
The Gift of the Teacher (The Instructor of The Church)

The Foundation Gifts of the Holy Spirit

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Sermon: The Foundation Gifts of the Holy Spirit: The Gift of the Teacher (The Instructor of The Church)

New Series Messages: “The Foundation Gifts of the Holy Spirit”

- Theme Scriptures:
 - Ephesians 4:11–12 (AV)¹¹ And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; ¹² For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:
 - 2 Timothy 1:6 (AV)⁶ Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.
- Sermon: The Gift of the Apostle (Establishing The Church)
- Sermon: The Gift of the Prophet (The Voice of The Church)
- Sermon: The Gift of the Pastor (The Shepherd of The Church)
- Sermon: The Gift of the Evangelist (The Messenger of The Church)
 - The Purpose of the Evangelist (Cary the Message)
 - The Work of the Evangelist (Deliver the Message)
 - The Stirring of the Evangelist (Empowered by the Message)

Lesson Text

Matthew 28:19–20 (AV)¹⁹ **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.**

1 Timothy 3:2–7 (AV)² A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; ³ Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; ⁴ One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; ⁵ (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) ⁶ Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. ⁷ Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

Hosea 4:6 (AV)⁶ My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Introduction

So far, we’ve looked at Four of Five Foundational Gifts: The Apostle who’s the Establisher the Church, the Prophet who’s the Voice of the Church, the Pastor who’s the Shepherd the Church, and the Evangelist who’s the Messenger of the Church.

Today we will look at the Gift of the Teacher; who's the Instructor of the Church!

How many of you have ever had a great teacher (middle school, high school, college) that really inspired you to want to learn more? Now how many of you have ever had a horrible teacher?

A Bad teacher discourages and disheartens you; they can make you want to quit or give up!

But a good teacher brings the subject they are teaching to life in the eyes of the student; so much so that it inspires, encourages, stimulates, and even motivates the student to want more!

Most Christians have bibles, but most do not know God's Word. The reason is because it has not been brought alive to them.

So instead of being motivated by the word, they become motivated by the world; and those who represent the things of the world (lusts of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life).

Psalm 1:1 (AV)¹ Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

They have the wrong teachers: Ungodly (without God), Sinners (Against God), and Scornful (Hate God).

Psalm 1:2 (AV)² But his delight *is* in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

Just as the Evangelist has a special gift to bring the Gospel alive to the sinner, the Teacher has a special gift to bring the Word of God alive to the believer.

Series and Sermon: The Foundation Gifts of the Holy Spirit: The Gift of the Teacher (The Instructor of The Church)

“The Purpose, Work, and Stirring of the Teacher”

I. The Purpose of the Teacher (To Instruct The Church)

Matthew 28:19–20 (AV)¹⁹ Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: ²⁰ Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.

The Purpose of the Teacher is to Instruct the Church in the Ways of the Lord that leads to perfection.

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Of the 5 foundation gifts, the gift of the teacher is the one that has the responsibility for bringing perfection and maturity to the Church.

1 Corinthians 3:¹ And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even* as unto babes in Christ. ² I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able *to bear it*, neither yet now are ye able. ³ For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

The church is being preached to, prophesied to, inspired to work; but without a gifted teacher, they are not being matured.

Proverbs 14:12 (AV)¹² There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.

Whereas the Pastor leads us on where to go, the Teacher instructs us on how to live on the way.

Leviticus 20:⁷ Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I *am* the LORD your God.

The main reason why most Christians don't walk in Holiness is because they are not being instructed in Holiness.

It's one thing for the Apostle to preach the Word of God to inspire us, but it takes a gifted Teacher to bring the word of God alive to instruct us.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (AV)¹⁶ All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: ¹⁷ **That the man of God may be perfect**, throughly furnished unto all good works.

II. The Work of the Teacher (To be an Example for the Church)

1 Timothy 3:2 (AV)² A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

The work of an effective teacher is to embody or become a living example of what they teach.

A good teacher doesn't just pick up a lesson plan and teach it, they spend hours before class to become it so that they can embody, exemplify, symbolize, and personify what they are teaching.

"I rather see a sermon that to hear on any day, I rather for one to walk with me than just to show the way. The eye is a better pupil and more willing than the ear, advice may be misleading, but examples are always clear!"

Ecclesiastes 9:16 (AV)¹⁶ Then said I, Wisdom *is* better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom *is* despised, and his words are not heard.

Simply put, a poor man may actually be very wise and can help you, but you won't receive his wisdom if he doesn't represent what he's talking about.

This is why so many people have fallen out with the church; the Pastor and the Church leaders don't live what they are talking about. Their wisdom becomes despised!

But a Bishop, a leader, a teacher must work at being blameless, one wife, watchful, temperate, not hot-headed, good behavior, hospitable, and **ready to teach!**

The teacher must work to not be undisciplined, not a fight, not greedy, and patient. Rule his own house so that he can demonstrate his ability to rule God's house. Not a novice or rookie, so that pride doesn't set in; and finally have a good report or good name in and out of the church.

III. The Stirring of the Teacher (To Keep the Church from being Destroyed)

Hosea 4:6 (AV)⁶ My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

The Purpose of the Teacher is to instruct the church to become perfected, the Work of the Teacher is to Embody what he's teaching about, and finally the Stirring of the teacher happens because of the teacher's passion to keep the church from being destroyed.

What stirs a good teacher is the desire to see his or her students succeed. He knows that without knowledge, the people will be destroyed; and so, he is moved to help and prevent destruction.

Pastor (or Shepherd) and Teacher usually go hand and hand, why? Because the Shepherd cares so much for the sheep, that he will do everything he can to keep them from being destroyed.

John 10:11–12 (AV)¹¹ I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.
¹² But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

The Teacher is Stirred because John 10: ¹⁰ The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

The Teacher is Stirred because 1 Peter 5:8 (AV)⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

The Teacher is Stirred because Isaiah 54:17 (AV)¹⁷ No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn...

Midweek Study Lesson Plan (Sermon: The Gift of the Teacher (The Instructor of the Church))

Lesson Text

- Matthew 28:19–20, 1 Timothy 3:2–7, Hosea 4:6
- Book: [The Complete Guide To Understanding The Holy Spirit](#): Read “Foundation Gifts, Teacher”

Sermon Outline (Notes)

I. The Purpose of the Teacher

II. The Work of the Teacher

III. The Stirring of the Teacher

Questions

I. Getting to Know “Me”

1. Growing up, did you have a favorite teacher? Do you remember his or her name? What did you like about that teacher?
2. There are four main types of learning styles: Visual (learn through images), Auditory (learn by listening and speaking), Read & Write (learn by note taking & reading), Kinesthetic (learn by doing, hands-on). What is your learning style preference?

II. Into the Bible

1. Jesus taught using different methods, such as parables, lectures, and demonstrations. Read the following passages in the Bible, Mark 6:38-44, 51-52, Matthew 5:1-12 and Matthew 13:33. What method(s) of teaching does Our Lord use in those passages? Why did Jesus use parables to teach?
2. According to Matthew 7:28-29, what distinguished Jesus’ teaching from that of the scribes? Where did that difference come from? Can our teaching have that same difference? If so, how?

III. Life Application

1. Have there been any changes in your mindset and lifestyle since Pastor Nichols began teaching on the Holy Spirit this year? Have you “re-taught” any of his sermons to others?
2. This message has taught us the purpose, work and stirring of the teacher. How can this knowledge empower us to be “sober” and “vigilant” according to 1 Peter 5:8? Will it help you to determine the difference in who is a false teacher and who is not?