



Spiritual Gifts

Topic: The Spiritual Gift of Teaching Part 1

Definition: The Spiritual Gift of Teaching is the divinely empowered ability from God to understand, communicate, and apply God's Word effectively so believers are strengthened in faith and obedience. (Romans 12:6-7)

Teaching is more than transferring information—it is helping people understand God's truth and live it out in their lives. Paul identifies teaching as a distinct spiritual gift that should be actively exercised.

A. Teaching is a Gift from God (1 Corinthians 12:4-7)

Key Truths

- Teaching is not merely natural intelligence or education.
- This gift is given by the Holy Spirit for the specific purpose of building up the church.
- The gift exists for the benefit of others.

B. Jesus—The Perfect Teacher (Matthew 7:28-29; Luke 4:18-19)

Characteristics of Jesus' Teaching

- Rooted in Scripture
- Spirit-empowered
- Practical
- Transformational
- Full of grace and truth

All teachers in the church today should model the characteristics of Christ by teaching the truth of God faithfully, by loving the people they teach deeply and always living what they teach.

C. Key Characteristics of Believers with the Gift of Teaching (2 Timothy 2:15; Hosea 4:6; 1 Peter 2:2)

Individuals with this gift often demonstrate distinct motivations and behaviors related to teaching:

- **Systematic Study:** They have a deep love for researching and validating biblical information to ensure sound doctrine.
- **Transformational Focus:** They have a strong desire to see character change and spiritual maturity in others, rather than just transferring raw data or information.
- **Insight and Authority:** They also teach with a sense of divine authority and relevance that inspires others to learn and obey God's Word.