

TEACHING

<p>The gift of Teaching involves studying, understanding, explaining, and applying Scripture's truths in such a way that people grow in their own understanding, are challenged, and are inspired to apply what they've learned. This can be done in a church or other context, since God's truth is true everywhere. Those who have this gift teach with authority, relevance, insight, and stimulate the hearers, through the work of the Spirit, so they are motivated to learn, understand and apply what they hear.</p>	<p>This is one of my gifts _____</p> <p>I am unsure if I have this gift _____</p> <p>This is not one of my gifts _____</p>
<p>Questions on the assessment that pertain to Teaching:</p>	<p>Review each question and jot down what comes to mind:</p>
<p><i>I can usually explain Biblical truth to people in a way that allows them to "get it."</i></p>	
<p><i>I am able to connect God's truth with today's life situations.</i></p>	
<p><i>Others have consistently said that they have learned from or been challenged by my teaching.</i></p>	
<p>Some words that describe people with this gift:</p>	<p>Put a checkmark below if you feel the word describes you:</p>
<p>Communicator</p>	
<p>Instructor</p>	
<p>Accurate</p>	
<p>Thorough</p>	
<p>Insightful</p>	
<p>Inspiring</p>	
<p>Potential negatives to this gift:</p>	<p>Check the ones that feel like particular warnings for your use of the gift:</p>
<p>May see teaching as only a talent or skill instead of recognizing it being enabled by the power of the Holy Spirit.</p>	
<p>May become prideful in the attention received or results seen.</p>	
<p>May use the gift in inappropriate settings—where people might need mercy, hospitality, intercession, etc. instead.</p>	



Some possible ways to serve using this gift:	Check which ways to serve sound like a potential fit for you, or add to the list:
• Sunday School/Vacation Bible School teacher/assistant	
• Adult Education teacher/Bible study leader	
• Mentor/coach	
• Preacher	
• School teacher/educator/professor	
• Worship leader	
• Youth ministry	
• In one-on-one settings	

Quotations from individuals with this gift:

NK: "I believe that the gift of teaching has manifested in such a way that I have increased patience, compassion and creativity. With this, I am humbled to reach out and help empower children to see their own gifts."

SB: "I facilitate a group that includes one Jewish woman, one skeptic, one atheist, and five Christians of mixed denominations. Our practice is to study a book of the Bible, gather for an hour, take turns reading out loud, and pause to reflect. I prepare ahead of time with historical or theological frames of reference that I offer in hopes of deepening their understanding of the passage. There is always an opportunity for the women to share out of their lives. I am not sure how to capture in words this wonderful thing that has happened with these women. I use this gift of teaching to open the Word of God to others so that they, too, can behold him, Father, Son and Spirit. I try to create thin places where he can make himself known."

WA: "Through the spiritual gift of teaching, the Holy Spirit 'reveals all things' to the Body of Christ by providing insights through a willing communicator. Knowing that the Holy Spirit will provide these insights frees me to serve as a class or small group leader."

KG: "Having the gift of teaching allows me to naturally teach the gospel and other truth to those around me. I see this gift at work in my friendships, my ministry to college women, and my job in children and family ministry."

If you think you have this gift, write your own quotation (a description of what this looks like in your life):

Having reviewed this gift in detail above, who else do you think exhibits this gift?

Jot down your reactions/reflections here: