

Spiritual Gift: EXHORTATION

Definition: to come along side of someone with words of encouragement, comfort, consolation, and counsel to help them be all God wants them to be

Scripture: Romans 12:8

Greek Word: paraklesis - calling to one's side

Scriptural Role Models to Study: Barnabas (Acts 4:36; 11:22-26)

Characteristics of Someone with this Gift:

- ___ people often come to this person with their personal problems for counsel
- ___ enjoys encouraging those who are discouraged and down-hearted
- ___ often challenge others to reach their potential in Christ
- ___ available to talk with others
- ___ admonishes others to go on with the Lord

Ministry Areas & Tasks Using This Gift:

Benevolence Ministry:

cards/notes, counseling, support groups, phone contacting

Counseling Ministry:

counseling, care group leader, support group ministry

Shepherding Ministry:

individual or small group discipleship, follow-up with new converts

Speaking/Teaching Ministry:

exhortations, sermonettes, sermons, teaching, training

Staff-Support Ministry:

encouragement

Worship Ministry:

through singing, testimonies

Observations About This Gifting:

- People with this gift tend to be process-oriented, not goal-oriented.
- People with the gift of exhortation must take caution against: 1) pride in their motivational ability, 2) becoming overloaded with too many people demands
- Someone with this gift may not become involved in long-term commitment as would a pastor but becomes concerned with the spiritual welfare of a brother or sister for the period of time it takes to help that person and then moves on to another person in need.meets a particular need of a particular person at a particular time.