



What Is A Spiritual Gift?



PART 2

Gifts for ***SHEPHERDING***

- ❖ Administration
- ❖ Apostle
- ❖ Leadership
- ❖ **Pastor/Shepherd**
- ❖ Teaching



Pastoring/Shepherding

(Eph. 4:11-12, 1 Peter 5:1-4, Jer. 23:4, Heb. 13:17, 1 Tim. 3:2, John 10:11)

The gift to guide, oversee, shepherd and spiritually build-up a specific group of believers in matters concerning Christ and the church.

I. Characteristics of a Pastor/Shepherd:

A. He/she is self-sacrificing when it comes to his/her flock.

B. He/she is more concerned with doing for you than you doing for him/her.

Characteristics of a Pastor/Shepherd:

- C. He/she is faithful and devoted to his/her flock, often becoming a workaholic.
- D. He/she learns to become an all-purpose person in order to meet needs.

II. Special Needs and Weaknesses of a Pastor/Shepherd:

A. He/she fails to involve other people.

B. He/she becomes too involved by doing it all him/herself; too independent.

Special Needs and Weaknesses of a Pastor/Shepherd:

C. He/she doesn't make people accountable to the rest of the group.

D. He/she may become unevangelistic because they already have so many to shepherd.

Special Needs and Weaknesses of a Pastor/Shepherd:

- E. He/she may become overly protective of his/her flock.
- F. He/she tends to use other people.

III. How the Pastor/Shepherd is Misunderstood by Others:

- A. Others think it is his/her job to do all the work.
- B. Others think he/she should always be available.
- C. Others think he/she knows all of the answers.

How the Pastor/Shepherd is Misunderstood by Others:

- D. Others think he/she should be at every social function.
- E. Others think he/she should do all of the evangelism.

IV. How Satan Attacks the Gift of Pastor/Shepherd:

- A. Causes discouragement because the load gets heavy.
- B. Causes pride because his/her sheep look up to him/her.

How Satan Attacks the Gift of Pastor/Shepherd:

- C. Causes family problems because of too little time and attention.
- D. Causes selfishness when "sheep" feed in other pastures.

V. Where to Use the Gift of Pastor/Shepherd:

- A. As a Sunday School teacher.
- B. As a Pastor or Assistant Pastor.
- C. As a bus captain or bus pastor.
- D. As a special ministry leader
(Youth, Children, etc.)

Where to Use the Gift of Pastor/Shepherd:

- E. As a half-way house, runaway or abuse worker.
- F. As a den mother for scout troops.
- G. As a dormitory leader in college, orphanage, children's home, etc.

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Teacher

(Eph. 4:11-12, 1 Cor. 12:29, Rom. 12:7, Acts 11:25-26, 13:1, 15:35, John 7:16)

The gift to communicate God's word to God's people in order that they might understand spiritual truths and insights and thus learn, grow, and mature in Jesus Christ.

The **Teacher** has the Spirit-given capacity and desire to serve God by making clear the truth of the Word of God with accuracy and simplicity.

He/she is the scholar
making clear the
doctrine and
teachings of the Bible.

- I. Characteristics of a Teacher:
 - A. Has a love for the Word.
 - B. Usually enjoys reading.
 - C. He/she is not usually an extrovert and may be a little shy of strangers.
 - D. Prefers groups over individuals when teaching.

Characteristics of a Teacher:

- E. Creative and imaginative.
- F. Usually confident in his/her drive to accomplish; has an accurate self-image.
- G. Generally self-disciplined.

Characteristics of a Teacher:

- H. Sometimes technical; usually methodical.
- I. He/she is genius prone.
- J. Loves charts/graphs/lists.

II. Burdens, Desires, and Strengths of a Teacher:

- A. He/she has a great burden to know and teach the whole Bible.
- B. He/she relies highly upon the authority of the Scriptures.
- C. He/she has an organized system to store facts.

Burdens, Desires, and Strengths of a Teacher:

D. He/she sometimes would rather just do research, but "must teach" because others would not teach it the way he/she would.

E. The use of a verse out of context upsets him/her.

Burdens, Desires, and Strengths of a Teacher:

- F. He/she will question the knowledge of those who teach him.
- G. He/she puts a great importance on education.

Burdens, Desires, and Strengths of a Teacher:

- H. He/she is an accumulator of knowledge and is analytical.
- I. He/she is usually objective in making decisions, based on facts not feelings.

Burdens, Desires, and Strengths of a Teacher:

J. He/she enjoys studying for long periods of time. Likes it quiet and needs time to think.

K. He/she likes to see things clearly. Always looking for ways to communicate truth.

III. Special Needs and Weaknesses of a Teacher:

- A. Causes discouragement and disenchantment because of other's lack of interest.
- B. Causes lack of zeal.

IV. Where to Use the Gift of Teaching:

A. As a teacher of teachers.

B. As writer and developer of curriculum.

C. As a Bible College/Seminary teacher.

Where to Use the Gift of Teaching:

D. As a Bible Institute teacher in the local church.

E. As a Missionary-teacher.

F. As a correspondence course instructor.