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Speaking Gifts

Some gifts motivate the services of speaking the Truth of God to the church(es). “If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God” 1 Pet 4:11

Teaching



1. Grammatical Significance:

“teacher”, a

director of a chorus

: cause to join together, unite in a conclusion

: learn, discover, learn by experience

: make known, proclaim, preach

: instruct, correct, whip, correct, discipline; train

: instruct, teach, admonish; warn

2. Definition: The capacity to explain the meaning of the Word resulting in comprehension and application for the believer and the unbeliever.

Teaching



- **3. Characteristics or symptoms:**

- A tendency to prove the knowledge of others
- A delight to investigation into the validity of truth
- The presentation of the truth in a systematic sequence of evidence
- A motivation to learn something with the objective to share the results with learners
- A frustration when important truths are ignored by others

Teaching



Dangers

- ✓ Exalting of self, showing off or bragging of knowledge
- ✓ More interested in the investigation of truth than in the application to lives
- ✓ Involved so much in the investigation that he could ignore people
- ✓ People become an interference with what he/she really wants to be doing, instead of the object of what he wants!

Teaching

- **Ideas concerning the gifts:**
 - Is limited to the teaching of the Word of God (1 Pet 4:11 “...*he should do it as one speaking the very words of God*” = **Content**)
 - Does not refer to education, but to the communication process (Rom 12:7... *if it is teaching, he must teach* = **Process**)
 - The gift does not make a teacher automatically, but it does highly motivate him to teach
 - Everyone should be a “teacher” of the basic principles (Heb 5:12, “*For though you should in fact be teachers by this time...*” = **Goal**)

Misunderstandings: Your knowledge and glee to prove something could appear to be pride

Exhortation¹



1. Grammatical Sense:

“One called along side”. Someone motivated to get close enough to another in order to help, to console, comfort, entreat, motivate, persuade toward a beneficial action

-- “comforter, counsel for defense, advocate”

-- “address in order to persuade, arouse, calm”

– “admonish, warn, exhort to action”

2. Definition: The capacity to get close to individuals in time of need, counsel them with the Word, persuading them to be encouraged or to take helpful action, to make biblical decisions, to reaffirm and console in the face of tragedies

3. Characteristics:

⇒ A desire to visualize specific goals and prescribe a course of action

⇒ A tendency to avoid information that lacks practical application

⇒ See how problems and loss can result in new levels of maturity

Exhortation²



4. Dangers of abuse:

- Pride for personal results
- Discouragement for the lack of progress in others
- Invest too much time with those who only want relief
- Permit people to become dependent on their counsel. It makes them feel important and needed.

5. Ideas about the gift:

- Demands a knowledge of the Word (1 Tim 4:13, “*Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching*”; 6:2; 1 Thess 4:18)
- The motivation is to accomplish positive results in their lives (1Thess 5: 12, “*honor those who are your leaders in the Lord's work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance.*”; 2 Thess 3:12)

6. Misunderstanding:

- Emphasis on action steps can appear a simplification of the problem

Word of Wisdom

- 1. Grammatical Sense:** “word of wisdom.” LXX refers to
 - Wisdom of artisans, *astute* in economy, (Prov 8:18),
 - Wisdom in governing (8:15, “By me kings reign and rulers make laws that are just”). Resulting in dominion and success (8:32-36)
- 2. Definition:** The capacity of being able to discern people and situations that are not obvious to others, combining an understanding of what to do and how to do right.

Word of Wisdom

- **Characteristics:**

- A discernment over the problems of others
- A capacity to see the application of the Word
- A delight in finding the solution of problems

- **Dangers of abuses:**

- Tendency to mix psychology and biblical principles
- Permit others to depend upon their advice

2 Peter 3:15 And regard the patience of our Lord as

James 1:5 But if anyone is deficient in wisdom, he should ask God, who gives to all generously and without reprimand, and it will be given to him.

-- All can ask for the application of wisdom (Jas 1:5)

- **Misunderstanding:** Those advised can feel resentment for his answers

Word of Knowledge

- **Greek meaning:** “a word of understanding or intelligence”.
- **Definition:** The capacity to understand truth or reality by revelation, especially things that others don't see.
- **Characteristics:**
 - A perception of what God is revealing
 - A desire to communicate what he has learned through writing or speaking
 - Together with prophecy, they would cease together (1 Cor 13:8, “if there is knowledge, it will be set aside”)

Word of Knowledge

- **Dangers of abuses:**
 - Pride of his knowledge which was received by revelation
 - Impatience towards others not motivated to study
- **Ideas of the gift:**
 - The “knowledge” appears to come from revelation
 - Related to the gifts of tongues and prophecy in 1 Cor 13:8 where the all three cease together
- **Misunderstanding**
 - At times are not good communicators
 - At times their responses are short and insinuate egotism

Falsification of the Gifts

1 Timothy 4:1 Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from what we believe; they will follow lying spirits and teachings that come from demons.

Colossians 2:18 Let no one who delights in humility and the worship of angels pass judgment on you. That person goes on at great lengths about what he has supposedly seen, but he is puffed up with empty notions by his fleshly mind

4. The emphasis in revelations that are received from spirits

Suggestions to develop gifts

Teaching *(If you want to benefit others by teaching)*

1. Ask that God give the capacity to communicate in a practical form
2. Be guided carefully by the principles of interpretation to guide and justify his studies
3. Begin a systematic program to know the Bible
4. Practice the application of the Truth first in his personal life
5. Dominate the principles of communication and education
6. Observe an effective biblical teacher.

Suggestions to develop gifts

- **Exhortation**: *(If you want to benefit others by exhorting)*

1. Ask for discernment to know the wisdom of God (James 1:5, “If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God,”) in the causes and solutions of problems
2. Study in depth the biblical passages used in counseling
3. Look for the application of Truth first in his own life
4. Read books that help one to be sensitive to the needs of others
5. Analyze the areas of personal conflicts in a systematic form seeking biblical principles.
6. Develop skill of seeing practical principles in Scriptures that guide your life – showing the benefit of those principles in your life becomes your credibility and authority

Suggestions to develop gifts

Word of Wisdom:

1. Ask for the discernment of the practical application of passages **Proverbs 12:8** “A man is praised according to his wisdom, but men with warped minds are despised.”
2. Study and meditate in the Bible searching for more application **Proverbs 8:11** “for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.”
3. As you discern truths, share them with others “**Proverbs 10:31** The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom”
4. Assure that your applications are biblically correct

Suggestions to develop gifts

- *Word of knowledge:*

1. Evidently this was a gift of revelation, because it was to disappear with the gift of prophecy (“where there are prophecies, **they will cease**; where there are tongues, **they will be stilled**; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.” 1 Cor 13:8)
2. Is related with the capacity to know the mysteries or the things revealed, thus were instrumental in the formation of the canon of the NT
3. Since there is no more “knowledge” of the previously unknown “mysteries” being revealed, this gift is superseded by the gifts of teaching, exhortation and word of wisdom (“ye may understand **my knowledge** in the mystery of Christ” Col 3:4)