

Sunday, October 30, 2022

Speak

Teaching, Exhortation, & Word of Wisdom & Knowledge

We are in a series called **GIFT**, exploring Spiritual Gifts.

Address non-christians

My goal and prayer for this series is to teach a biblically balanced view of the gifts while empowering you to find and live into yours. **Use it to the glory of God and your joy!**

How using your gift aligns with purpose and the joy that comes from it!

Today we look at **speaking gifts; teaching, exhortation, & word of wisdom & knowledge**. The gift of tongues would be included in this, BUT that's a whole sermon in itself!

1 Peter context.

He's writing to a group of churches and giving encouragement to keep on keepin' on while keeping the main thing the main thing!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 1 Peter 1:3-5

Bible truths lead and motivate to live a certain way... Like Jesus. So by the time he gets to chapter 4, Peter is showing what this life looks like by listing imperatives, or commands based on glorious truths.

Read vs. 8-9 (SPEAK SLIDE)

Vs. 10 Each one has received a gift. Truth or command? Truth.

-If you are a Christian you have received a gift, "each one" in the Greek means everyone.

Received: to receive or accept an object or benefit for which the initiative rests with the giver, but the focus of attention in the transfer is upon the receiver¹

Use it: It's a command. How? To serve one another.

As a good steward: one who has the authority and responsibility for something²

You have authority from God and a responsibility to **use it** as a steward to serve one another. **Use it to the glory of God and your joy!**

How did all this come about? God's varied grace. It varies because he gives us different gifts... But its foundation is grace.

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Speaking and serving gifts.

Today we look at Speaking gifts.

-Oracles simple means messages. We don't speak our message, we speak God's.

1. Teaching. We're all called to teach but some have a gift to do so. An ability beyond themselves to teach, as a text says, to the glory of God!

-Playing pool and practicing evangelism with Eddie, Vinny & Silas.

-Discipleship involves WORDS. Our words are backed by our life, but we still need talk to teach.

Fred has this gift. He has been teaching Sunday school here and I quote because I asked him this morning... "forever". At 9am in the fellowship hall, Fred faithfully teaches through the Bible, the history within the text, he's got maps, outlines, etc.

BUT there is a warning in scripture about teaching...

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. James 3:1

¹ Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996). *Greek-English lexicon of the New Testament: based on semantic domains* (electronic ed. of the 2nd edition., Vol. 1, p. 571).

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-This is because we are called to not go beyond what is written! If you teach with authority, make sure it's *from* the word of God and DO NOT go beyond what is written. Now, there's wisdom that's not directly in scripture, and we share it as such. But the distinction is clear when you teach.

-I had a great conversation about Christian dating recently, and much of it was in the context of things I learned, mostly the hard way, and I testified of it. But while teaching, I tried to make it clear when the Bible was clear, and that it was the Bible and then, when sharing my life, it was just that. In other words, teaching doesn't mean we walk around only quoting scripture, but it doesn't go beyond or outside of what is written.

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2. Exhortation (SPEAK SLIDE)

The same word as encouragement, which is somewhat mind-blowing for me.

-Different gifts? NOPE.

[the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; Romans 12:8a](#)

Encourage or Exhort: to cause someone to be encouraged or consoled, either by verbal or non-verbal means.

The greek word is closely related to a title for the Holy Spirit. When Jesus says he will send a "helper", it a similar word.

The person who has this gift comes alongside people and increases their potential, build them up, makes them feel lighter about whatever they are facing.

Barnabas, whose real name is Joseph, is a great person to study. Known as "the Son of encouragement."

Rick has this gift with me. He is continually coming alongside me and helping, encouraging, etc.

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3. Word of Wisdom & Knowledge.

Read book, [Understanding Spiritual Gifts](#) by Sam Storms

[To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 1 Corinthians 12:7-8](#)

SPEAK SLIDE

This is an interesting gift because there isn't much about them.

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ALL GIFTS ARE SUPER NATURAL, but just how super natural these gifts are can be debated. For instance, READ BOOK, pg. 155.

Testify

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