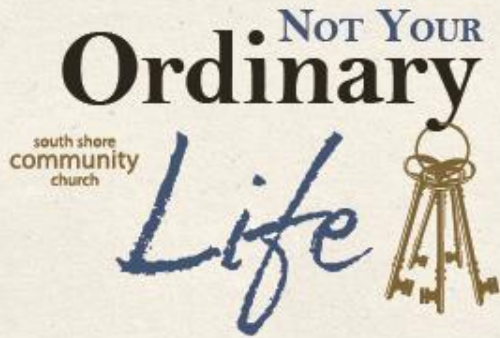


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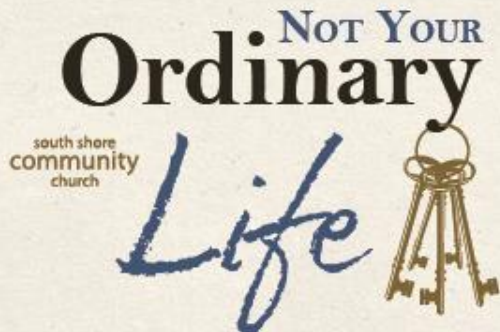
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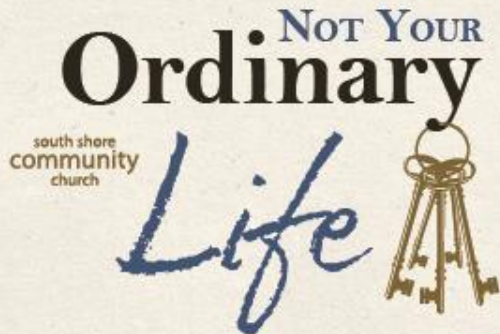
Ministry Gifts:

- What are you best at? (gifts & passions)
- If we are going to expand our spiritual authority, we need to operate in the areas of our gifts and talents.



Soul Care & Prayer:

- 1 Corinthians 12:1, "Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers & sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed."
- Romans 12:3-6, "For by the grace given me I say to everyone of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you."



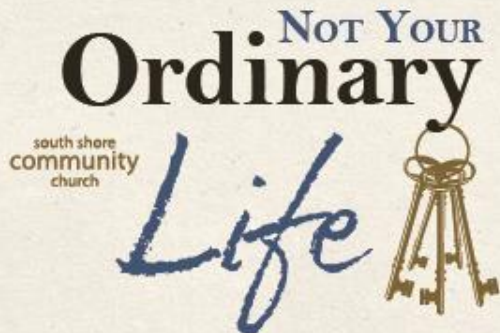
Soul Care & Prayer:

- Romans 12:3-6, "For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ, we though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us."



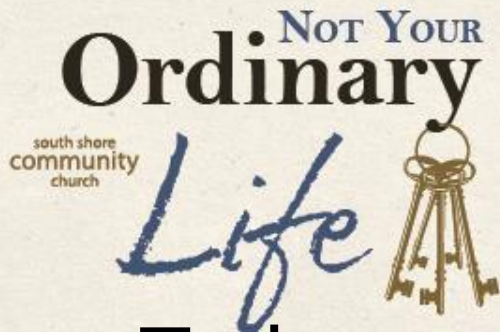
Soul Care & Prayer:

- Key Principles:
- Everyone counts. Everyone has been gifted by God & has an indispensable part to play in God's kingdom.
- We need each other. We need the variety of parts in the body to function as a whole.
- A spiritual gift is a special ability graciously given by the Spirit for the benefit of others.



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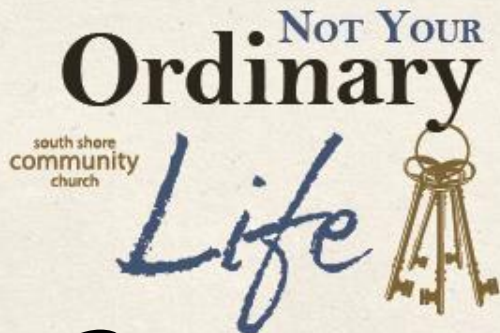
- There are two categories of spiritual gifts listed in Scripture: Manifestation gifts, and Ministry gifts. Ministry gifts are permanent; Manifestation gifts are revelatory in nature – they reveal God’s presence, they manifest His presence through His people.
- Key passages on gifts: 1 Cor 12-14; Romans 12:3-8; Eph 4:7-13.



Soul Care & Prayer:

- Today, we will look at the ministry gifts that are listed in Scripture.

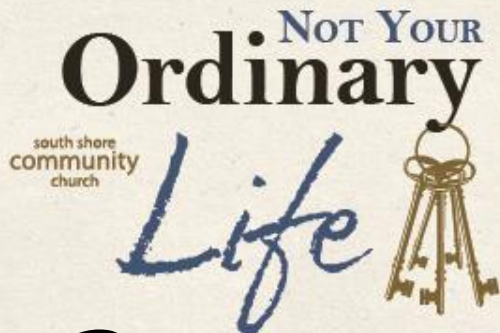
1. Service – (Rom 12:7) the gift of service is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body to identify the un-met needs involved in a task related to God's work, & to make use of available resources to meet those needs & help accomplish the desired goals; the spiritual capacity for practical service



Soul Care & Prayer:

2. Teaching – (1 Cor 12:28; Romans 12:7)

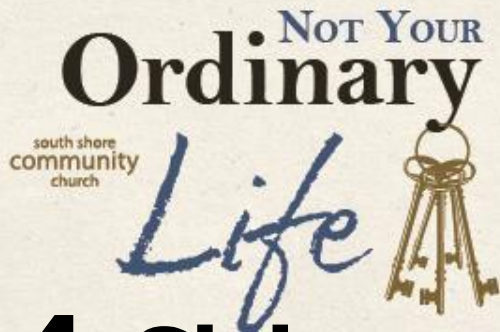
The supernatural ability to clearly and accurately communicate the truths of the Bible so that people learn and live out the truths of Scripture. (public speaking – college)



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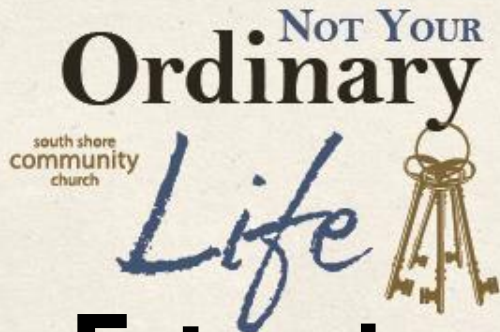
3. Encouragement or Exhortation –

(Rom 12:8) the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body to minister words of comfort, consolation, encouragement and counsel to other members of the Body in such a way that they feel helped and healed; help Christians to live out their obedience to the gospel. (Frank)



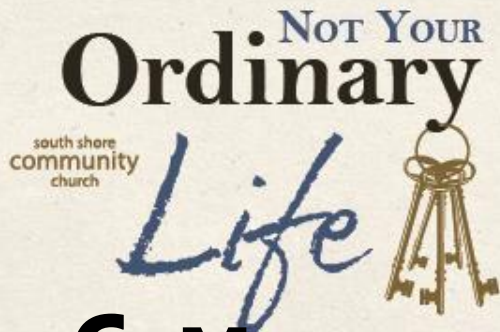
Soul Care & Prayer:

4. Giving – (Rom 12:8) the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body to contribute their material resources to the work of the Lord with liberality & cheerfulness; God given inclination to give, no ulterior motive; give in generosity, a generosity that arises out of simplicity & single-mindedness of the person who is generous simply because he relies on God so completely. (R.G. LeTourneau; no wealth)



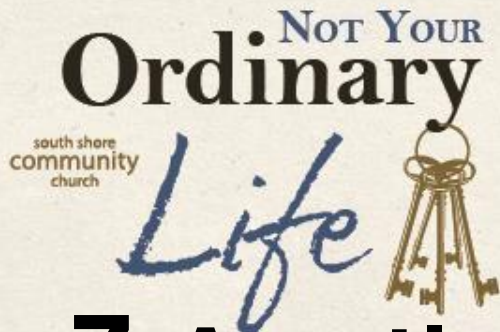
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5. Leadership – (Rom 12:8) The supernatural ability to provide overall vision for the body of Christ & lead others in such a way that they willingly follow & work together. (Bill H; Bill)



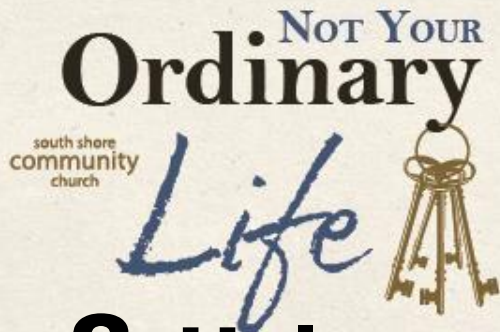
Soul Care & Prayer:

6. Mercy – (Rom 12:8) the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body to feel genuine empathy & compassion for individuals, both Christian and non-Christian, who suffer distressing physical, mental or emotional problems, and to translate that compassion into cheerfully done deeds that reflect Christ's love and alleviate the suffering. (Chris C)



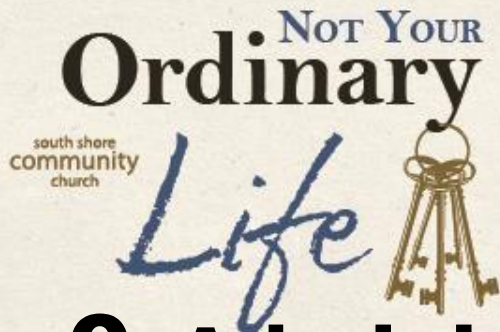
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7. Apostles – (Eph 4:11-12; 1 Cor 12:28)
the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body to assume & exercise general leadership over a number of local pastors & churches with an extraordinary authority in spiritual matters that is spontaneously recognized & appreciated by those churches (not like NT – authors) (authority & power of God displayed; movements) (John Wimber)



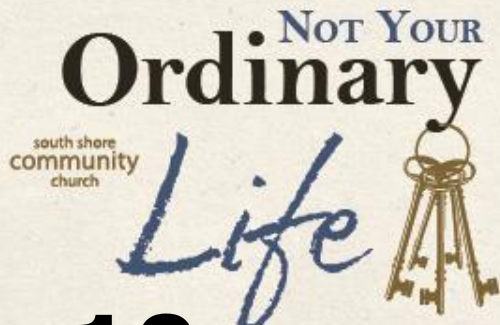
Soul Care & Prayer:

8. Helps – (Rom 12:7; 1 Cor 12:28) the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body to invest the talents they have in the life & ministry of other members of the Body, thus enabling the person helped to increase the effectiveness of his or her spiritual gifts. (Teri; Andi)



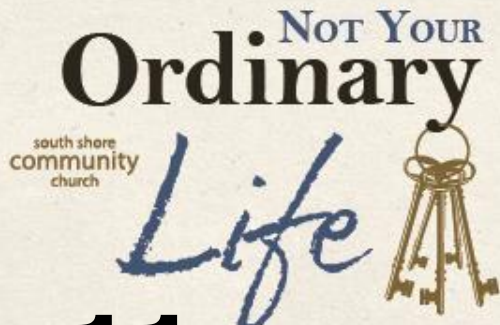
Soul Care & Prayer:

9. Administration – (1 Cor 12:28) The supernatural ability to provide organization for the goals of the body of Christ by designing & carrying out an efficient plan of action; the ability to manage the details of a project, to implement the vision, to watch over the vision & see that it is carried out.



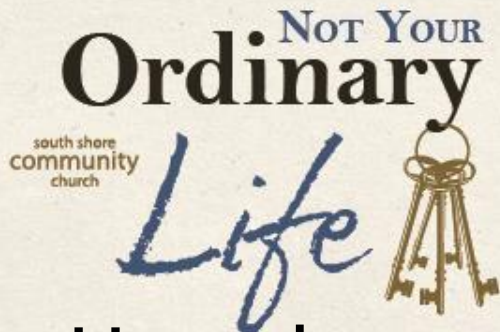
Soul Care & Prayer:

10. Evangelists – (Eph 4:11-12) the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body to share the gospel with unbelievers in such a way that men & women become Jesus' disciples & responsible members of the Body of Christ (Billy G; Fred)



Soul Care & Prayer:

11. Pastors/teachers – (Eph 4:11) the gift of pastor is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body to assume a long-term personal responsibility for the spiritual welfare of a group of believers; pastor = shepherd (Deb)



Soul Care & Prayer:

How do you discover your gifts?

1. Explore the possibilities.
2. Experiment – try things. See what your good at.
3. Examine your feelings – passion?
4. Evaluate your effectiveness – fruit?
5. Expect confirmation from the body.