

Teaching

The gift of teaching is the ability to communicate factual, psychological, moral, or spiritual truths, ideas or theories that enables others to learn and contributes to the spiritual health of individuals and the church.

Scriptural References

Acts 18:24-27, Acts 20:20-21, 2 Timothy 1:5, 2 Timothy 2:2, James 3:1

Biblical Models

Moses, Jesus, Paul, Priscilla, Lois and Eunice

People with this gift can

- Use age-appropriate methods and materials.
- Communicate information to inspire greater faith.
- Take time to pray, prepare, study and reflect.
- Test their understandings with elders and leaders.
- See both the forest and the trees, and help others to make similar distinctions and connections.

Cautions

- Teachers will be judged more strictly than others (James 3:1).
- Should exercise this gift with a high degree of responsibility and thoroughness.
- Must practice what they teach.

Personal Traits

- Systematic
- Comprehensive
- Perceptive
- Articulate
- Disciplined
- Teachable
- Analytical

Tips for nurturing this gift

- Prepare in advance.
- If you ever stop learning, stop teaching.
- Engage in continuous bible study.
- Stay up to date on teaching skills, techniques, and technologies.

Possible Tasks

- Small group leader, Sunday School, youth group, new member / baptism classes, Bible study leader, ...

Not to be confused with the responsibility of all Christians to ...

Learn.