



In Christ Washington Church

Spiritual Gifts In Us

Gift of Teaching

Lesson 2

Connection

- What makes you feel if someone asks you to teach a group of people?
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Recap

- Definition: A spiritual gift is a significant ability given to each believer by the Holy Spirit, who in this way equips and moves members of the church to serve others in special ways for Christ and his kingdom.
- Different between spiritual gifts and talents: A talent is often mistaken for a Spiritual gift. These abilities are independent of our accepting Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Talent is “any natural ability or power; natural endowment.
- Facts about spiritual gifts: They are freely and graciously given. So there is no place for pride. They are given to serve, not to be served, in the body of Christ.
- Purposes of spiritual gifts: To build up the body of Christ, the Church; To serve others; To glorify the Lord.

Definition of the gift of teaching

- The gift of teaching is the ability to communicate the information in such a way that the members of the body of Christ understand how to apply the word of God to their own lives and ministries so that they may be built up, unify and mature in the body of Christ to be Christ's witnesses in word and deed in this world.
 - Ephesians.4:11-16
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Discerning the gift of Teaching

- **Those who have this gift are good students of the word of God and seek the truth passionately. Luke.1:1-4**
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- **Those who have this gift communicate the word of God in a clear and relevant way systematically, structurally and specifically. 2 Timothy 2:14**
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- **Those who have this gift defends the truth of God with grace and love.2 Timothy 4:3-5**
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- **Those who have this gift cares for others through their teaching. Colossians.1:28-29**
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- **Those who have this gift acquires knowledge of the word of God through others under the supervision of the Holy Spirit. Acts.1:1-3**
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- **Those who have this gift teaches through the examples. Titus.2:3-5**
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Dangers of misusing the gift of teaching

- **Proud of Knowledge. 1 Corinthians.8:11**
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- **Criticizing practical applications. 2 Timothy 3:16**
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- **Seeking Self-glory. Colossians.3:17**
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Examples of Those who had the gift of teaching in the New Testament.

- **Apollos: Acts.18:24-26a**

- **Acquila and Priscilla. Acts.18:26b-28**

- **Timothy. 1 Corinthians.4:17**

Reflection

1. Do you have this gift? Why or why not? Can you think of a time when a member of the body of Christ served as a teacher to you in the way the reading described? What specifically did that person do? What impact did it have on you?

2. Which are points standing out to you the most important in today's learning? Why? What do you find to be the greatest challenge?

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3. If you think that you have this gift, what can you do to strengthen this gift? If you think that you have neglected it, what could be done to stir up or rekindle it in you??
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