

*Spiritual
Gifts*



Questions & Answers

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The Aptitude to Share

Definition: (parakaleo) - To Call to One's Side
An Encourager

Description:

- (1) An unusual ability to see problems that others cannot see.
- (2) Able to give concrete advice to those who are facing difficult times.
- (3) Have a real enjoyment in those who take their advice and make suggested changes.
- (4) Experience grief when there is no personal application of advice.
- (5) An ability to have insights from their own experience and then validate these insights with the Bible.
- (6) Are influenced by their need for visible acceptance.
- (7) They delight in personal counseling.

Problems or Misunderstandings:

- (1) Their emphasis on steps of action may appear to oversimplify deep problems in life.
- (2) Their ministry to the body of Christ may seem to de-emphasize evangelism.
- (3) Their approach to and use of Scripture for practical application may appear to take it out of context.
- (4) Sometimes their emphasis on steps of action may appear to be insensitive to the feelings of those being counseled.
- (5) They sometimes misinterpret a person's interest or lack of interest by relying upon visible acceptance.

Ultimate Benefit to the Body of Christ -

Those gifted in exhortation serve as wise counselors to the body of Christ. They are able to minister to individuals who are facing difficult circumstances and those who need to make important decisions. They have a calling to keep the body of Christ spiritually and emotionally healthy in order for the work of the church to be accomplished by the members.

Biblical Example:

Barnabas