

Word Gifts Definitions

Leadership/Ruling is the divine enablement to cast vision, motivate and direct people to harmoniously accomplish the purposes of God.

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Shepherding/Pastoring is the capacity to exercise concern and care for members of a group so as to encourage them in their growth in Christ, which involves modeling maturity, protecting them from error and disseminating truth. J. ROBERT CLINTON

Evangelism is the special ability to communicate the Gospel message in relevant ways to unbelievers. LESLIE B. FLYNN

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The Word Gifts – Part II

DID YOU MISS SUNDAY'S SERVICE?

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CONNECT (BUILD RELATIONSHIPS)

Word gifts clarify the nature, action and purposes of God. (Teaching, Exhortation/Encouragement, Apostleship, **Leadership/Ruling, Shepherding/Pastoring, Evangelism**)

1. Is there someone who you admire for the way they use their Word gift(s)?
2. Which of the Word gifts do you now find you understand better after listening to the last two messages? (Teaching, Exhortation, Apostleship, Leadership/Ruling, Shepherding/Pastoring, Evangelism)
3. What do you think are some of the reasons why the Word gifts and those who exercise them have been elevated over people who have the other spiritual gifts in many churches? What is gained and what is lost when this happens?
4. Why is godly character and love especially needed for those who exercise Word gifts?

THRIVE (EXPLORE BIBLICAL TRUTH)

5. 1 Corinthians 12:27-28. Do you think there is any relevance to Paul mentioning apostles, prophets and teachers first as he mentions several spiritual gifts? What might the relevance be?
6. Read Acts 4:13. What can we learn from this verse about spiritual gifts, particularly the gift of teaching?

7. Read the story of Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4:5-30. What Word gifts do you see Jesus using in this conversation?

COMMIT (BE ON MISSION)

8. If you do not have one or more of the Word gifts, remember that each one is an area that we should be practicing out of obedience. Out of the six, which two do you need to 'practice' more often? How can others best come alongside you to help you grow in that area?
9. The Word gifts are deeply connected to knowing and using the Bible (2 Timothy 2:15). What book of the Bible would you most like to read? Find someone who will commit with you to reading three books from the New Testament between now and the end of the year.
10. Who is someone you know, who does not know Jesus as Saviour, who you could commit to praying for and if God opens up an opportunity you would be willing to share your faith story with?

PAUSE, PONDER & PRAY

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." 2 TIMOTHY 2:15