

*Spiritual
Gifts*



Questions & Answers

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The Aptitude to Know

Definition: (didasko') - The Systematic Study of Biblical Truths Given by the Holy Spirit

Description:

- (1) A greater joy in researching and discovering truth than in presenting it. (They delight in studying the Bible.)
- (2) Believe that their gift is the most important gift because it is foundational to all other gifts.
- (3) Feel a personal responsibility to test the knowledge of those who teach them.
- (4) Emphasize the accuracy of words and the proper context of scriptural illustrations.
- (5) Enjoy gathering facts and giving details, while having a dislike for subjective truth.
- (6) Present truths systematically with a primary emphasis upon what the Bible says.

Problems or Misunderstandings:

- (1) Sometimes can be overcome with pride because of the knowledge they have. (1 Corinthians 8:1)
- (2) Sometimes neglect the practical applications of Scripture because of their approach to study. Fail to read the Word for enjoyment and simpler meanings.
- (3) Sometimes may rely on the facts of their research more than the anointing of the Holy Spirit in teaching.
- (4) May appear to lack warmth and feeling when speaking and imparting truth. (Think that everyone should be excited about the truth in the same way that they are.)
- (5) May be intimidating to others who try to teach because of the testing of the knowledge of the teacher.
- (6) Once they adopt a certain interpretation to a passage, they can be rigid and unresponsive to an alternate interpretation.

Ultimate Benefit to the Body of Christ -

They have the responsibility to keep us grounded in the Bible. They must challenge us when we move away from established and fundamental truths of the faith. They must remind us that our sole authority for life and action is the Word of God.

Biblical Example:

Matthew