

Motivational Gift of Teacher

Romans 12:6 Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them ... he who teaches, in teaching;

“A church is only as good as the devotion and discipline of those with the gift of teaching”

Definition:

Didasko: to give instruction

Description

- The special ability that God gives to certain members of the body of Christ to communicate information relevant to the health and ministry of the body and its members in such a way that others will learn.
- They protect the body from false teachings and sinful life-styles and give us spiritual food on which to grow and mature in our Christian lives.

Usually:

- Organized
- Articulate
- Enthusiastic
- Disciplined
- Authoritative
- Analytical
- Expressive
- Practical

Scriptural Examples:

- Luke (Gospel of Luke and Acts)
- Thomas the apostle (John 20:24-29)
- Apollos (Acts 18:24-28; 1 Corinthians 3:4-6)

Characteristics:

1. They like to present their material systematically

Luke 1:3 it seemed good to me ... to write to you an orderly account, most excellent Theophilus,

2. They are researchers, enjoying spending hours studying a subject. They desire to gain as much knowledge as possible. A teacher will be a reader

Proverbs 18:15 The heart of the prudent acquires knowledge, And the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.

3. They love building believers in their understanding. They prefer teaching believers to engaging in evangelism. They are a vital part in discipleship

Matthew 28:19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

4. They give attention to details, make sure statements are accurate and true, and notice things others miss

Acts 17:11 These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so.

5. They devote themselves to seeking God and His word

Ezra 7:10 For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the Law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach statutes and ordinances in Israel.

Misuse/Abuse of gift:

1. Relying on human reason and natural abilities rather than the revelation and supernatural anointing of God. They put the mind above the Holy Spirit and exalt pet doctrines and personal opinions above Jesus and the good of others.

2. Teaching without praying

3. Studying to teach, instead of mediating in the word for the Lord to speak into their lives. They, like all of us, need personal devotions. We need to learn to live off of the overflow of our personal relationship and daily manna from the Lord, not just when we are studying to teach

4. Presenting material that is complicated and impractical

5. Proudful of superior biblical knowledge and understanding resulting in boasting.

1 Corinthians 8:1 ... We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.

6. Being proud of natural accomplishments and degrees, short circuiting God's grace in their gifting

James 4:6 But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

7. Not being balanced in flowing in the gifts of the holy spirit. Teaching and the gifts should go together

Mark 16:20 they ... preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs.

8. Can get angry at those who appear uninterested

9. They can become un teachable "I already knew that. I had already heard that teaching"

10. Being more concerned with research than the response of their students. They can become a cold individual and more "hung up" on books, rather than people

11. Appearance of disinterest in others' teaching. Being too critical of another's teaching and ministry. They disqualify others if they make one mistake. Rejecting the teaching of lesser educated people

John 7:15 And the Jews marveled, saying, "How does this Man know letters, having never studied?"

12. Boring listeners with too many unnecessary facts or details rather than communicating basic life principles

13. They can become monotone and not improve themselves as public speakers

14. Taking teaching to extremes. Truth out of balance leads to heresy and imbalance begins by studying one stream of doctrine. When a teacher communicates truth out of balance, argumentation and division are the result. The teacher may tend to be legalistic and dogmatic. They can major in minors

2 Timothy 2:23-26 But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, 25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, 26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

Practical:

1. Learn to listen to God's revelation on what you should be teaching. This is the work of the Holy Spirit (John 14:17)
2. Learn to listen to and respect the viewpoint of others, even if you do not agree with it
3. Take the opportunities you can for Bible training
4. Avoid concentrating on one particular field of study, as this can lead to imbalance
5. Look for the practical applications of what is being taught and be an example of what you are teaching

Complimenting Gifts:

- Discerning of spirits
- Knowledge
- Wisdom

Ministries:

- Bible school teacher
- Youth activities leader
- Lay Evangelist
- Bible study leader
- Elder
- Counselor

Scriptures:

Matthew 7:28-29 And so it was, when Jesus had ended these sayings, that the people were astonished at His teaching, 29 for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.

Acts 18:24-28 Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. 25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. 26 So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. 27 And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him; and when he arrived, he greatly helped those who had believed through grace; 28 for he vigorously refuted the Jews publicly, showing from the Scriptures that Jesus is the Christ.

Acts 20:20-21 "how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, 21 "testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Timothy 4:16 Take heed to yourself and to the doctrine. Continue in them, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.

2 Timothy 2:1-2 You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:15 (KJS) Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,

Titus 2:7-8 in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, 8 sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.

James 3:1-2 My brethren, let not many of you become teachers, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment. 2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

Some Bible school teachers are so boring they should be hosed down with cold water