

Exhortation (Encouragement)

Description:

Persons with this gift offer deep and inspiring hope to the fellowship and look for and commend the best in everyone. They motivate others to grow in their faith or confront and urge to action those who are discouraged.

Distinctives:

People with this gift:

- Come to the side of those who are discouraged to strengthen and reassure them
- Challenge, comfort, or confront others to trust and hope in the promises of God
- Urge others to action by applying biblical truth
- Motivate others to grow
- Emphasize God's promises and to have confidence in His will.

Traits:

- Positive
- Motivating
- Challenging
- Affirming
- Reassuring
- Supportive
- Trustworthy

Cautions:

- Can sometimes be overly optimistic, too simplistic or flattering.
- Should first take time to understand where others are and what they really need.
- May want to say "positive" things to others and avoid being confrontational.

Biblical Examples:

Exodus 31:3

Exodus 35:31-35

Acts 9:36-39

2 Kings 22:5-6

Ministry Suggestions:

Children's Ministry

Potter's House Interviewer

Student Ministry

Stephen Ministry