

## SPIRITUAL GIFTS:

Knowing how you fit into the Body of Christ



### 17. GOVERNMENTS – 1 Corinthians 12:28

“The supernatural ability to put together creative, effective organizational plans in an area(s) of ministry in the church that causes it to function well. People gifted with governments can often see the best people in the best places as they govern the ship (*group of people*) to get to its destination.”

- a. Governments = Those who can direct, \_\_\_\_\_, or guide a group of people (*helmsman*) – James 3:4

*The legislative branch of our government is an organizational body of \_\_\_\_\_ who design and establish guidelines to help maintain the proper functions of our society. Legislative branch members look similar to those blessed with the supernatural gift of governments in the local church.*

- b. Ministries within churches need structure implemented so that ministry functions properly. God has gifted certain people with Godly organizational and administrative abilities – 1 Cor. 11:34, 14:40, 16:1; Col. 2:5
- c. Biblical Examples
- Jethro – Ex. 18:13-27
  - \_\_\_\_\_ – Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1
  - Titus – Titus 1:5; 2 Cor. 12:18
- d. Though governments is a leadership quality in these people, it is more often the \_\_\_\_\_ end of it. Sometimes there is an expectation they will be a great ruler in that structure...and they are not.
- e. Those with this gift may be well balanced serving alongside someone who can \_\_\_\_\_ the plan with diligence (rulers) – Ex. 4:14-16, 7:1-2
- f. This gift is closely related to that of \_\_\_\_\_. God uses two different words, governments and rulers, to demonstrate that there is a relation, but also a slight difference in these gifts. – Rom. 12:8
- g. Whether we are gifted or not in governments, we would all do well to establish good systems of order in our lives and areas of ministry – 1 Cor. 14:40
- h. Who do you know who often seems gifted in developing creative and effective plans for organized events in the church (*or ministries in the church*)?