

Spiritual Gifts – Teaching & Exhortation
Calvary Chapel of Wilmington
Equipping the Saints Series

Workbook Session #6

Scripture Reading: Rom. 12:8

Eph. 4:11-16

Scripture Focus: Eph 4:1-3

“I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech (exhort) you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

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I. General Information

A. Definition

Rom. 12:7 “Teaching” *didaskalia* – from *didasko* to teach

Dictionary definition: to impart knowledge or skill to
give instruction to
to cause to learn by example or experience

Synonyms: instruct, educate, tutor, train, school, discipline, drill

B. The Gift

Eph. 4:7-16

What is the topic of this passage?

Who gives the gift of “Teaching”?

What does I Cor. 12:28 say about teachers?

Who receives the gift?

Of what value is this gift to the one receiving it?

Who is this gift for?

What does this gift achieve (what is its purpose)? Eph. 4:11-16

(1) _____

(2) _____

(3) _____

C. The Responsibility

I Pet. 4:11 What should characterize our teaching?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Matt. 22:16 What characterized Jesus' teachings?

Acts 4:18-19 What was the response of Peter and John to the rulers of the people and the elders of Israel?

Acts 18:25 What characterized the teaching of Apollos?

Col. 1: 28-29 What 2 things did Paul say characterized his teaching?

1. _____

2. _____

Col.3:17 What additional qualities does Paul speak of in this passage?

1. _____

2. _____

II. What Did Jesus Teach?

Read the following scriptures and identify where and what Jesus taught?

1. John 3:1ff

Where _____

What _____

2. Matt. 4:23

Where _____

What _____

3. Luke 4:31

Where _____

What _____

4. Matt 5-7

Where _____

What _____

5. Luke 24: 13-27

Where _____

What _____

6. Luke 24:44-47

Where _____

What _____

There are obviously many more scriptures we could use to illustrate the content of Jesus' teachings. From those provided above, summarize what Jesus taught.

III. The Great Commission

A. The Commission:

When Jesus ascended to the Father, He left the apostles with a final instruction.

Read this instruction in Matt. 28:19-20

From these verses, what do you learn about teaching?
List your observations below:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

B. How Well Was This Command Carried Out?

Read the following verses and record your observations regarding the question above.

1. Acts 4:18 _____
2. Acts 5:28, 42 _____

What response did they receive?

- _____
3. I Tim. 2:7 _____
 4. Acts 15:35 _____

Note: Antioch was the capitol city of the Greek kings in Syria.

5. Acts 20:20 _____

Would you say that the command was fulfilled or not?

IV. The Content of Teaching

Look up the following verses and record what you learn about the content of teaching in the New Testament.

1. **I Tim. 6:3-5**

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

2. **Acts 2:42**

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

3. **Titus 1:7-11**

a. _____

b. _____

4. **Matt. 28:19-20**

5. **Heb. 6:1-2** What did the author of Hebrews indicate the foundational teachings are?

a. _____ b. _____

c. _____ d. _____

e. _____ f. _____

6. From Section II, "What Did Jesus Teach," how would you summarize the teaching we are to do?

V. Errors to Avoid

From the following passages, summarize some of the errors we are to avoid.

1. Matt. 15:9

2. Rev. 2:14, 20

What was the doctrine of Balaam?

a. _____

b. _____

What was the difference between the doctrine of Balaam and what Jezebel taught?

3. II Pet. 2:1-3

What did the false teachers teach?

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

VI. The Goal of Teaching

What do the following passages teach about the goal of teaching?

1. Col. 1:28

2. Eph. 4:11ff

3. I Tim. 6:3

4. Prov. 1:1-7

5. Deut. 31:12-13

6. From what you have learned, summarize the goal of our teaching.

Exhortation

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Definition: “Exhortation” comes from the Greek word “*parakaleo*.”

Para – alongside, near
Kaleo – to call”

To call near

Synonyms: invite, invoke, implore, intreat, exhort, beseech

From The New American Heritage Dictionary:

Definition: “to urge or incite by strong argument, advice or appeal”
“urgent appeal”

Exhortation: A speech or discourse intended to advise, incite or encourage.

Encourage: to inspire to continue on a chosen course
impart courage or confidence to
embolden, hearten, lift up

Inspire: to animate the mind or emotions
To stimulate to an indicated feeling or action

Romans 12:1 exhorts us as follows: “I beseech (*parakaleo*) you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.

Synonyms from the New American Heritage Dictionary:

Prod, prompt, spur, plead, call upon, insist, stimulate

Comment: Exhort is a word you don't see if you're not looking for it. But, if you look for it, you'll be surprised at how many places you now see it.

II. EXHORTERS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:36-37; 9:23-27; 15:37-39; II Tim. 4:11

A. How did the apostles refer to Joses?

B. What did he do for Paul?

C. What did he do for Mark?

D. What was the result of his support for Mark?

E. Acts 13:13-16 Who responded to the request of the rulers of the synagogue?

What did he do?

What 4 things did he include?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

F. Heb. 12:5 How does the author of the book of Hebrews exhort his readers?

G. Acts 14:22 How did Paul and Barnabas strengthen the believers in Lystra, Iconium and Antioch?

H. I Pet. 5:1-2 Who exhorted the elders in this passage?

What did he encourage them to do?

1. _____

2. _____

What must characterize their activities?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

I. Acts 15: 31-33 Who are the exhorters in this passage?

How did they exhort the believers in Antioch?

J. Acts 20:1-2 How did Paul exhort the disciples in this passage?

III. MINISTRIES THAT MAY ACCOMPANY EXHORTATION

A. What occurs along with exhortation in the following passages?

1. Acts 2:40

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

2. I Cor. 14:3

3. I Tim. 6:2

4. II Tim. 4:2

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

5. II Thess 3:12

IV. IMPORTANCE AND CHARACTERISTICS

A. Importance:

Scripture Readings **I Tim. 4:13-16; Acts 2:40, 15:31-33; II Tim. 4:2**

Read the above passages and then write out your response to the question:

“What is the importance of the “Gift of Exhortation?””

B. Characteristics

Scripture Reading **I Thess. 2:3-12**

Read this passage and list what you learn about exhorting.

- a.

 - b.

 - c.

 - d.

 - e.

 - f.

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V. WHO CAN BE AN EXHORTER?

Clearly, from scripture, a gift of “exhortation” is given to some. (Rom. 12:8)

Recall, when studying the gift of evangelism, we discovered that, although some receive the “gift of evangelism,” all are called to “do the work of an evangelist.

Is the gift of exhortation similar to the gift of evangelism in this way?

Read the following scriptures and record your insights into this question.

Scripture Readings:

A. I Thess 5:11

B. Heb. 3:12-13

C. Heb. 10:24-25

How would you explain the difference between exercising the “gift of exhortation” and the believer’s responsibility to “exhort one another”?
