

This gift includes the ideas of \_\_\_\_\_, pleading, encouraging, warning, strengthening, and \_\_\_\_\_. At one time, the gift may be used to persuade a believer to \_\_\_\_\_ from a sin or bad habit and at a later time to \_\_\_\_\_ the same person to maintain his correct behaviour. The gift may be used to admonish the church as a whole to obedience to the Word.

One who exhorts may be used of God to encourage and \_\_\_\_\_ a weak believer who is facing a difficult trial or persistent temptation. It can be also used to \_\_\_\_\_ a person who is suffering or facing trouble physically or emotionally.

In summary, it might be said that, just as prophecy \_\_\_\_\_ the truth and teaching systematically \_\_\_\_\_ the truth, exhortation calls believers to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the truth, to live as Christians are supposed to live- consistent with God's revealed will. In many servants of Christ, all these abilities are uniquely blended!

## “No Pain; No Gain” 2

### Spiritual Gifts, Part 4

**Text: Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 1:28**

2. M\_\_\_\_\_ or helps (Romans 12:7a; 1 Corinthians 12:28)

Service is translated from *Diakonia* whose root word is (διάκονος) *diakonos*, from which we get the word \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 6:3-4)

. Helps is the gift of \_\_\_\_\_ in the broadest sense of helping and \_\_\_\_\_ others in day to day, often unnoticed, ways. It is the same gift as that of ministry. It means to take the \_\_\_\_\_ off someone else and \_\_\_\_\_ it on oneself. That gift is one of the most widely distributed of any, and is a gift that is immeasurable important in supporting those who minister with other gifts.

The gift of helps/ ministry is not glamorous or showy and often is not highly \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. But it is God's gift, and its faithful ministry is highly prized by Him and by any leader who knows the value of supporting people \_\_\_\_\_ the scenes.

This gift applies beyond the office of the \_\_\_\_\_ and is the idea in Paul's charge to the Ephesians elders to "help the weak (Acts 20:35). The gift of ministry/ helps is manifested in every sort of \_\_\_\_\_ help that Christians can give one another in Jesus' name.

3. \_\_\_\_\_ (12:7b; Romans 12:7)

It refers to the act of teaching or imparting knowledge and can refer to the \_\_\_\_\_ as well as the act of \_\_\_\_\_ that content.

The Christian who teaches is divinely gifted with the special ability to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ God's truth \_\_\_\_\_. The primary difference between teaching and prophesying is not in the content but in the distinction between the ability to \_\_\_\_\_ and the ability to give systematic and regular \_\_\_\_\_ in God's Word.

The early church was characterized by regular \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 2:42). Paul's spiritual gifts included both \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Timothy 1:11).

Other examples of teaching in the Bible:

1. The Great \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 28:19-20)
2. Paul's charge to \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Timothy 2:2)
3. Paul and \_\_\_\_\_ in Antioch (Acts 15:35)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ (Acts 18:24-25)
5. \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 25:27,32)

Regular systematic teaching of the Word of God is the \_\_\_\_\_ function of the pastor- teacher. He is required to be "apt to teach" (1 Timothy 3:2) and to hold "fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers." Titus 1:9 Pastors are not the only ones the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ and empowers to teach. But if the pastor's ministry is to be judged, among other things, on the soundness of his teachings, then it seems reasonable to assume that, in some measure, he should have the \_\_\_\_\_ of teaching.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ (12:8)

The connotation of this gifts is broad which is why we have said to view each individual gift as a "category".

Both the verb and noun form of this word come from the same two Greek words (*Para* and *Kaleo*) and have the literal meaning of calling someone to one's \_\_\_\_\_. They are closely related to *parakletos* (advocate, \_\_\_\_\_, helper), a title Jesus used both of \_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:16) and of the \_\_\_\_\_ (John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7) In 1 John 2:1, this word is translated "\_\_\_\_\_" referring to Jesus Christ.