

# DESIRING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

*“Eagerly pursue Love, yet desire Spiritual Gifts...”*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:1

Class 1

## Administration

- Literal Meaning:

- To Pilot or Steer a Ship
- The ability to understand what makes an organization function, and the special ability to plan and execute procedures that accomplish the goals of the organization

- Supporting References:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:1-5

- 1) Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.
- 2) Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.
- 3) Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.
- 4) Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.
- 5) And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:27-28

- 27) Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular.
- 28) And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

- Acts 6:1-7

- 1) And in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministrations.
- 2) Then the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not reason that we should leave the word of God, and serve tables.
- 3) Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

- 4) But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.
- 5) And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:
- 6) Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them.
- 7) And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

• 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 9:11-12

- 11) Being enriched in every thing to all bountifulness, which causeth through us thanksgiving to God.
- 12) For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;

• Exodus 18:13-26

- 13) And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening.
- 14) And when Moses' father in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand by thee from morning unto even?
- 5) And Moses said unto his father in law, Because the people come unto me to enquire of God:
- 16) When they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between one and another, and I do make them know the statutes of God, and his laws.
- 17) And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good.
- 18) Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for this thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone.
- 19) Harken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God shall be with thee: Be thou for the people to God-ward, that thou mayest bring the causes unto God:
- 20) And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.
- 21) Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens:
- 22) And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee.
- 23) If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace.
- 24) So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father in law, and did all that he had said.
- 25) And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens.
- 26) And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves.

- Characteristics:

- People with this Gift:

- Develop strategies or plans to reach goals
    - Assist others to become more effective and efficient
    - Create order out of chaos
    - Manage or coordinate a variety of responsibilities to accomplish a task
    - Organize people, tasks or events

- Traits:

- Thorough, Objective, Responsible, Organized, Goal-Oriented, Efficient, Conscientious

- Cautions

- People with this Gift should be aware of:

- The need to be open to adjusting your plans, so that you don't stifle someone else's involvement
    - Getting too focused on accomplishing your goals and forgetting that growth of individuals and service to God is our real goal
    - Failing to see God's purposes being fulfilled in the process of meeting a Goal