

SPIRITUAL GIFTS:

Knowing how you fit into the Body of Christ



11. TEACHER – Eph. 4:11; 1 Cor. 12:28; Rom. 12:7

“The supernatural ability to _____ the content and doctrines of the Bible to edify the body”

- a. Teach = “To instruct, inform, or communicate to another knowledge of which he was before ignorant”
- b. The Bible is clear that the evangelist, pastor, and teacher are three foundational gifts given by God to build His church – Eph. 4:12-15
 - Notice that Pastors must be _____ to teach – 1 Tim. 3:2; Eph. 4:11

c. There are two kinds of teachers:

- Individual: Each person is enabled by God to teach others individually – Matt. 28:19-20
- Extraordinary: Some of us are gifted by God to teach the Bible _____ – Ex. 4:10-12

A teacher is able to teach the Bible as a whole book and/or break it down to individual paragraphs or verses and give practical applications. New material doesn't necessarily originate from someone with the gift of teaching... they are simply able to explain and expound with relative ease what the Bible says.

A person having a doctorate in Bible will be less capable of teaching the Bible to a group than a supernaturally gifted man or woman that God has given this gift to in his church

d. Biblical Examples:

- Jesus – Matt. 4:23; 9:35; 22:15-22; Mk. 1:21-22
- Apollos – Acts 18:24-28
- Paul – 1 Tim. 2:7; 2 Tim. 1:11

e. There is hard work to be done for the teacher all throughout the church in various ways, and some avoid using their gift because of personal _____ – 2 Tim. 2:14-16; Rom. 12:6-8

f. Gifted teachers must remain teachable/humble and guard against their own _____ (understanding, but not applying) – Acts 18:26; Lk. 6:40-42

g. Gifted teachers must guard against seeing the Bible only in the light of their teaching gift (breaking it down into outlines, seeing how it applies to others, etc.). The Bible must remain _____ to them!

h. How do you know if you have this gift? -- Try teaching to a group... When you do, how well does it generally go? What do others say? Who do you know who displays this gift?