

SERIES: God's Dream Team
Message: The Functional Gift of
Organizational Leadership

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Text: Romans 12: 4, 6, 8 & 14

"⁴For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function ... ⁶Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: ...⁸ whoever leads, with diligence... ¹⁴Bless those that persecute you. Bless and do not curse."

"A Christian organizer/ruler/administrator/leader is someone with the desire to support the ministry of the church through their ability to plan, organize, direct and delegate."

I. NEW TESTAMENT EXAMPLES OF THE FUNCTIONAL GIFT

OF ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP: JAMES, the

brother of Jesus, and JOHN MARK, the author of the

Gospel of MARK. 1 Cor. 15:7, Acts 15, James, Mark, Acts 13

II. 12 DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS OF PEOPLE WITH THE FUNCTIONAL GIFT OF ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP.

1. They are men and women of ACTION!

"and immediately ..." Mark 1:10, *"Be doers of the Word!"* James 1:22

2. They are very AUTHORITATIVE.

3. They will step forward and assume RESPONSIBILITY and LEADERSHIP if no structured leadership exists.

4. They have the ability and willingness to DELEGATE responsibility and leadership.

5. They have the ability to see the overall picture and clarify LONG-RANGE GOALS.

6. They are especially gifted in ORGANIZING that for which they are responsible.

7. They tend to get more CRITICISM and HEAT as a result of their gift than all others.

8. They are eager to COMPLETE a task as soon as possible and get on to the next one.

9. They are able to discern the PERSONNEL resources available to them for the task at hand.

10. They are able to sit quietly by and listen to others discuss a task or a problem, and then go right to the heart of the matter and

pinpoint the ANSWER that is needed.

11. They tend to be sticklers for following the RULES.
Galatians 2: 11-13

12. They do their best work under PRESSURE.

III. THE COMMON DANGER TO ALL WHO HAVE THE GIFT OF ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP:

1. THEY TEND TO BE MORE ACTION ORIENTED THAN PEOPLE ORIENTED.

2. THEY ARE TEMPTED TO REACT IN KIND TO THOSE WHO OPPOSE THEM, INSTEAD OF ACTING ACCORDING TO GOD'S GUIDANCE AND WILL.

IV. GOD'S ANSWER FOR THIS DANGER: Romans 12:14

"¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless them and do not curse them."

Point: No one ever makes a friend out of an enemy (or wins another for Christ) by treating him/her like an enemy or antagonist; rather, the only way to make a friend out of an enemy is to treat him/her like a friend!

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