The Spiritual Gift of Encouragement

**Definition**
The gift of Encouragement is the God-given ability to present words of comfort, consolation, and encouragement so as to strengthen or urge to action those who are discouraged or wavering in their faith.

**Scripture References for Encouragement**
- Romans 12:8
- Acts 11:22-24
- Acts 15:30-32

**People With This Gift Like to…**
- Comfort others to trust and hope in the promises of God.
- Motivate others to grow in personal and spiritual development.
- Urge others to action by applying biblical truth.

**Characteristics of People With Encouragement**
- Positive
- Motivating
- Affirming
- Reassuring
- Supportive
- Trustworthy

**Potential Ways to Use the Gift of Encouragement**
- Visiting the sick or elderly
- Counseling
- Hospitality team member
- Prayer ministry