

DESIRING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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

- 1st Corinthians 14:1

Class 18

Teaching

- Literal Meaning:

- To instruct

- The ability to understand, clearly explain, and apply the Word of God

- Supporting References:

- Romans 12:6-7

- 6) Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;
- 7) Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching;

- 1st Corinthians 12:28-29

- 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.
- 29) Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?

- Ephesians 4:11-12

- 11) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;
- 12) For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

- 2nd Timothy 2:1-2

- 1) Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
- 2) And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

- Acts 18:24-28

- 24) And a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man, and mighty in the scriptures, came to Ephesus.
- 25) This man was instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in the spirit, he spake and taught diligently the things of the Lord, knowing only the baptism of John.
- 26) And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue: whom when Aquila and Priscilla had heard, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more perfectly.
- 27) And when he was disposed to pass into Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him: who, when he was come, helped them much which had believed through grace:
- 28) For he mightily convinced the Jews, and that publickly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was Christ.

- Characteristics:

- People with this Gift:

- Present the whole counsel of God for maximum life change
- Challenge listeners simply and practically with the truth of Scripture
- Prepare through extended times of study and reflection
- Give attention to detail

- Traits:

- Disciplined, Perceptive, Analytical, Articulate, Teachable

- Cautions

- People with this Gift:

- Need to beware of becoming proud from their “superior” knowledge
- Need to beware of getting too detailed and failing to make life application
- Need to remember that spirituality is not measured by how much you know