



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

WHAT CHRIST WANTS TO BUILD



“Your gift doesn’t reflect what you have accomplished. It signifies what God has for his own wise purposes given to you for the sake of the church.”

Thom Schreiner, *Spiritual Gifts*



“an ability empowered by the Holy Spirit and used
for ministry in the church”

Defining Spiritual Gifts

- “... Is Born” - Acts 2:40-47
- “... Is Created for Worship” - Rom 12:1-2; I Cor 10:31
- “... Is Entrusted with the Gospel” - Rom 3:21-26
- “... Is Making Disciples” - Matt 28:16-20
- “... Is a Regular Gathering” - Heb 10:24-25
- “... Is Prayerful” - Selected Passages in Acts
- “... Is Gifted” - I Cor 12:4-11

“Under Construction” Series



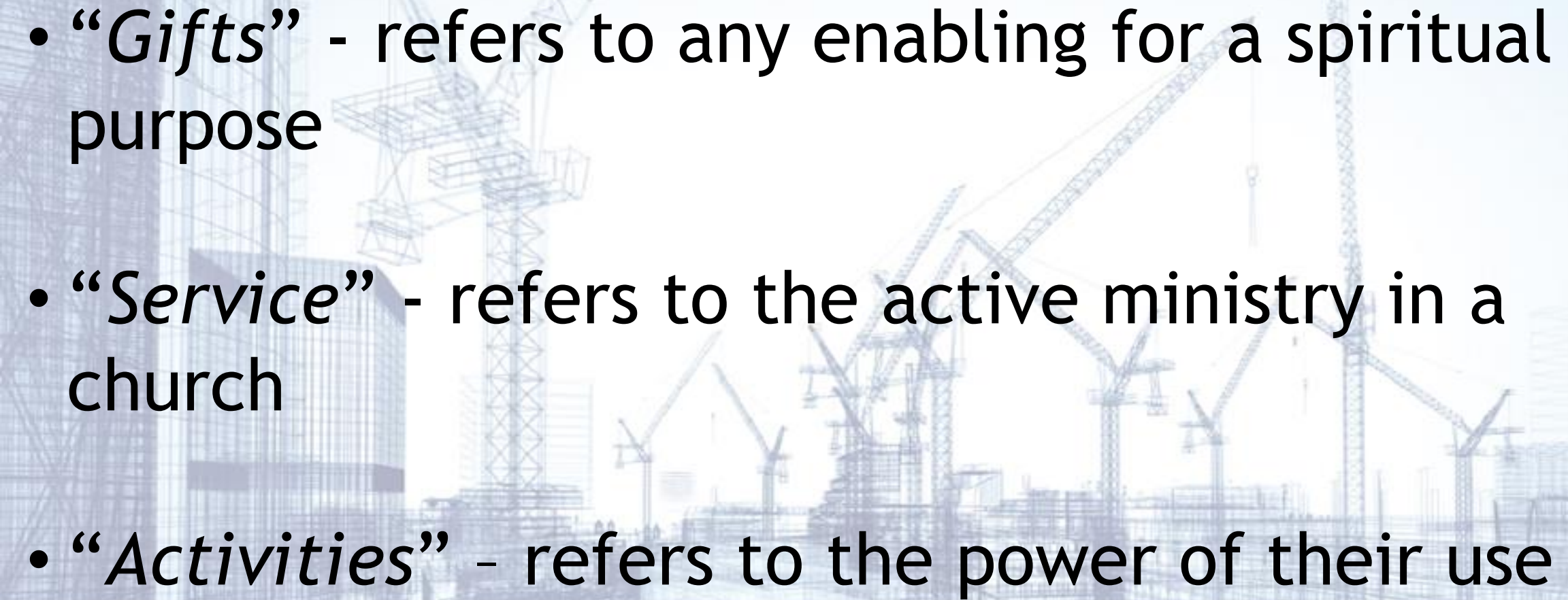
KEY POINT:

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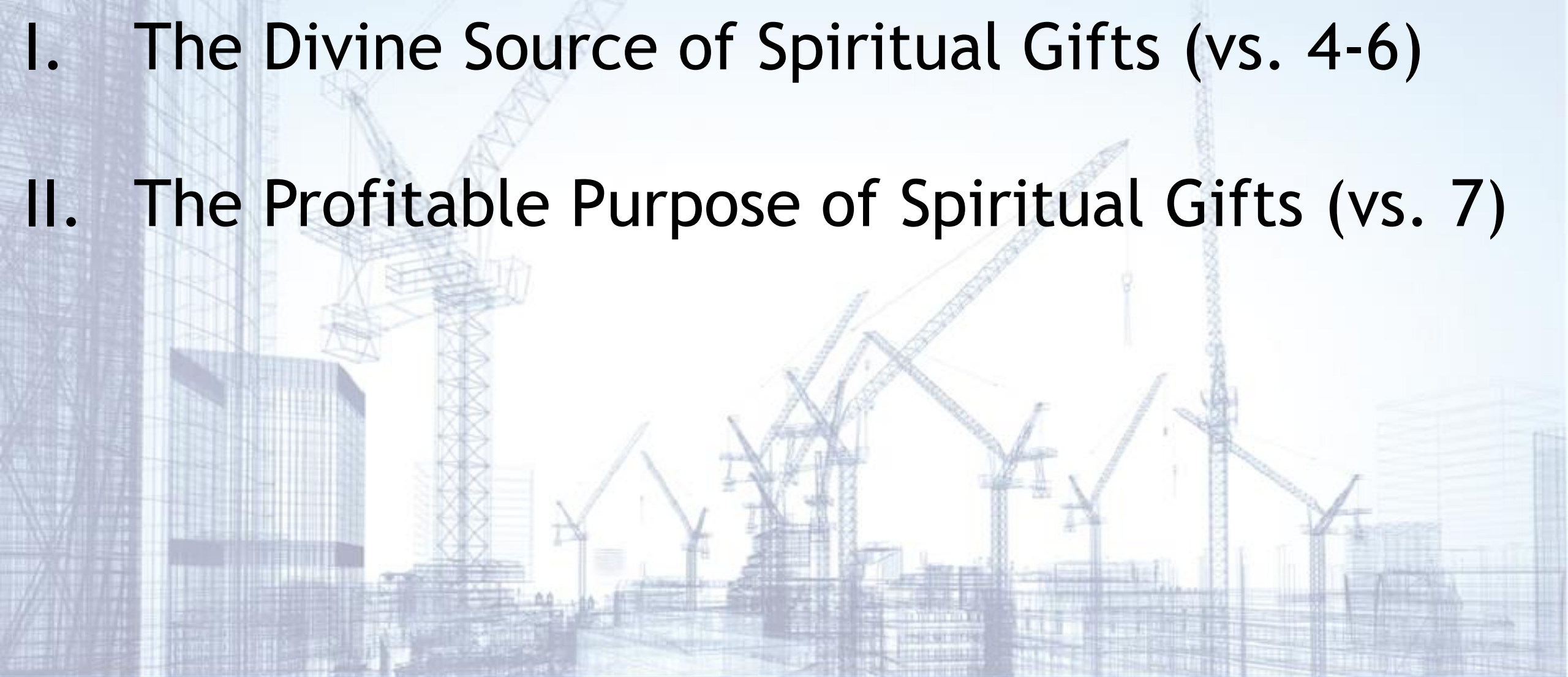


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I Corinthians 12:4-11

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- “*Gifts*” - refers to any enabling for a spiritual purpose
 - “*Service*” - refers to the active ministry in a church
 - “*Activities*” - refers to the power of their use

Gifts, Services, Activities



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II. The Profitable Purpose of Spiritual Gifts (vs. 7)

I Corinthians 12:4-11



*“But grace [Greek *charisma*] was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift.”*

Ephesians 4:7



“To strengthen someone by a spiritual gift means to help their faith not give way as easily when trouble enters their life. We have spiritual gifts in order to help other people keep the faith and maintain an even keel in life's storms. ...”

John Piper, “Spiritual Gifts”



“...If there is anybody around you whose faith is being threatened in any way at all, take stock whether you may have a spiritual gift peculiarly suited to strengthen that person.”

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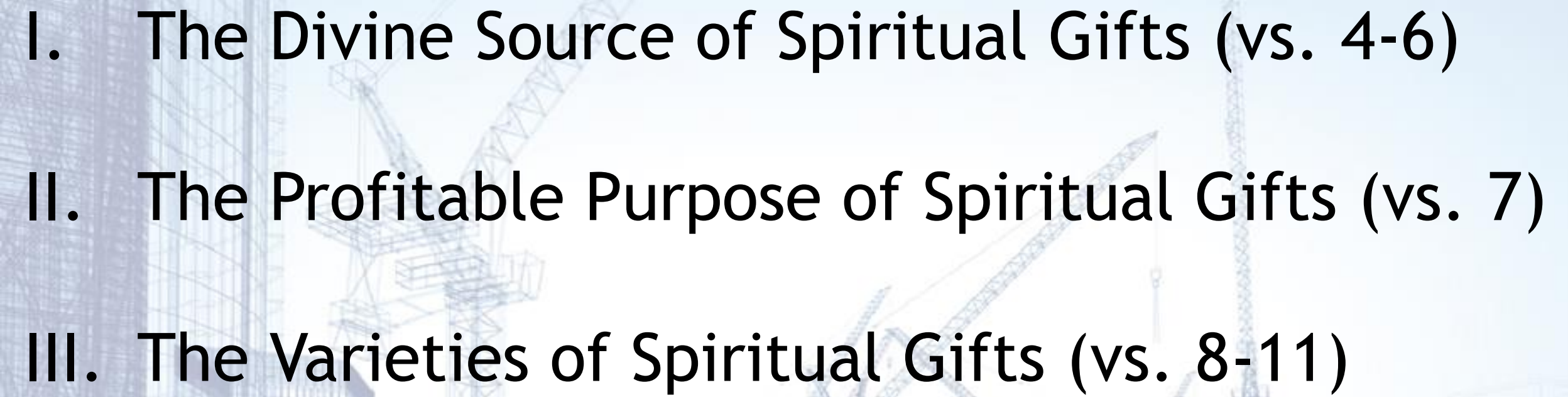
“It is a great danger to want signs and wonders because they sound neat or merely because you think they would make your faith stronger. That is almost a sure way to spiritual self-centeredness. ...”

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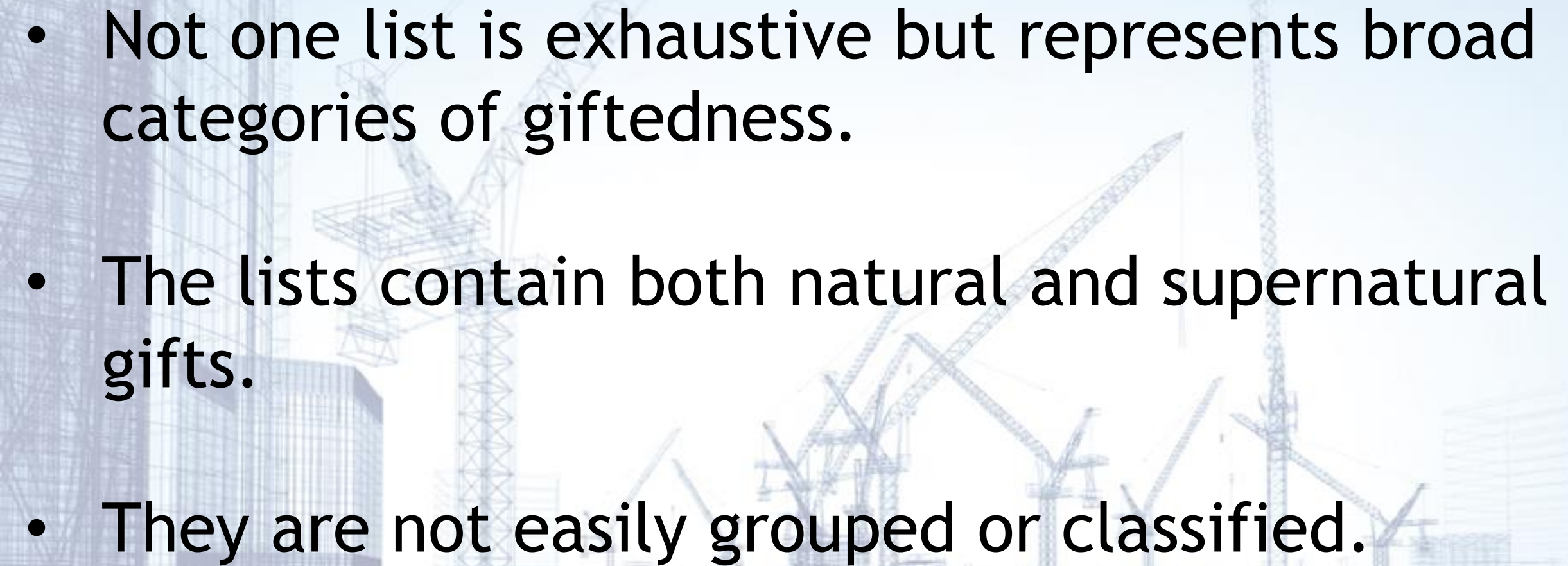
“...What we should really want is that Christ be honored through our self-sacrificing love for others.”

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 - II. The Profitable Purpose of Spiritual Gifts (vs. 7)
 - III. The Varieties of Spiritual Gifts (vs. 8-11)

I Corinthians 12:4-11

Romans 12:3-8	I Cor. 12:8- 11, 28	Ephesians 4:11	I Peter 4:10-11
exhortation, giving, leadership, mercy, prophecy, service, teaching	administration, apostles, discernment, faith, healing, helping, interpretation, knowledge, prophecy, teaching, tongues, wisdom, working miracles	apostles, evangelists, prophecy, shepherding, teaching	service, speaking

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- Not one list is exhaustive but represents broad categories of giftedness.
 - The lists contain both natural and supernatural gifts.
 - They are not easily grouped or classified.

What We Learn from the Spiritual Gifts Lists

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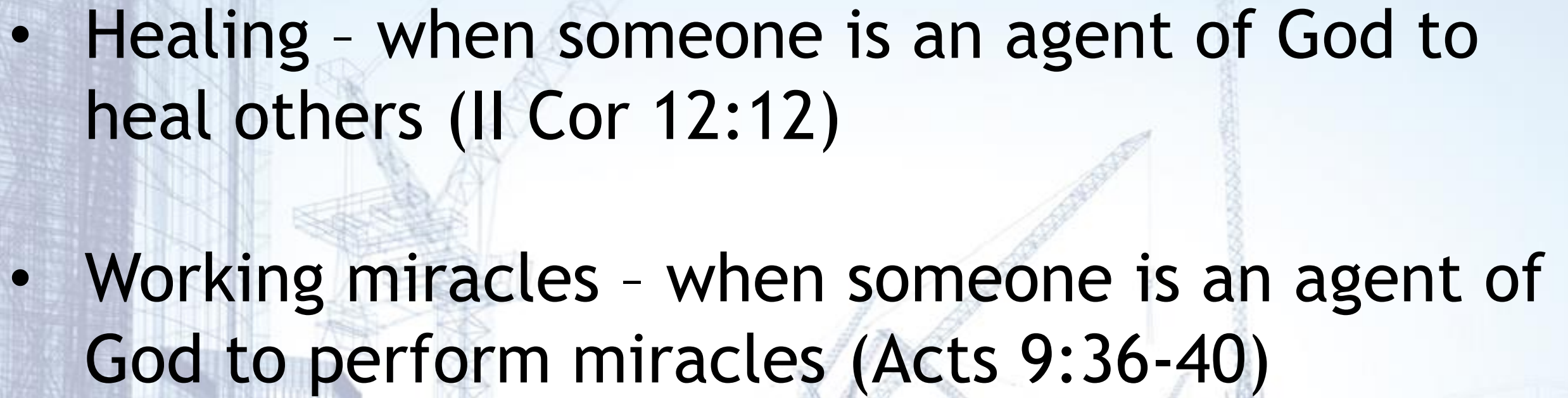
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- Faith - intensified trust when others doubt (Heb 11)

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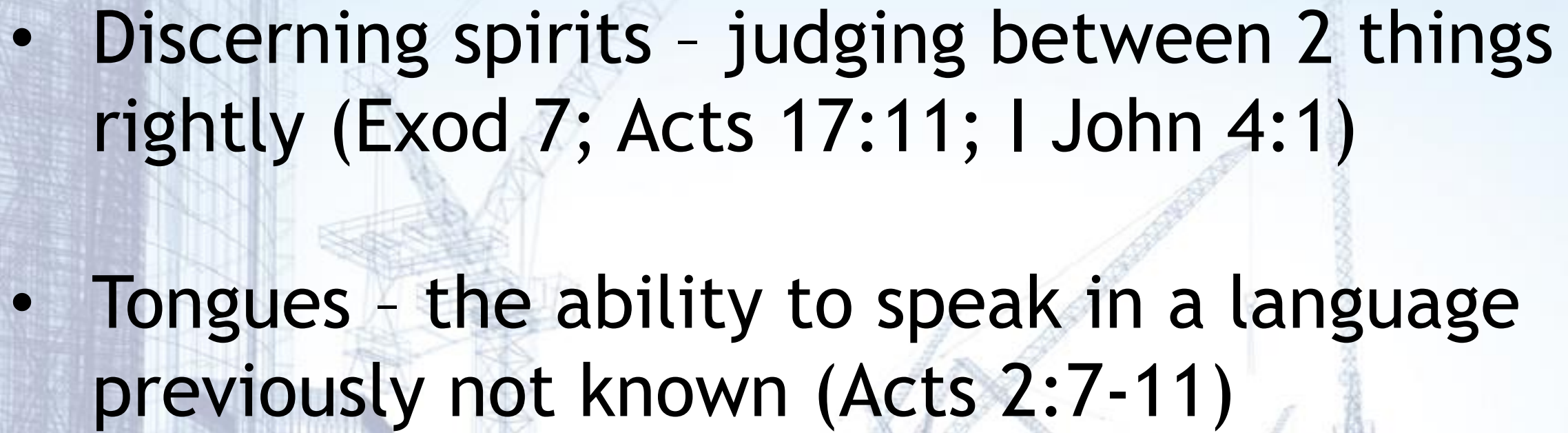
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- Interpreting tongues - understanding and communicating the tongue being spoken (I Cor 14)

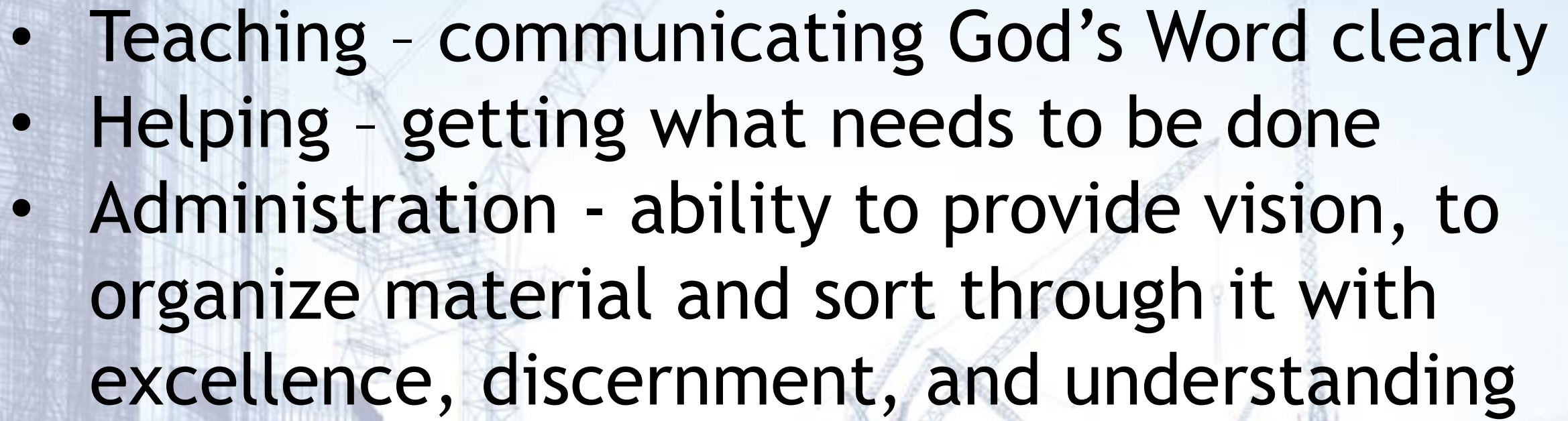
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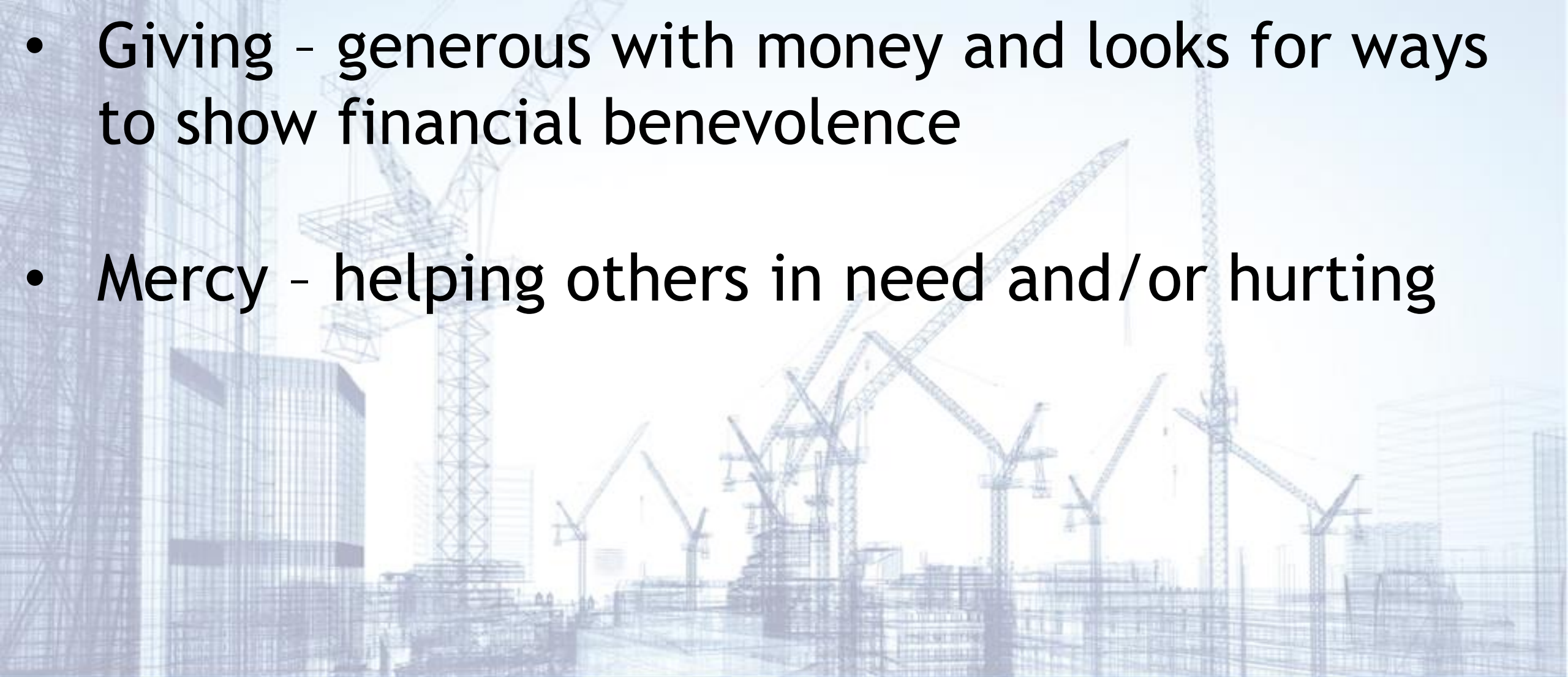
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- Exhortation - when someone urges another person to live righteously and show care for that person who is in distress

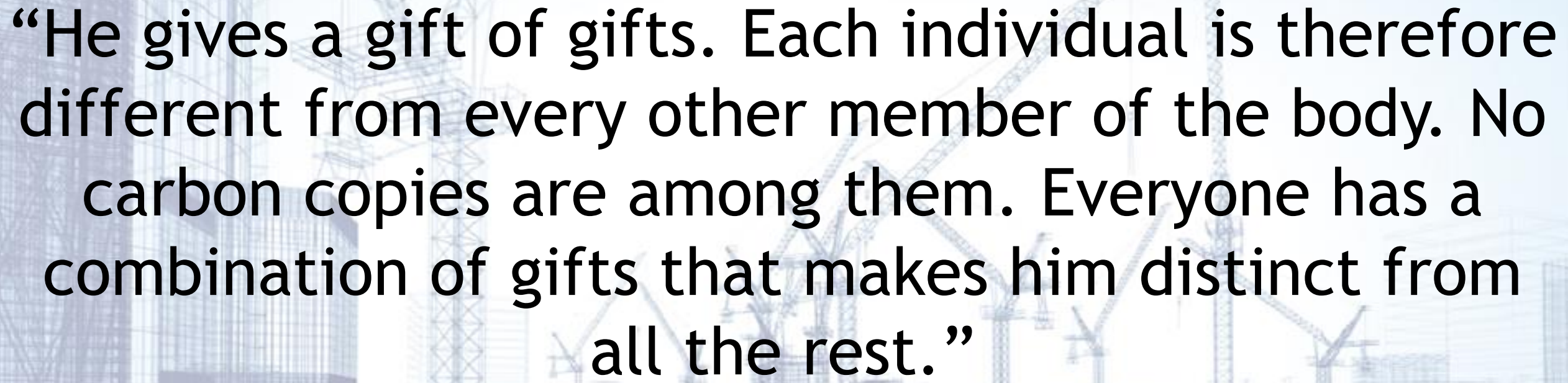
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 - Mercy - helping others in need and/or hurting

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“He gives a gift of gifts. Each individual is therefore different from every other member of the body. No carbon copies are among them. Everyone has a combination of gifts that makes him distinct from all the rest.”

Robert Thomas,
Understanding Spiritual Gifts



“We don’t want others to see our deficiencies. Still, it is instructive that Paul doesn’t rebuke the inferior-feeling Corinthians for pride but encourages them. We ought not to think that pride should always be reprovved or ...”

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“...exposed. Often when we feel weak we need encouragement. Paul reminds us that we are made in God’s image, that we all play a valuable role. ...If you think, I don’t have any gifts. I am of no value to anyone, your ...”

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“...thinking about yourself is off-center. ...Don’t reject what God has done in your life by putting yourself down. We may feel that our gifts are insignificant or unimportant, but we are mistaken. The contribution of every ...”

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“...member of the body matters. What you contribute to your church is crucial, and that is true of every member of the body.”

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How do you
desire to
serve?

Do others
see this gift
in you?

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Is there
fruit when
exercising
this gift?

Determining Your Spiritual Gift