

# DESIRING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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

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

Class 4

## Exhortation

- Literal Meaning:

- To come along side of

- The ability to present truth so as to strengthen, comfort, or urge to action those who are discouraged or wavering in their faith

- Supporting References:

- Romans 12:6-15

- 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;
- 8) Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 4:13-16

- 13) Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.
- 14) Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.
- 15) Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.
- 16) Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.

- Acts 11:22-24

- 22) Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch.
- 23) Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord.
- 24) For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord.

• Acts 14:21-22

- 21) And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch,
- 22) Confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God.

• Acts 15:30-32

- 30) So when they were dismissed, they came to Antioch: and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle:
- 31) Which when they had read, they rejoiced for the consolation.
- 32) And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them.

• 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 2:2-4

- 2) But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.
- 3) For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:
- 4) But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

• 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:14-21

- 14) Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.
- 15) See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.
- 16) Rejoice evermore.
- 17) Pray without ceasing.
- 18) In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.
- 19) Quench not the Spirit.
- 20) Despise not prophesyings.
- 21) Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

• 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:2-4

- 2) Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.
- 3) For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;
- 4) And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

- Hebrews 3:12-15

- 12) Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.
- 13) But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.
- 14) For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end;
- 15) While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

- Hebrews 10:25

- 25) Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

- Characteristics:

- People with this Gift:
  - Urge others to action by applying Biblical truth
  - Challenge, comfort or confront others to trust and hope in God
  - Reassure the discouraged by emphasizing God's promises

- Traits:

- Positive, Motivating, Challenging, Affirming, Reassuring, and Supportive

- Cautions

- People with this Gift should be aware of:
  - Being overly optimistic and too simplistic
  - Not first understanding what people really are thinking and really need
  - Only saying "positive" things, and avoiding being confrontational