

Stir Up the Gift!

May Bible Study Series



Spiritual gifts



- ▶ (Romans 12:6-8) We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. {7} If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; {8} if it is encouraging, let him encourage...
- ▶ (1 Peter 4:10) Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.





Spiritual Gifts are special abilities given to believers for ministry and service.



Lesson Three
Understanding
Motivational Gifts





Scripture Lesson:
Romans 12:3-8

Romans 12:3-8, 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.

**Charisma denotes a gift
of grace that is a basic
inward bent.**



Purpose of Motivational Gifts

Three Motivational Gifts:

Prophecy

Serving

Teaching

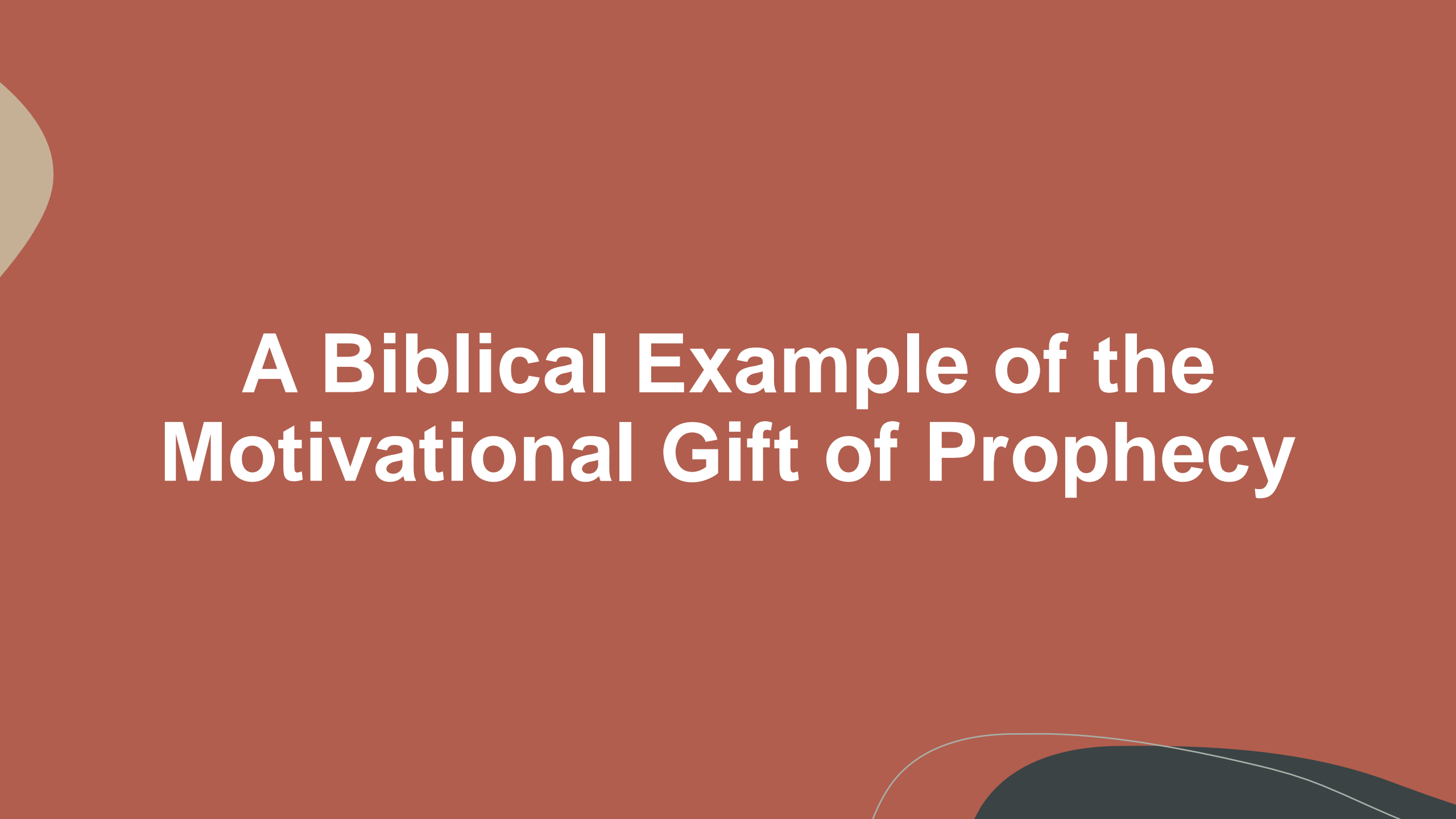
1. The Motivational Gift of Prophecy

The ability to speak forth the truth of God's Word.

1 Corinthians 13:2, If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

Characteristics of the Gift of Prophecy:

- **Direct and Persuasive**
 - **Loyal to Truth**
 - **Vocal**
- **The Ability to Discern**



A Biblical Example of the Motivational Gift of Prophecy

Acts 21:8-12, On the next day we who were Paul's companions departed and came to Caesarea, and entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied. And as we stayed many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea.

When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.' Now when we heard these things, both we and those from that place pleaded with him not to go up to Jerusalem.



Desire Earnestly to Prophecy

I Corinthians 14:1-3, Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy. For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit. On the other hand, the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation.

**1 Corinthians 14:39-40, Therefore,
brethren, desire earnestly to
prophecy, and do not forbid to
speak with tongues. Let all things be
done decently and in order.**

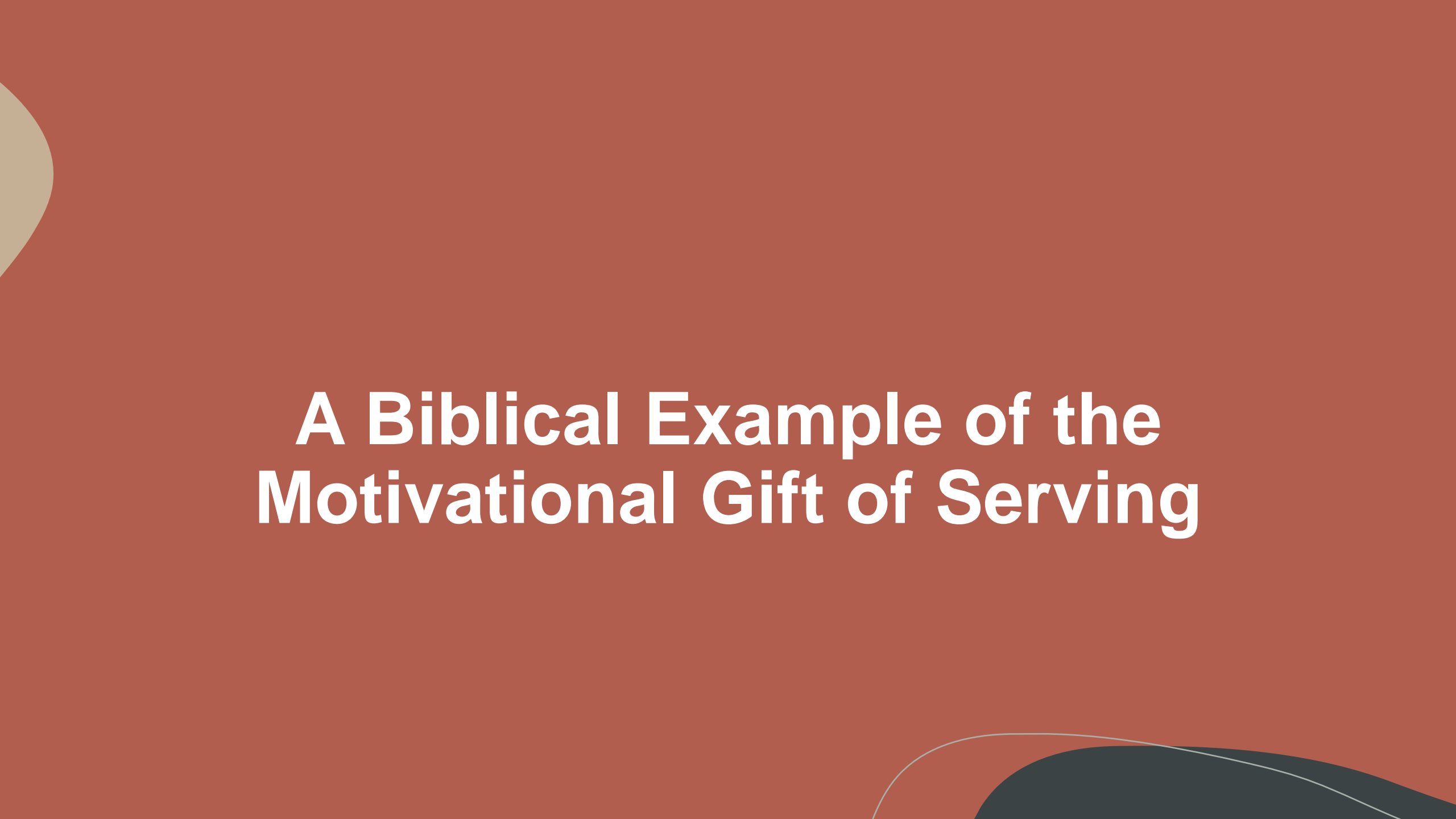
**“The gift of prophecy has a
trifune purpose: edification,
exhortation, and consolation.”**

2. The Motivational Gift of Serving

**Driven to demonstrate love by meeting
practical needs.**

Characteristics of a Server:

- **Enjoy Working with their Hands**
 - **Enjoy Helping Others**
 - **Dependable**
 - **Does Extra**
- **Have Difficulty Saying No**



A Biblical Example of the Motivational Gift of Serving

Luke 10:38-42, Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone?"

Therefore, tell her to help me.” And Jesus answered and said to her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”

**John 12:2, There they made Him a
supper; and Martha served, but
Lazarus was one of those who sat
at the table with Him.**

Observations On Servers:

- Show sincere appreciation
 - Gifted in specific tasks
 - Give them Hugs
 - Show them Love



**“If serving others is below you,
leadership is beyond you.”**

3. The Motivational Gift of Teaching

They Understand the principles and teachings of God's Word and clearly shares them with others.

Characteristics of the Gift of Teaching:

- **Love to Read and Study**
- **Accuracy of Facts and Words**
 - **Enjoys Research**
- **Presents Truth Systematically**



A Biblical Example of the Motivational Gift of Teaching

Acts 18:24-28, Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. So, he began to speak boldly in the synagogue.

When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace; For he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

“A truly great teacher is hard to find, difficult to part with, and impossible to forget.”

Bible Study Follow Up Chat Questions:

- 1. What is your greatest takeaway from today's lesson?**
- 2. What is your definition of spiritual gifts?**
- 3. Where are the Motivational Gifts listed in the Bible? How many motivational gifts can you name?**
- 4. What is the purpose of motivational gifts?**
- 5. How would you define the gifts of prophecy, serving, and teaching?**
- 6. Why should the church desire the gift of prophecy?**
- 7. Most of the time when we get busy our devotional life is the first thing to suffer. Agree or disagree?**
- 8. Are you more a Mary or a Martha?**