

Ten Gifts People Bring to Community

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Special Gifts of Character are needed in our communities such as...

1. **Listening:** Lovingly and patiently gives someone attention as they talk
2. **Discernment:** Shows good judgment; can tell the difference between good or bad
3. **Faithfulness over Time:** Dependable, has loyally served and been present in the community over a long period of time
4. **Wonderment & Gratitude:** Delights in things; brings a positive, upbeat attitude to the community; not likely to complain
5. **Common Sense and Practicality:** Sees what needs to be done and does it; consistent & reliable
6. **Diversity:** Gender and culture – brings a unique perspective to the community and makes it richer by expanding others' world views
7. **Animation:** Gives life – liveliness, energy and vibrancy that makes others smile when they come in the room; entertaining and motivating others
8. **Availability:** Has time for others; we can approach them and they are not too busy
9. **Humility and Honoring Others:** Puts others before him/herself; does not boast; is modest and unassuming; esteems others
10. **Humor and Fun-Loving Spirit:** Makes people laugh, brings lightness into heavy situations; is funny without being sarcastic or putting others down

Reflection Questions:

1. Who brings these gifts to our community? Write any names beside each one.
2. How do we affirm these brothers and sisters in the gifts they bring?
3. What else could we intentionally do to affirm them for these gifts?