

DESIRING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

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

- 1st Corinthians 14:1

Class 5

Evangelism

- Literal Meaning:

- To bring good news
- The ability to effectively communicate the gospel to unbelievers so they respond in faith

- Supporting References:

- 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:

- Acts 8:26-38

- 26) And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.
- 27) And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship,
- 37) And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.
- 38) And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

- Luke 19:5-10

- 5) And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house.
- 6) And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully.

- 7) And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner.
- 8) And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold.
- 9) And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham.
- 10) For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

• 2nd Timothy 4:1-5

- 1) I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom;
- 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.
- 5) But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

• Characteristics:

• People with this Gift:

- Communicate the message of God with clarity and conviction
- Seek out opportunities to talk with unbelievers about spiritual matters
- Adapt their presentations of the Gospel to connect to the individual's needs

• Traits:

- Sincere, Candid, Respected, Influential, Spiritual, and Confident

• Cautions

• People with this Gift should be aware of:

- Using Guilt, not the hope of the salvation, as the motivator in a person's decision
- Needs to be aware of becoming critical of others... Remembering that we are all "witnesses", but we are not all evangelists
- Needs to listen carefully, because the same approach does not work for everyone