

Spiritual Gift: LEADERSHIP

Definition: to stand before the people in such a way as to attend to the direction of the body with such care and diligence so as to motivate others to get involved in the accomplishment of these goals

Scripture: Romans 12:8

Greek Word: proistemi - to stand before, to preside, be over (literally the one who stands upfront)

Scriptural Role Models to Study: Nehemiah

Characteristics of Someone with this Gift:

- ___ people respect and follow this person's direction
- ___ good at setting goals and seeing the direction the body should take
- ___ able to guide and motivate people to join in the achievement of one's goals
- ___ if in a group where there is no leader, will assume leadership
- ___ a goal-setter

Ministry Areas & Tasks Using This Gift:

Christian Education Ministry:
goal-setter of any variety of Christian education ministries

Visionary Ministry:
pastor, elder, leader of a variety of target groups, overseer, steering committee

Observations About This Gifting:

- The distinction between the gift of administration and leadership must be made. Two different Greek words are used. Administration (kubernesis) means to steer or guide as a helmsman. An administrator works more on the accomplishment of goals whereas a leader is the one who is more a goal-setter.
- A person with the gift of leadership should avoid being placed in a position that requires devotion to details and implementation of particulars.
- There needs to be an understanding on the limits of a spiritual leader's authority. Gifted leaders do not manipulate or coerce (Mk. 10:42-45). Rather, because they know where they are going, they generate a confidence.