths compensate for the other's weaknesses, leading to a more balanced and powerful expression of God's love and purpose in the world. This collaborative approach fosters growth, healing, and transformation in individuals and communities.

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Ephesians 4v16 "From whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love".

I want to add to this that the fruits of the spirit are the result of the spirit's health. So as our spirit grows and we rise up, there is a greater manifestation of the fruits of the spirit.

Galatians 5v22-23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law".

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