

**BRIEF OVERVIEW OF REDEMPTIVE GIFTS (BEHAVIORAL CHARACTERISTICS) \***

**SERVANT** (Principle of Authority)

- ☐ Sees external needs of comfort and food, and is quick to meet those needs.
- ☐ Is a team player. Is relatively free from the desire to build his/her own kingdom. No selfish ambition.
- ☐ Is very practical. Is committed to the present moment to meet present needs.
- ☐ Has difficulty saying "no" to competing demands. Usually overcommitted in scheduling.
- ☐ Finds it hard to accept excellence in his/her work, to affirm self, or to receive affirmation from others. Tends to find something to apologize for when serving others.
- ☐ Has few enemies.
- ☐ Sees the best in others.
- ☐ Has high loyalty to family.
- ☐ Not easily angered except when someone hurts a friend or family member (over their own being hurt).
- ☐ Tends to save stuff, but not in a particularly organized manner.
- ☐ Is totally trustworthy and reliable.
- ☐ Works very hard, often to the harm of their physical health.
- ☐ Can make excuses to justify others' bad behavior. Can become enablers, especially to immature people. Wise servants learn to empower, not to enable others.
- ☐ Tends to spoil children, meeting too many needs too often. An immature servant may be in denial regarding their children's shortcomings.
- ☐ Attracts dishonor, especially in the home. Tends to be the one who is talked down to and has jokes made about them. A servant seems to allow this to happen.
- ☐ Is competitive in areas that are considered safe to the servant, such as games or children's sports teams. Otherwise dedicated to seeing others succeed more than himself/herself.
- ☐ Has purity of motive. Is straightforward, honest, and can be trusted.
- ☐ Prefers not to be visible. Does not desire the spotlight.
- ☐ Can be in a sinful environment without getting personally defiled (example: Esther).
- ☐ Tends to be exploited by others. Tends to have a victim mentality.
- ☐ Responds well to truth.
- ☐ Can struggle with issues of shame. May believe they deserve to be the victim.
- ☐ Wrestles with self-worth. Tends to believe that "I'm not worthy. Others are more worthy."
- ☐ Desires to empower others to achieve their best. Greatest fulfillment comes in knowing he/she enables somebody else to do their work. Is drawn to pray for leadership and make them successful.

## Major Weaknesses

- ☐ BATTLE FOR SELF-WORTH. Doesn't see his/her innate value and doesn't believe God's truth about him/herself or his/her call.
- ☐ WORRY / ANXIETY. Takes on other people's problems and worries about the problem.
- ☐ ENABLING. Does a task instead of teaching others to do it and releasing it to them.

**Biblical Examples of Servant** - Esther, Joseph (husband of Mary), Barnabas, Timothy, Ananias (who ministered to Paul)

## NOTES