

Sunday, June 26, 2022

1 Timothy 4:13, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.”

Purpose: I want to INFORM my congregation to learn about THEIR MOTIVATIONAL GIFTING(S) from the Father that help ‘spark’ our Walking in Our Calling.

Title: Motivational Gifts for Our Calling, Part 2

Series: Walking in Our Calling...4

Text: Romans 12:1 – 10

4. Motivational Gift of Exhortation:

~ vs. 8, “the one who exhorts (G3870 parakaleo), in his exhortation (G3974 paraklesis)”

~ These two Greek words sound familiar.

John 14:16, “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper (G3875 parakletos), to be with you forever.”

~ In the KJV is translated 109 times: beseech 43 times, comfort 23 times, exhort 21 times, desire 8 times, pray 6 times, intreat 3 times, miscellaneous 4 times, besought 1 time To call to one’s side; to address, to speak to, to admonish, exhort, to beg, to entreat, beseech

~ Spirit Filled Life Bible (first edition, page 2024) note on Exhortation: a) Literally means to call aside for the purpose of making an appeal. b) In a broader sense it means to entreat, comfort, or instruct (Acts 4:36; Hebrews 10:25)

~ Luke 3:18, “So with many other exhortations he (John the Baptist) preached good news to the people.”

~ Acts 2:40, “And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this crooked generation.’”

~ Acts 14:22, “strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.”

~ Those with the MOTIVATIONAL gift of exhortation are pleasant to have around as they build you up and do not tear you down.

5. Motivational Gift of Giving (Contributes):

~ vs. 8, “the one who contributes (G3330 metadidomi), in generosity;”

~ Metadidomi used 5 times: impart 3 times, give 2 times

~ Spirit Filled Life Bible (first edition, page 2024) note on GIVING: a) The essential meaning is to give out of a spirit of generosity. b) In a more technical sense it refers to those with resources aiding those without such resources (2 Corinthians 8:2; 9:11 – 13). c) This gift is to be exercised without outward show or price and with liberality. (2 Corinthians 1:12; 8:2; 9:11, 13)

~ Luke 3:11, “And He answered them, ‘Whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise.’”

~ Romans 1:11, “For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—”

~ Ephesians 4:28, “Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.”

~ 1 Thessalonians 2:8, “So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.”

~ Those with the MOTIVATIONAL gift of giving are sensitive to the needs of others.

6. Motivation Gift of Leading:

~ vs. 8, “the one who leads (G4291 proistemi), with zeal (or diligence);”

~ Proistemi used 8 times: rule 5 times, maintain 2 times, be over 1 time. To set or place before: to set over; to be over, to superintend, preside over; to be a protector or guardian, to give aid; to care for, give attention to. Romans 12:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:12; 1 Timothy 3:4* 5, 12; 1 Timothy 5:17*; Titus 3:8, 14

~ Spirit Filled Life Study Bible (first edition, page 2024) note on LEADERSHIP: a) Refers to the one “standing in front.” b) Involves the exercise of the Holy Spirit in modeling, superintending, and developing the body of Christ. c) Leadership is to be exercised with diligence.

~ 1 Timothy 3:4 – 5, “He must manage (G4291) his own household well, with all dignity keeping his children submissive, (5) for if someone does not know how to manage (G4291) his own household, how will he care for God’s church?”

~ 1 Timothy 5:17, “Let the elders who rule (4291) well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.”

~ The greatest danger for those with the MOTIVATIONAL gift of leading is to allow the relationship to become more of a master and servant model than a concerned coach and dedicated disciple model! Leadership has nothing to do with boss-ship and every thing to do with loving care for a fellow disciple. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 4:15, “For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”

7. The Motivational Gift of Mercy:

~ vs. 8, “the one who does acts of mercy (G1653 eleeo), with cheerfulness.”

~ Eleeo is used 31 times: have mercy on 14 times; obtain mercy 8 times; show mercy 2 times; various (compassion on, pity on, mercy on) 7 times to have mercy on; to help one afflicted; to bring help to the wretched; to experience mercy Matthew 5:7, Matthew 18:33, Luke 16:24, Philippians 2:27

~ Spirit Filled Life Study Bible (first edition, page 2024) note on MERCY: a) To feel sympathy with the misery of others. b) To relate to others in empathy, respect, and honesty. c) To be effective, this gift is to be exercised with kindness and cheerfulness – not as a matter of duty.

~ 1 Timothy 1:16, “But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life.”

~ The MOTIVATION gift of mercy empowers the individual to have more than concern for individuals but the ability to have deep empathy for them.

Conclusion:

James 1:17, “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.”