

BIBLE TEACHING:

DISCOVER YOUR GOD GIVEN GIFTS - PART 11

A. INTRODUCTION:

Further to the watchword to live by faith while claiming the gift of righteousness in Christ Jesus, we equally need to be trained in the understanding of how our fellow Christians and indeed other people around us function for us to do exploits and have signs and wonders following our gathering as we daily strive to live in one accord.

One thing is certain and undisputable we are divinely configured and wired distinctively but certainly to enable us function effectively in our dispensation and generation to the glory of God. While every person is gifted by God whether he is a Christian or not, the receiving of Christ releases the motivational gifts in a far greater measure thus opening up the way for the gifts to be used as God intended them to be used.

Today we shall be examining two of the **MOTIVATIONAL GIFTS** having earlier considered **PERCEIVER** and **SERVERS**.

B. CHARACTERISTICS OF TEACHERS

1. Presents truth in a logical, systematic way.
2. Validates truth by checking out the facts.
3. Loves to study and do research
4. Enjoys word studies.
5. Prefers to use biblical illustrations rather than life illustrations
6. Gets upset when Scripture is used out of context.
7. Feels concerned that truth be established in every situation.
8. is more objective than subjective.
9. Easily develops and uses a large vocabulary.
10. Emphasizes facts and the accuracy of words.
11. Checks out the source of knowledge of others who teach
12. Prefers teaching believers to engaging in evangelism
13. Feels Bible study is foundational to the operation of all the gifts
14. Solves problems by stating with scriptural principles
15. Is intellectually sharp
16. Is self-disciplined.

17. Is emotionally self-controlled
18. Has only a select circle of friends
19. Has strong convictions and opinions based on investigation of facts
20. Believes truth has the intrinsic power to produce change.

C. TYPICAL PROBLEM AREAS OF THE GIFT OF TEACHINGS

1. Tends to neglect the practical application of truth
2. Is slow to accept viewpoints of others
3. Tends to develop pride in intellectual ability
4. Tends to be legalistic and dogmatic
5. Is easily sidetracked by new interests.

D. BIBLICAL TEACHERS

Aquila and Priscilla - Acts 18:1-3, 24-28; Romans 16:3-5; 1 Corinthians 16:19; 2 Timothy 4:19.

Timothy - 1 and 2 Timothy; Acts 16:1-3; 1 Corinthians 4:17; 16:10-11

Thomas - John 20:24-28

Luke- Gospel of Luke and Acts.

E. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE EXHORTER

1. Loves to encourage others to live victoriously
2. Wants a visible response when teaching or speaking
3. Prefers to apply truth rather than research it.
4. Prefers systems of information that have practical application
5. Loves to prescribe precise steps of action to aid personal growth
6. Focuses on working with people
7. Encourages others to develop in their personal ministries
8. Finds truth in experience and then validates it with Scripture.
9. Loves to do personal counseling
10. Will discontinue personal counseling if no effort to change is seen
11. Is fluent in communication
12. Views trials as opportunities to produce personal growth
13. Accepts people as they are without judging them
14. Is greatly loved because of his positive attitude
15. Prefers to witness with life rather than verbal witnessing
16. Makes decisions easily
17. Always completes what is started
18. Wants to clear up problems with others quickly
19. Expects a lot of self and others

20. Needs a "sounding board" for bouncing off ideas and thoughts.

F. TYPICAL PROBLEM AREAS OF THE GIFT OF EXHORTATION

1. Tends to interrupt others in eagerness to give opinions or advice.
2. Will use Scriptures out of context in order to make a point
3. May be "cut and dried" in prescribing steps of action
4. Can become overly self-confident.
5. Is outspokenly opinionated.

G. EXAMPLE OF BIBLICAL EXHORTERS

Silas- Acts 15:22-40; 16:25, 29; 17:4, 10-15; 1 Peter 5:12

Titus- 2 Corinthians 2:13; 7:6, 13-14; 8:6-23; 12:18; Galatians 2:1, 3; 2 Timothy 4:10; Titus

Aaron- Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers.

H. CONCLUSION

One of the major obstacles that blocks the flow of our motivational gifts is trying to be someone that you are not wired and configured to be rather than being oneself. Succumbing to pressure to conform to a certain image poses obstacles to our gift. Trying also to imitate someone we admire unless we have the same motivational gift is counterproductive. We must follow who we are, be ourselves and follow God's plan for our lives.