

Spiritual Gifts Activation Seminar

Session Eight: The Gifts of Hospitality, Helps, and Administration

Supporting Gifts

- The forerunner gifts of apostle, prophet, and revivalist accomplish very little fruit without supporting gifts around them.
- The gifts of administration, helps and hospitality, etc. often function as supporting gifts to leaders in the body.
- Because they are not as sensational as some of the power gifts they do not always attract the honor due them.

The Gift of Administration

- The gift of administration is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to understand clearly the immediate and long range goals of a particular unit of the body of Christ and to devise and execute effective plans for the accomplishment of those goals.
- **An Essential Spiritual Gift**
“And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?” (1 Cor. 12:28)
- No ministry can accomplish much without the gift of administration.
- **Placing the Administrators**
“Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” (Acts 6:1-4)
- **About the Gift of Administration**
 - Visionaries and administrators desperately need each other.
 - Leadership includes casting a vision and then implementing it. The gift of administration is essential for the implementation.
 - Administrators have the grace to work with the nuts and bolts of a vision and to bring all the pieces together for success.
 - Deacons have this gift. Typically apostles are weak in it.

The Gift of Helps

- The gift of helps is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to invest the talents they have in the life and ministry of other members of the body, with thus enabling those others to increase the effectiveness of their own spiritual gifts.

- **Jesus Needs Those With the Gift of Helps**

“There were also women looking on from afar, among whom were Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the Less and of Joses, and Salome, who also followed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee, and many other women who came up with Him to Jerusalem” (Mark 15:40-41)

- **About the Gift of Helps**

- Sometimes there is a blending of the gift of administration and the gift of helps
- Its secular counterpart would be consider a personal assistant.
- When, for example, one with the gift of helps is a personal assistant to an apostle that apostolic anointing is extending through the helper to extend his influence and effectiveness.

The Gift of Hospitality

- The gift of hospitality is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to provide an open house and a warm welcome to those in need of food, lodging and friendship.

- **Scriptural Examples**

- *“Cheerfully share your home with those who need a meal or a place to stay” (1 Pet. 4.9)*
- *“When God’s people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to practice hospitality” (Rom 12.13)*
- Lydia (Acts 16:14) She was also an evangelist.
- *“Don’t forget to show hospitality to strangers, for some who have done this have entertained angels without realizing it!” (Heb. 13:2)*

- **About the Gift of Hospitality**

- A very essential gift in house church networks and in the 1st century church.
- One with this gift gets excited about sharing the comforts of their home with others.
- Most ministry of the New Testament was accomplished within homes, around meals and administered in some way through the gift of hospitality.
- The ministry of the seventy (Luke 10:5-9)