

## **Spiritual Gifts**

### **Exhortation**

#### **Overview**

Exhortation (parakeleo) Ro. 12:8, is the ability to encourage or admonish believers so that they will accomplish an activity or an appropriate action. Sometimes acting as a counselor to encourage spiritual growth.

#### **Characteristics / Indicators of the Gift**

1. Counseling and encouragement is accompanied by a spirit of hope.
2. The ability to communicate clearly with people.
3. The ability to discern when others are in need of the gift.
4. Sees and understands the consequences of carnality.
5. Sees the potential in the lives of believers.
6. Approaches people as individuals and uses the best approach for each individual.
7. Encourages the use of spiritual gifts.
8. Encourages consistent spiritual growth and involvement in ministry.
9. Ability to analyze problems and tasks for the best solution.
10. Not afraid to get involved with the lives of people.

#### **Areas of Service**

This gift would function good on a leadership committee, building committee or benevolence. It doesn't necessarily need to be a part of a committee or leadership. The exhorter needs to be around people and sensitive to their needs.

#### **Potential Dangers**

1. Falling into the trap of becoming a people "fixer."
2. Taking pride in successes.
3. Becoming discouraged when people do not respond as desired.

4. Spending too much time with those who want attention and not help.