

Spiritual Gifts Activation Seminar

Session 15: The gift of teacher

Definition:

- Teacher is one of the five ascension gifts that Jesus gives to certain members of the body of Christ. He/she is anointed with a special ability to communicate information relevant to the health and ministry of the body and its members in such a way that they learn to live more Christ-like

Characteristics of the Spiritual Gift of Teacher

- The teacher experiences a flow of revelation as he studies and meditates on scripture. He loves to teach and illustrate that revelation with others in creative ways
- The teacher has the ability to take complicated truths and communicate them in such a way that students both understand and readily apply them to their lives.
- Like Jesus, good teachers often use prophetic parables or stories to illustrate and to drive home the truth.
- The Spiritual gift of teaching is different than a learned skill. It has a prophetic edge to it.
 - There is a supernatural authority operating in the teaching
 - The supernatural is evident in the teacher knowing what to teach and how to say it.
- Jesus' teaching ministry to the 12 was interactive and spontaneous with Jesus often asking thought provoking questions
- Jesus illustrated truths with real life events: For example, the fig tree, the widow's offering, healing miracles, etc.
- Teachers know how to communicate truths in a way that is very relevant and practical

Recognizing the Teachers in the Body of Christ

- Great Christian authors often have the teaching gift. That's why they write so good.
- Pastors typically but not always have a strong teaching gift. (If the Pastor cannot hold an audience's attention for more than 10 min. he's probably not a teacher).
- You know you are listening to a teacher when he/she can hold your attention for long periods of time. Your mind is being renewed and your lifestyle is changing.

One with a Budding Teaching Gift

- You love to meditate on the word and read good Christian books.
- You are fascinated by great teachers and enjoy listening to their cds/podcasts
- You have an unusual ability to teach children. You can hold their attention
- You may be a teacher in your secular career
- You find great fulfillment in helping others learn God's word and grow in the Lord.