

Spiritual Gift: KNOWLEDGE

Definition: to seek to learn as much about the Bible as possible through the gathering of much information and the analyzing of that data

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:8

Greek Word: gnosis - primarily a seeking to know, inquiry, investigation --science, knowledge

Scriptural Role Models to Study: Apollos (Acts 18:24-28)

Characteristics of Someone with this Gift:

- ___ known as a scholar of the Bible
- ___ enjoys searching for answers to difficult questions in God's Word
- ___ able to take information from several sources and come up with an answer or a thesis about a subject
- ___ takes great joy in discovering Bible truths on one's own

Ministry Areas & Tasks Using This Gift:

Speaking/Teaching Ministry:
preparation for speaking or teaching, writing

Staff-Support Ministry:
research

Other Ministry:
prepare plan or presentation for a ministry vision or project

Observations About This Gifting:

- There are those who would define the gift of knowledge as having some extra-biblical revelation.
- People with the gift of knowledge tend to display analytical ability and objective thinking.
- People with the gift of knowledge ought to avoid carrying the primary responsibility to lead or implement the plan they have helped to devise unless accompanied by other gifting.
- Those with the gift of knowledge and not of teaching may be boring. Few people can learn from them. They have good material but it is hard to stay with them. Those with the gift of knowledge and teaching might not show quite the intellectual capacities of the pure scholar because much of their energy is invested in working out ways and means to effectively present the knowledge they have accumulated. A teacher with the gift of knowledge is able to develop a lesson from scratch whereas those with the gift of teaching but not knowledge will tend to want the help of pre-written curriculum.