

The Gift of Teaching

Romans 12:7b If [your gift] is teaching, then teach.

1. Teaching

Researches and teaches the Bible with the purpose of keeping us studying and learning. If you have the gift of teaching, you tend to clarify truths and concepts and have a real passion for the truth. You can communicate information relevant to the health and ministry of the body in a way that others will learn. You find it easy to teach or coach things to other people, no matter what the subject or topic is.

2. Common attributes of Teachers:

Presents truth in a logical, systematic way.

Validates truth by checking out the facts.

Loves to study and do research.

Enjoys word studies.

Prefers to use biblical illustrations rather than life illustrations.

Gets upset when Scripture is used out of context.

Is more objective (facts, figures, data) than subjective (feelings, perceptions).

Easily develops and uses a large vocabulary.

Emphasises facts and insists on using words accurately.

Checks out the source and tests the knowledge of those who teach them.

Feels Bible study is foundational to the operation of all the gifts.

Solves problems by starting with scriptural principles.

Is intellectually sharp.

Is self-disciplined.

Has only a select circle of friends.

Has strong convictions and opinions based on investigation of facts.

Feels concerned that truth be established in every situation.

Prefers teaching believers to engaging in evangelism.

Is emotionally self-controlled.

Believes truth has the intrinsic power to produce change.

3. Common problem areas for Teachers:

Is slow to accept viewpoints of others.

Tends to neglect the practical application of truth.

Tends to develop pride in intellectual ability.

Tends to be legalistic and dogmatic.

4. Example of a woman in the Bible who was a teacher:

Priscilla (and Aquilla) (Acts 18:1-3, 18-28)

5. Jesus Christ the teacher.

6. Practical applications of the gift of teaching in life and in the church family.