

THE SPIRITUAL GIFT OF TEACHING

All Christians are called to be witnesses of the Gospel, but some are given an extra measure of faith and effectiveness in this area. Teachers have a unique ability to communicate what the Bible says, what it means, and how we as followers of Jesus Christ are to apply it to our lives here and now.

People with this gift...

- Possess enthusiasm for sharing the Christian faith which ignites a love for learning in others.
- Are able to explain complex ideas clearly, making ideas about theology and the life of faith accessible and understandable to others.
- Possess in-depth knowledge of Scripture, theology, and Christian doctrine, guiding their teaching.
- Patiently guide and support learners, adapting teaching to individual needs and challenges.
- Understand the struggles and concerns of learners and create a nurturing and supportive learning environment.
- Are flexible in their teaching methods, using diverse approaches to cater to various learning styles.
- Use discernment to recognize the spiritual needs and readiness of learners, tailoring teaching accordingly.
- Recognize that knowledge comes from God, so teach with humility, seeking wisdom from above.
- Commit to lifelong learning, remaining open to new insights and perspectives in teaching.

*"Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."—
Philippians 4:9 (NIV)*

Putting your gift into action...

The gift of teaching is often regarded as one of the primary spiritual gifts, alongside gifts such as prophecy, healing, administration, and others. It is seen as the ability to effectively communicate and explain the truths of the Christian faith, both to believers for their edification and growth, and to non-believers for evangelism and outreach.

In our Parish, people with this gift can:

- Study Scripture and other literature about the life of faith
- Answer questions about what it means to be a Christian when someone asks
- Assist with Sunday school
- Lead a Lenten study or Bible study
- Participate in or lead adult education series
- Volunteer with youth group
- Write for the Cornerstone newsletter or other publications
- Assist newcomers with navigation of the service
- Explain our traditions at St. Paul's to those who question why things happen the way that they do.
- Be open to learning and experiences which can be passed on to others

To learn more about spiritual gifts and stewardship in the life of the church, or to get involved, please talk to any member of the Stewardship Team: Mark Stalter, Tracy Albert, Francis Christensen, or Kristen VanderHoek; or email us at stewardship@stpaulshk.org.