

THE SPIRITUAL GIFT OF **MERCY or COMPASSION**

Individuals blessed with the gift of compassion and mercy feel exceptional empathy and compassion for those who are suffering and take practical steps to help and support them.

People with this gift...

- Focus on easing the sources of pain or discomfort
- Address the needs of the lonely or forgotten
- Express non-judgmental love, grace, and dignity to those facing crises or difficulties
- Are often concerned about issues of individual/social justice

If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? - James 2:15-16

Putting your gift into action

What you considered part of your personality may actually be a spiritual gift that God uses to share His love with those around you. Here are a few ways to exercise this gift within the church, at home, and in the community:

- Provide babysitting to allow parents to take a break
- Visit the sick, lonely, or shut in. Have you considered our Pastoral Care ministry?
- Get involved with the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) or another organisation
- Random acts of kindness to help brighten someone's day

To learn more about spiritual gifts and stewardship in the life of the church, or to get involved, please talk to any member of the Stewardship Team: Mark Stalter, Tracy Albert, Francis Christensen, or Kristen VanderHoek; or email us at stewardship@stpaulshk.org.