

Study on the Holy Spirit

Study 20

Teacher

This week we will look at the gift of Pastor/Teacher.

- **1 Cor 12:28** *And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.*
- **Eph 4:11-12** *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,*

As we see in Eph. 4:12 the gift of teaching is *to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.*

It's like going to school to learn a particular job. You can't do a job without certain training. Just like you can't do the works of service without the correct teaching.

Let's say you have the gift of healing, and you see different people on TV that seem to be using this gift, but you see these guys running around yelling and turning the whole thing into a side show.

So you go out and try the same thing, but people will think that you're crazy as you draw attention to yourself. You just had improper teaching on the gift of healing.

Now you can listen to biblical teaching on the gift of healing, then go out and heal the sick, with all the glory going to GOD and not yourself. Now, you have had the proper teaching on healing.

- **John 7:16-18** *Jesus answered them and said, "My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me. If anyone wants to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but He who seeks the glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him."*
- **Psalms 32:8-10** *I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye. Do not be like the horse or like the mule, Which have no understanding, Which must be harnessed with bit and bridle, Else they will not come near you. Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; But he who trusts in the LORD, mercy shall surround him.*

A teacher will have his teaching coming from God, it will tell of Jesus, and glorify Him. You will know when someone teaches from God or himself. If he teaches from God then God will be glorified, and if not then he will bring attention to himself, attempting to steal the glory from God.

As a teacher, don't allow the world to guide you, but allow the Holy Spirit to guide you.

If you allow the world to guide you, you will not draw people to Jesus. But if you allow the Holy Spirit to guide you then people will be drawn to Jesus.

- **1 Cor 2:10-16** *But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.*
- **2 John 1:7-11(NLT)** *I say this because many deceivers have gone out into the world. They deny that Jesus Christ came in a real body. Such a person is a deceiver and an antichrist. Watch out that you do not lose what we have worked so hard to achieve. Be diligent so that you receive your full reward. Anyone who wanders away from this teaching has no relationship with God. But anyone who remains in the teaching of Christ has a relationship with both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to your meeting and does not teach the truth about Christ, don't invite that person into your home or give any kind of encouragement. Anyone who encourages such people becomes a partner in their evil work.*

There are churches that teach the word incorrectly, even saying that Jesus did not come in the flesh or denying that He was the only begotten Son of God.

As a teacher you must stay with the word of God, not running ahead teaching what is not true. By running ahead, it means to assume something is correct without checking it out to make sure it's true.

Let's say you're driving down a road you have never been on before, and you see a road sign that says 65 MPH, so you drive 65 MPH supposing that that is the speed limit for the rest of the road. So you don't pay attention to any other signs, because you know that the speed limit is 65 MPH; or so you think. By not reading any other signs you miss the one that says, curves ahead, speed limit 35 MPH. So what happens? You crash.

It's the same way with teaching, just because you read one verse don't base all your teaching on that one verse or you may crash.

If you continue in teaching, then you will continue studying, always teaching the truth as the Spirit leads you in your preparation.

Don't except false teachers or even let them stay in your home. In so doing you are condoning what they are teaching, sharing in their false teaching.

- **Psalms 94:7-13** *Yet they say, "The LORD does not see, Nor does the God of Jacob understand." Understand, you senseless among the people; And you fools, when will you be wise? He who planted the ear, shall He not hear? He who formed the eye, shall He not see? He who instructs the nations, shall He not correct, He who teaches man knowledge? The LORD knows the thoughts of man, that they are futile. Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O LORD, and teach out of Your law, That You may give him rest from the days of adversity, Until the pit is dug for the wicked.*
- **1 John 2:26-27** *These things I have written to you concerning those who try to deceive you. But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.*

I feel it's very important to instruct you how not to teach the word of GOD, as well as instructing you how to teach it correctly.

Don't think you can just skate by, by saying one or two verses and not giving the whole counsel of GOD.

- **Acts 20:27** *For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God.*
- **Luke 24:25-27** *Then He said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?" And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.*

Jesus gave them the whole counsel of God.

If God has called you to be a teacher; then be the best you can be, because it's a calling from the Lord.

- **2 Tim 2:22-26** *Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife. And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.*

Here we are instructed not to argue with these false teachers, but in love, teaching them the way that is correct, verse 25-26 tells us how to do that.

- **Acts 18:24-26** *Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately.*

Anyone can be taught the word; all pastors will tell you this. Yes, even they are taught by others.

I love to listen to others teach, even though I teach this bible study. I need to be fed to. God will give someone else insight to scripture and teach even those we think are unteachable, or know everything about the bible, like a Chuck Smith or your pastor, but even they can be taught and are still taught by listening to others.

So as a teacher, don't get puffed up because you can teach, remember that it's the Holy Spirit that gives you the words, not your fantastic brain.

Listen when others teach

- **Isaiah 48:17-18 (NIV)** *This is what the LORD says-- your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: "I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is best for you, who directs you in the way you should go. If only you had paid attention to my commands, your peace would have been like a river, your righteousness like the waves of the sea."*

The Lord wants to teach you!

- **Neh 9:20** *You gave your good Spirit to instruct them. You did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and you gave them water for their thirst.*
- **Matt 5:1-2** *Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:*

Notice it says that Jesus “*sat*” and taught them, not like in the movies where you see Him walking around. **Luke 5:3** and **John 8:2** also says that Jesus sat and taught.

He sat with them, not standing over them, but came down to their level.

So should we when we teach, speaking in terms that they can understand.

You may have a college degree, but someone with only a high school education will not understand all your fancy words.

People don't need big fancy words or a log-winded message; notice Jesus' teaching on the beatitudes starting in Matt chapter 5, short and simple, straight to the point. I'm sure no one fell asleep when Jesus was teaching. And in verses 28-29 we see the results of these simple yet penetrating words of Jesus the teacher.

- **Matt 7:28-29 (KJV)** *And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings, the people were astonished at his doctrine: For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.*

The scribes had their own way of talking, even we as Christians have our own vocabulary, which the world doesn't understand. You start saying words like, rapture, or speaking in tongues, or worship team. The world doesn't understand these terms. People know that I'm a musician, and always ask if I'm in a band, and I say, "Yes, I'm on a worship team at church." They say, "a what?" they don't understand everyday terminology like "worship team" that we use. So keep it simple in everyday language like Jesus did with the parables.

- **Mark 4:1-2** *Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said.*

Jesus gave parables (illustrations) of heavenly things in earthly terms that anybody could understand, that way they could relate to what He was talking about. They couldn't relate to the heavenly things because they've never seen heaven.

- **John 3:12 (NLT)** *But if you don't even believe me when I tell you about things that happen here on earth, how can you possibly believe if I tell you what is going on in heaven?*
- **Luke 4:22 (Living)** *All who were there spoke well of him and were amazed by the beautiful words that fell from his lips. "How can this be?" they asked. "Isn't this Joseph's son?"*

God will call anyone to be a teacher, even a carpenter like Jesus. The people were amazed at His teaching. Notice again what the people said about Jesus, "**How can this be?**" they asked. "**Isn't this Joseph's son?**" or isn't this the son of the carpenter, Joseph. A carpenter is not supposed to have the education to teach with such beautiful words like Jesus spoke to them.

It's the same with us, as having the gift of teaching. People will say, "*the words you spoke cut into my heart*" or, "*they were just the words I needed to hear*" or even, "*your teaching was very hard to swallow, because you exposed myself to me and showed me that I need a savior, and I thought I was all right, a good person.*"

That's what teaching is all about; changing people's lives and drawing them closer to Jesus.

- **Isaiah 2:3** *Many nations will come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the Temple of the God of Israel. There he will teach us his ways, so that we may obey him." For in those days the Lord's teaching and his word will go out from Jerusalem.*

- **Isaiah 48:17-19** *"The LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, says: I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is good and leads you along the paths you should follow. Oh, that you had listened to my commands! Then you would have had peace flowing like a gentle river and righteousness rolling like waves. Then you would have become as numerous as the sands along the seashore--too many to count! There would have been no need for your destruction."*
- **Luke 12:11-12** *Now when they bring you to the synagogues and magistrates and authorities, do not worry about how or what you should answer, or what you should say. For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.*

How can the Holy Spirit teach you unless you're in the word? If you want to witness, how can you answer the questions unless you've read the book? I have a bad memory, but the Holy Spirit brings the word back to my remembrance as it's needed.

- **John 14:25-27** *These things I have spoken to you while being present with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.*

This verse speaks for itself,

- **Col 3:16-17 (NIV)** *Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Finally, the great commission that Jesus gave to His disciples, and us.

- **Matt 28:16-20** *Then the eleven disciples went away into Galilee, to the mountain which Jesus had appointed for them. When they saw Him, they worshiped Him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.*
- **Psalms 71:14-18** *But I will hope continually, and will praise You yet more and more. My mouth shall tell of Your righteousness and Your salvation all the day,*

For I do not know their limits. I will go in the strength of the Lord GOD; I will make mention of Your righteousness, of Yours only. O God, You have taught me from my youth; And to this day I declare Your wondrous works. Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, do not forsake me, Until I declare Your strength to this generation, Your power to everyone who is to come.

You do not have to have the gift of teaching to tell others about Jesus, all you need is a love for Him, and tell of the marvelous things He has done for you.

You should even declare Him to your children: “the next generation!”

You may not have the gift of teaching, but GOD can give you the gift for just the right moment to instruct someone.

Remember that you can't instruct or give someone the words of GOD unless you read it!