

Sunday, June 12, 2022

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

Title: Motivational Gifts for Our Calling

Series: Walking in Our Calling ... 3

Text: Romans 12:1 - 10,

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.

Introduction:

- ~ Today we will consider some of the MOTIVATIONAL gifts that help release our individual calling.
- ~ Motivation, meaning from Cambridge Dictionary: 1) enthusiasm for doing something; 2) the need or reason for doing something; 3) willingness to do something, or something that causes such a willingness
- ~ Job 23:10, "*But he knows the way (H1870, derek) that I take; when he has tried me, I shall come out as gold.*"
- Derek - way, road, distance, journey, manner: a) road, way, path; b) journey; c) direction; d) manner, habit, way; e) of course of life; f) of moral character

l~ Doing laundry may not FIT what I think my MOTIVATIONAL gift(s) is BUT it is a task that I need to participate in! Gifting and responsibility are different issues.

1. Motivational Gift of Prophecy:

- ~ vs. 6, "if prophecy, in proportion to our faith"
- ~ This particular gift is included in each of the three major groupings of gifts
- ~ Spirit Filled Life Bible (first edition, page 2023) note on Prophecy: a) To speak with forthrightness and insight, especially when enabled by the Spirit of God; b) To demonstrate moral boldness and uncompromising commitment to worthy values; c) To influence others in one's arena of influence with a positive spiritual righteousness.
- ~ 1 Chronicles 12:32, "*Of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, 200 chiefs, and all their kinsmen under their command.*"
- ~ 2 Samuel 12:7, "*Nathan said to David, "You are the man!..."*"
- ~ 2 Samuel 24:2, "*But Joab said to the king, "May the LORD your God add to the people a hundred times as many as they are, while the eyes of my lord the king still see it, but why does my lord the king delight in this thing."*"
- ~ Those individuals with this MOTIVATIONAL gift are often viewed as seeing things as black or white with very little or no shades of grey.

2. Motivational Gift of Service:

- ~ vs. 7, "if service (G1248 diakonia), in your serving (G1248 diakonia);"
- ~ This gift is also recorded as a MANIFESTED gift in 1 Corinthians 12:5

~ diakonia is used 34 in the New Testament and as a noun is translated in the KJV as: ministry 16 times, ministration 6 times, ministering 3 times, miscellaneous words 9 times

Service, ministering, esp. of those who execute the commands of others, the office of the deacon in the church

~ Spirit Filled Life Bible (first edition, page 2023) note on Ministry (Service): a) to minister and render loving, general service to meet the needs of others. b) Illustrated in the work and office of the deacon (Matthew 20:26).

~ Matthew 20:28 "*even as the Son of Man came not to be served (G1247 diakoneo) but to serve (G1247 diakoneo) and to give his life as a ransom for many.*"

~ Luke 10:40, "*But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me."*"

~ Revelation 2:19, "I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first."

~ Those with the MOTIVATIONAL gift of service are quick to spot unmet needs!

3. Motivation Gift of Teaching:

~ vs. 7, "*the one who teaches (G1321 didasko), in his teaching (G 1319 didaskalia);*"

~ This gift is also listed with the MINISTRY gifts in Ephesians 4

~ didaskalia is used 21 times in the New Testament and is translated in the KJV 19 times as doctrine, 1 time as teaching and 1 time as learning

~ Spirit Filled Life Study Bible (first edition, page 2024) note on Teaching: a) The supernatural ability to explain and apply the truths received from God for the church. b) Presupposes study and illumination providing the ability to make divine truth clear to the people of God. c) Considered distinct from the work of the prophet who speaks as the direct mouth piece of God.

~ Matthew 15:9, "*in vain do they worship me with their lips, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.*"

~ Romans 15:4, "*For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.*"

~ 1 Timothy 1:1 – 10 Read all

~ 1 Timothy 4:1 – 16 Read all

~ 2 Timothy 3:1 – 17 Read all

~ James 3:1, "*Not many of you should become teachers (G1320 didaskalos), my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with the greater strictness.*"

~ The greatest danger for those with the MOTIVATIONAL gift of teaching is to substitute the Word of God with their own ideas.

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.*"