

SPIRITUAL GIFTS:

Knowing how you fit into the Body of Christ



13. EXHORTATION – Rom. 12:8

“The supernatural ability to say and do things that give others courage to do what is right and godly. Those with this gift make you feel better equipped about the task at hand or ahead. They inspire people to do things they normally would not do for the glory of God!”

- a. Exhort = To encourage, urge, persuade, excite, inspire, give strength to; it literally means to _____ (ex) _____ (hort) – Tts. 1:9; 2:15; 1 Tim. 6:2
- b. Exhorting has a _____ context to it, such as cheering someone on and positive parenting – Heb. 12:5-6; 1 Thess. 2:11-12
- c. Exhorting can come in the forms of prophesying, evangelism, and preaching – Acts 15:32; 1 Cor. 14:3; 1 Thess. 2:1-4; Lk. 3:18
- d. Two guidelines for exhortation are longsuffering and doctrine – 2 Tim. 4:2
- e. Biblical Examples:
 - Peter – Acts 2:37-41
 - Barnabas (son of consolation/encouragement) – Acts 4:36-37; 11:19-26
 - Paul – Acts 13:14-42; 14:19-22
- f. Use this gift if you have it! As with the gifts of teaching/ministry, those who are exhorters are to wait on it (like a “waiter” today...be very attentive to it, put it to work, use it) – Prov. 15:23; 25:11
- g. If there is no regular (daily) exhortation in the church, there will be no confidence in the mission and the potential for your heart to _____ towards the Lord – Heb. 3:13-15
- h. Being positive when you should be negative, encouraging when you should be discouraging something is equivalent to bearing _____ – Ex. 23:1; Prov. 6:16, 19; 12:17
- i. Christians are exhorted in the Scriptures to be exhorters... there is always hope with God and we should encourage each other in every situation – 1 Tim. 4:13; 2 Cor. 1:18-20; Ps. 42:5, 11; 43:5

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SUMMARY OF THE SPEAKING GIFTS

Do you possess any of these gifts?

EVANGELISM – Eph. 4:11

“The supernatural ability to share the gospel boldly, easily, and creatively with nearly anyone to build and edify the whole body of Christ” – Acts 6:1-8; 8:1-13, 26-40; 2 Tim. 4:5

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

“The supernatural ability to communicate the content and doctrines of the Bible to edify the body” – 1 Tim. 3:2; Mt. 28:19-20; Ex. 4:10-11

PASTOR – Eph. 4:11

“The supernatural ability to oversee, care for, feed, and edify God’s flock with ease” – Jn. 21:15-17; Acts 20:17, 28; Tts. 1:5, 7

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