



Ministers Training Course – Class 2 October 31, 2021

As we talked last week, some of the topics we are going to cover are:

- **Minister Calling, Development, and Preparations**
- **Women in Ministry**
- **Ministry Models**
- **Ministry Gifts, Spiritual Gifts, and Ascension Gifts**
- **The Great Commission, as it is called**
- **Lessons Learned from Experience**
- **Study Methods**
- **Character Development**
- **Boundaries with the Opposite Sex**
- **Financial Integrity and Money Management**
- **Dealing with Stress**
- **And more ...**

Why a Course on Minister Training?

- **Building confidence in your Calling**
- **Being called into Ministry is the highest Calling in the earth**
- **Many countries call their politicians Ministers**

Ministry Models ... we dealt with some of that last week. This week I am going to focus more on Ministry Gifts, Spiritual Gifts, and then of course we will move into Ascension Gifts, the Great Commission as it is called, and I am going to share some of my experiences in Ministry. We are going to look at my Study Methods and talk about Character Development; we are going to look at Boundaries with the opposite Sex, Financial Integrity and Money Management, Dealing with Stress and more. So, I want you to take good notes.

Why a Course on Minister Training? Last week, we talked about building confidence in your Calling. Being called into Ministry, as I stated, is the highest Calling in the earth as I see it because of the responsibility the Almighty, the Creator, the Maker of Heaven and earth has given to all of us. Those of

you in certain countries, you will note that your politicians are called Ministers. These are those who serve at the highest level of government and so, they have adopted the term Minister from Prime Ministers on down because I suspect they see that from a Biblical perspective and a responsibility that they have to their community. As you are going to see ...

Accepting your calling can be easy but embracing your calling can be somewhat challenging depending on the Call, if you don't know the exact Calling you are called to in the Body of Messiah.

You can limit your Calling based on the environment you have been raised in.

As I stated last week, when I received my Calling, I was in a Baptist church and of course there were only pastors, ministers and deacons. We were taught that there were no more Apostles and Prophets. And as I stated from time to time, the evangelists, that would be coming in, were really pastors from other churches. I remember in a Teaching I did on my Testimony, that I started searching for the Holy Spirit and it was based on this verse.

Asking for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit

Lk 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Now, again as I stated last week,

I have adopted the Messiah Model

This is Discipleship that includes:

- **Teaching**
- **Demonstration**
- **Equipping**
- **Empowerment**
- **Preparation to be Sent Out**

I hope that all of you intend to go out and share your faith.

Most people think that:

**Grace
Truth
Gifts of the Spirit and
Ministry Gifts**

Were only given in New Testament times.

Now, I want to talk a little bit about Gifts, but first I want to start out with the verse in John, where it talks about grace and truth came through Messiah Yeshua. But how many of you know that Noah found grace? Grace has always been operational throughout the Bible. The God of grace has been

operational, we see the first extension of grace in the garden when man and woman disobeyed the Most High.

Truth. God is the God of Truth, and truth and has been in existence since His Word has been in existence. As far as Gift of the Spirit, Ministry Gifts, folks think that grace, truth, and Ministry Gifts were only given in the New Testament times, and that is far from the truth. I will show you some of that this evening. Remember,

James wrote:

Jas 1:16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

Jas 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness/change, [*and Father does not change*] neither shadow of turning.

So, who He is, is who He has always been. It is important for us to understand that.

New is a continuation of the Old

The New Testament is Not the New Covenant

YeHoVaH is the same God in both the Old and New Testament.

The New Testament is a continuation of the Old. In fact, many confuse the New Testament with the New Covenant. And when they say they are not under the Old Covenant, generally what they are saying is that they are not under the Old Testament. But the Old Testament is not the Old Covenant, in fact, the Old Testament contains a number of different Covenants. And the New Testament is not the New Covenant. The New Testament does contain Yeshua establishing the New Testament beginning with the last supper that He shared with His disciples.

As Malachi is going to teach us, YeHoVaH is the same God both in the Old and the New Testaments and this is what YeHoVaH said in Malachi.

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Mal 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

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YeHoVaH said in Malachi 3:6 “For I *am* YeHoVaH, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.” So, what is He talking about? He came down to the sin, to the abominations, to the idolatry that the Israelites were experiencing and going through Father had every right to destroy them and consume them. But because of His love, His grace, His mercy, His promises, He did not consume all of Jacob or all of Israel although there were those who did pay for their sins and in some cases in masses. And so here is another thing we have to understand, the Same God and Spirit that gave The Holy Spirit and Gifts in the New Testament is the same God and Spirit that gave Gifts in the Torah.

When we look at the Manifestations of Spiritual Gifts in the Torah, here is what you will see.

The Manifestation of Spiritual Gifts in the Torah

- Prophet
- Teaching
- Prophecy
- Pastoring (It's called Shepherding in the Old Testament; we call it Pastor)
- Wisdom
- Understanding
- Knowledge
- Workmanship

We identified from the Teaching in Exodus this week, that there is Workmanship. We made the connection between Ephesians 2, where we are His Workmanship in comparison to the Gift of Workmanship that was given to Bezaleel.

Prophet

Ge 20:6 And God said unto him (Abimelech) in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her.

And this was when Abraham said that his wife was his sister and Abimelech took her. And He says in verse 7,

Ge 20:7 Now therefore restore the man (Abraham) *his* wife (Sarah); for he *is* a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore *her* not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that *are* thine.

Now the Prophet of old is no different than the Gift of Prophet today. It is not a different type of Prophet. Every Prophet today, called by the Most High through the Ascension Gift of Yeshua, has the same responsibility as the Prophet of old.

In Deuteronomy 34:10, He talked about Moses and if you look at this verse from this perspective ...

Dt 34:10 And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,

And there arose not a **prophet** since in Israel like unto Moses, What does that mean? Moses was a Prophet. He was a Prophet whom the LORD knew face to face, and Prophets are those who will have face to face conversations, relations, hearing from the Almighty, and speaking on His behalf.

Always remember God is not a man, He doesn't have a face of a man. He doesn't have a physical makeup of a man, He is Spirit. He has always been Spirit; He will always be Spirit according to His own Word. Yeshua says, God is Spirit. Just remember that.

When we look at the Gift of Teaching, in Exodus 24:12, He says,

Teaching

Ex 24:12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them.

Ex 24:13 And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God.

And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that ... What? That you ... thou mayest teach them. Moses was a Teacher. Moses was a Prophet. Moses in essence was a Shepherd.

In Numbers 11:24 it says,

Prophecy

Nu 11:24 And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the tabernacle.

Nu 11:25 And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that *was* upon him, and gave *it* unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, *that*, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.

These are the 70 elders that he gave his spirit to after he gathered them. And it came to pass, when the spirit rested upon them, what did they do? There is the Gift of Prophecy.

Nu 11:26 But there remained two *of the* men in the camp, the name of the one *was* Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the spirit rested upon them; and they *were* of them that were written, but went not out unto the tabernacle: and they prophesied in the camp.

And what did they do? They prophesied. Why? Because the Spirit of the Almighty was upon them, and the Gift of Prophecy manifested in them. So, we see these gifts operational.

Pastoring

Nu 27:16 Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation,

Nu 27:17 Which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the LORD be not as sheep which have no shepherd.

And so, what is Moses doing? Moses is about to now lay hands on Joshua, because Joshua will become the new Shepherd of Israel once Moses is no longer with them.

Moses the shepherd of Israel laid hands on Joshua to become the shepherd of Israel.

Nu 27:18 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom *is* the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him;

And so, we see now that Joshua is about to be anointed to be the Shepherd of Israel.

Here we are going to see:

- **Wisdom**
- **Understanding**
- **Knowledge**
- **Workmanship**

In Exodus 31, and notice this, those of you who were with us last Thursday, we pointed this out so clearly in verse 1, Chapter 31.

Ex 31:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

Ex 31:2 See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

Ex 31:3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God [and here we see the spirit of wisdom, the gift], **in wisdom, and in** [the gift of] **understanding, and in** [the gift of] **knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship** [the gift of workmanship, the supernatural ability given to him by the most High],

The difference between the “Old and New Testament” is in the “Old”, Father selected who He gave His Spirit and gifts to, but He promised to pour out His Spirit on All Flesh in the “New” [Testament, and this is what He did].

The Holy Spirit was given in Acts 2. What do we see? We see the fulfillment of the Prophet Joel that the Almighty was going to pour out His Spirit on all flesh. Now there are some problems that as Ministers you are going to have to overcome. I know for me personally, I had to overcome these issues because in order for me to see things and to understand them from His perspective, I had to take on another way of seeing the work of the Spirit. And this is critical Brothers and Sisters, because if you don't see this, then what will happen is that you won't be able to identify how the theologians, those who believed they were doing us a favor in trying to help us to understand Scripture, in some ways they made it much more problematic for us, and you are going to see that here.

Minister Calling, Development, and Preparations

Knowing you are called, but not knowing your specific Calling.

The disciples were called but their Calling was revealed to them later as Yeshua developed them into Apostles.

So, He called them, they were disciples, He sent them out, and then when He commissioned them, He sent them out once and for all as Apostles, and they were called Apostles from that point on.

**While you wait on your Calling,
if you do not know your Calling,
operate in what you do know.**

There are three sets of gifts mentioned in the New Testament:

- **Ministry Gifts**
- **Spiritual Gifts**
- **Ascension Gifts**

While you wait on your Calling, if you do not know your Calling, then here is what you do, you operate in what you do know.

I want to talk about three sets of gifts mentioned in the New Testament.

- Ministry Gifts
- Spiritual Gifts
- Ascension Gifts

Now, we already talked about Gifts in the Old Testament. But what I want to talk about now are Ministry Gifts that are mentioned in the New Testament. And let me state while I am at it, when theologians put this division between the Old Testament and the New Testament what happened is that it caused us as readers, and as we have been taught in our churches, that the work of the Spirit for believers began in the New Testament. Now ask yourself a question, were there believers in the Old Testament? When you ask that question, you have to come to the conclusion that there were. You have to come to the conclusion that the Holy Spirit was at work in the Old Testament. That's the point of bringing out all this information out to you in these slides.

Because when you see the Gift of Prophecy and the Gift of the Prophet, when you see Pastor and Teacher, and you see the Gift of Wisdom, the Gift of Knowledge, the Gift of Workmanship, the Gift of Understanding, you see these gifts operational in the Old Testament. And guess what? It is the same Spirit.

See, what Paul talks about in the New Testament, it's the same Spirit that is giving these Gifts. What same Spirit? The same Spirit that was in the beginning hovering over the face of the deep in Genesis, is the same Spirit of God that is operating in our lives today. But somehow, theologians have created a separation in our minds to where we separate the God of the New Testament from the God of the Old Testament. We separate the Spirit of the New Testament given on the day of Pentecost from the Spirit of God in the Old Testament. This is what theology has done to us and we have to shed all of this if we are going to see things from the mind of Messiah. Yeshua didn't have that mindset. The mindset He had is that the Creation He came to through Mary, was the same Creation that existed from Day One. The same Creation He made with Father, not a different Creation, and therefore, that's how He functioned, and we have got to function on that level.

Today I want to talk about ...

Ministry Gifts

- **The Gift of Service/Helps**
- **The Gift of Leadership/Ruling**
- **The Gift of Giving**
- **The Gift of Exhortation/Encouragement**
- **The Gift of Administration/Governments**
- **The Gift of Mercy**

These are all Gifts that are given by the Spirit to operate in the Body of Messiah that are not Ascension Gifts like Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers, but Gifts that are given just like faith, tongues, miracles, and Gifts of the Spirit, but for the work of the Ministry that is operational in certain people. Therefore, when we begin to talk about these, it is important for us to

understand them. So, you may say I don't have a ministry gift per se as Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher, but you may be endowed with the Gift of Service, the Gift of Helps.

The Gift of Service/Helps

The spiritual gift of service, or ministering, covers a wide range of activities in its application. There are two Greek words for this gift. The first one, found in Romans 12:7, is *diakonia*. The basic meaning of this word is “to wait tables,” but it is most often translated in the Bible as “ministry.”

The basic meaning of this word is “to wait tables,” This is what a deacon was ordained to do, they were Ministers in the Ministry of Service or the Ministry of Helps and this word is most often translated in the Bible as “ministry.”

It refers to any act of service done in genuine love for the edification of the community. The word *antilepsis* is translated “helping” and is found in 1 Corinthians 12:28. It has a similar meaning: to help or aid in love within the community.

I see this Gift operating in people all the time because they are always volunteering themselves, they are always there to serve. They will be some of the first people to show up, some of the last people to leave. They operate often times behind the scenes, they are not looking for a microphone, they are not interested in being in front of a camera. But you can count on them because they serve with their whole heart. They live to serve and that is a Gift by the Spirit for the Body.

The Holy Spirit endows some believers with this gift to fill the many gaps of ministry and meet the needs of the assembly as it fulfills the Great Commission. The goal is to energize the assembly and free up others to use their gifts to the fullest. The result is the continued edification of the assembly and the added ability to see beyond its own needs and reach out into the community.

Now there are some people and from time to time we point them out. There is Lee Eagen, there is Vivian Eagen. There is Jonathan, he serves. There is Charles, he serves. There are others who are behind the scene. We have a wonderful sister, she's online now; Rosalinda, comes all the way from Texas. This sister comes, she puts her hands to the plow, she will work all of us under a table. You look at Sharon, I tell you, I don't know where this Ministry would be without Sharon, and I dread the day of thinking about her not being around anymore. Because what they have done for me, has allowed me to focus on my Calling.

Remember in Acts 6, as a matter of fact, this would be an opportunity for me to point out one of those tools, that I spoke to you about last week and that is the [Blue Letter Bible](#). (Please watch the Class 2 Video to see Arthur demonstrate using the Blue Letter Bible.)

Now, when I first started out in ministry, Brothers and Sisters, it was me pretty much doing everything. Loading up my vehicle, travelling to the building, unloading, setting up, picking up, I had my hands full. When Brother Lee came and took that off my hands, you know, that was the beginning of the **Ministry of Helps** becoming operational in our ministry. Today, I basically come prepared to teach, focused on teaching, and teach. And all of the other servants and ministers are doing all that work. Of course you all see me on camera, but these are the Gifts that make our Ministry what it is.

Now with this same tool, the Blue Letter Bible, I am going to look at the Greek word for “**serve**” and if you look at that, you are going to see “**diakoneo**”. This is a servant, this is a deacon, to be a servant an attendant, domestic, to serve, to wait upon, to minister. Deacons are Ministers. The first Deacon in the Bible was Philip. Philip was a Minister. He preached, he taught, he was taken to Samaria and preached there; was translated; he ministered to the Ethiopian eunuch. A Deacon, but he was a Minister, but he wasn’t necessarily an Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher, in the sense of Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher, but he did the work of evangelism. And he was simply a servant ordained as a Deacon.

And so, there are those who think that Deacon is lesser than, but in essence when you look at the service of Deacons, if you look at the work of Deacons and Elders as servants there some who will be, who will have the gift of Apostle, Prophet, or Evangelist, or Pastor or Teacher, but that is not the necessary case. So when you look at that **Gift of Service/Gift of Helps** that’s exactly what Deacons, in a sense, are and they serve in those capacities because they are endowed by the Holy Spirit to do that work. So, don’t despise any of these Callings because they are all there for the purpose of the Body. When you look at it ... Again, the goal is to energize the Assembly.

We see people with this gift in passages like Acts 6:1-7, 1 Corinthians 16:15-16, and many others.

Those with the gift of service are committed to the spread of the Gospel.

They serve in ways that benefit others with different gifts and ministries that are more public. They have a heart devoted to Yeshua and a desire to follow His command and example in Matthew 20:25-28 (cf. Mark 10:42-45).

And those with the Gift of Service are committed to the spread of the Gospel because they see their work as freeing up those who are operational in other areas of doing the work of the King, they are serving.

Those with this gift do not seek recognition or a position in the “spotlight,” they just love to help out. They are content with serving in the background knowing that their contribution will bless the assembly, display the love of Messiah to the world, and bring glory to God.

They are content with serving in the background knowing that their contribution will bless the Assembly, display the love of Messiah to the world, and bring glory to God, even though they are not in front of a camera.

See also Romans 12:7; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 28; Acts 20:35; 2 Timothy 4:11; Revelation 2:19.

You will see this Gift operational throughout the Body, throughout the Scriptures.

Now I want to talk about the Gift of Leadership/Ruling.

The Gift of Leadership/Ruling

The spiritual gift of leadership is closely related to the gift of administration and, interestingly, the spiritual gift of pastor/shepherd.

The Greek word for the spiritual gift of leadership is *proistemi*. This word means to lead, to assist, to protect and to care for others.

The spiritual gift of leadership is found in Romans 12:8 sandwiched between the gifts of giving and of mercy.

In some churches you may hear the term “Executive Pastor.” This person may be a Pastor, but this person may also have the ability, the **Gift of Leadership and Ruling**. This is a gift closely related to the Gift of Administration and interestingly, the Spiritual Gift of Pastor or Shepherd.

I will digress for a moment. Somebody asked me last week or wrote to us and asked about Diana. When I search for Diana using the Blue Letter Bible, it’s going to take you where that word is used and you can do a thorough search of “Diana” wherever she is found in the Bible.

But I want to go back to Romans because here is where you will find a set of Gifts in Romans. We will simply read Romans 12. I am going to start in verse 3, “For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. ⁴ For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: ⁵ So we, being many, are one body in Messiah, and every one members one of another. ⁶ Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy,

So, there is a Gift of Prophecy and then, there is an Office of Prophet. The Office of Prophet will prophesy, but because one prophesies doesn’t necessarily make them a Prophet. So, **we should not confuse prophesying with being a Prophet.**

Ro 12:6 “... let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; ⁷ Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering; or he that teacheth, on teaching; ⁸ Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.

And here you see a set of Gifts that you don’t necessarily see in 1 Corinthians 12, in those 9 Gifts of the Spirit, and by not having them there, one might not necessarily acknowledge that these are Gifts that are given by the Spirit. But the fact of the matter is, they are given for the work of Ministry in the Body of Messiah, and of course, that is the work of the Spirit. So, it is important for us to know that.

So, when we go back to the Gift of Leadership and we see that,

It is placed there intentionally to show that it is a gift associated with caring for others. This is what connects it to the gift of pastor/shepherd, and what differentiates it from the gift of administration. It is more people oriented than task oriented in its application. This is not to say those with the gift of administration do not care for people, of course they do, but those with the spiritual gift of leadership focus on people and relationships more directly.

The word *proistemi* is connected to caring for people in other passages as well. In 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 Paul says to “respect those who labor among you and are over (*proistemi*) you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work.”

The labor and work of those who were leading the believers in Thessalonica was that of tirelessly caring for their souls.

Paul writes to Timothy concerning that using similar language.

Paul also connects leadership to caring for others when he asks, “If someone does not know how to manage (*proistemi*) his own household, how will he care for God’s assembly?” 1 Timothy 3:5

The Holy Spirit gives the spiritual gift of leadership to some in the assembly to care for God’s people and lead them into deeper relationship with Messiah and each other.

They base their success on how well they help others succeed and grow in their spiritual walk with Yeshua. They are able to accomplish many different tasks and objectives as they lead, but they will always lead relationally and with a deep concern for the well-being of others. They are “visionary” and less concerned with mundane details than those with the spiritual gift of administration.

And so, you will see that those who specialize in mundane details, and then there are those who aren’t interested in mundane details. I am one of those people. You know, I am not so much interested in mundane details as I am in getting the job done that needs to be done and being able to give people that responsibility and leaving them alone to get it done because that’s what they do. And it’s great having those people, recognizing those people. As with any Ministry Gift, it is not designed that one person do everything. One of the things that I love about the Book of Acts that I look forward to seeing happen in the earth again, you had 12 apostles in one Assembly and there were no issues, there was no contention between them. They worked seamlessly together, served together, and there was no strife. It was a beautiful set up; it’s one that I long to see operational today.

And then, there are entrepreneurs.

Many are entrepreneurial and willing to take risks to see the kingdom of God advanced through the assembly. They will go to great lengths to protect those under their care and are well-equipped to lead through crisis situations. See also Romans 12:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:12; 1 Timothy 3:4-5, 12; 5:17.

They don’t shrink from an issue, they don’t run when the going gets tough, they don’t hide, they are right there in the trenches with you.

Then there is the **Gift of Giving**. Some people have several of these Gifts operational.

The Gift of Giving

The Greek word for the spiritual gift of giving is *metadidomi*. It simply means “to impart” or “to give.” However, this word is accompanied in Romans 12:8 by another descriptive word: *haplotes*. This word tells us much more about the kind of giving that is associated with this gift. The word *Haplotes* means “sincerely, generously and without pretense or hypocrisy.”

There are people who do not mind and do not hesitate to give for the work of service, for the advancement of the Kingdom. They know how to make money; they know how to generate money.

They are entrepreneurs. They are gifted in finding money, and their whole purpose of finding that money, and the gift of organizing and generating funds is for the Kingdom. And there are people that Father will assign to you when you begin to walk in your gift; they will just come out of nowhere. It seems that way anyway. They just show up and it's like they are giving money into your Ministry. And you have got to be careful not to confuse them with somebody that's trying to buy you, because they are not trying to buy you, they are trying to help you in giving because that's their gift.

The Holy Spirit imparts this gift to some in the assembly to meet the various needs of the assembly and its ministries, missionaries, or of people who do not have the means to provide fully for themselves. The goal is to encourage and provide, giving all credit to God's love and provision. Those with this gift love to share with others the overflow of blessings God has given them.

They are typically very hospitable and will seek out ways and opportunities to help others. They are also excellent stewards and will often adjust their lifestyles in order to give more to the spread of the Gospel and the care of the needy. They are grateful when someone shares a need with them, and are always joyful when they can meet that need. See Romans 12:8, 13; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5, 9:6-15; Acts 4:32-37; Galatians 4:15; and Philippians 4:10-18.

They are typically very hospitable, they open their homes up, and will seek out ways and opportunities to help others. They are also excellent stewards and will often adjust their lifestyles in order to give more to the spread of the Gospel and the care of the needy. And as I am sharing this some of you probably have people coming to your mind that fit these descriptions. They are grateful when someone shares a need with them, and are always joyful when they can meet that need.

The Gift of Exhortation/Encouragement

The spiritual gift of exhortation is often called the "gift of encouragement." The Greek word for this gift is *parakaleo*. It means to beseech, exhort, call upon, to encourage and to strengthen. The primary means of exhortation is to remind the hearer of the powerful and amazing work of God in Messiah, particularly in regard to the saving work of Yeshua in the atonement. We see Paul commanding Titus to use this gift in Titus 1:9 and throughout Chapter 2, particularly Titus 2:11-15. He also charges Timothy in 2 Timothy 4:2.

The Spirit of God gives this gift to people in the assembly to strengthen and encourage those who are wavering in their faith. Those with the gift of exhortation can uplift and motivate others as well as challenge and rebuke them in order to foster spiritual growth and action. The goal of the encourager is to see everyone in the assembly continually building up the body of Messiah and glorifying God. See also Romans 12:8; Acts 11:23-24, 14:21-22, 15:32.

The Gift of Administration/Governments

The Greek word for the spiritual gift of administration is *kubernesis*. This is a unique term that refers to a shipmaster or captain. The literal meaning is "to steer," or "to rule or govern." It carries the idea of someone who guides and directs a group of people

toward a goal or destination. We see variations of this word in verses like Acts 27:11, and Revelation 18:17.

With this gift, the Holy Spirit enables certain believers to organize, direct, and implement plans to lead others in the various ministries of the assembly. This gift is closely related to the gift of leadership, but is more goal or task oriented and is also more concerned with details and organization. See also I Corinthians 12:28, Titus 1:4-5.

Now, as I point out,

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Spiritual Gifts are given to believers to function, this is to operate in them; although you may not know or have an Ascension Gift, these Gifts are there for the purpose and work of service in the Body of Messiah. And so, it is important for us to be able to recognize these particular gifts as they are operational in the Body in different individuals and how they may be operating in our own lives. Because, as I have stated, some people don't necessarily know their Gift if they are looking specifically at Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher and may very well be overlooking the Gift that is clearly operational, but they themselves may not necessarily recognize it as a Gift. They may see that as just who they are. When the fact of the matter is, Father has made you that way, He's endowed you, He's gifted you.

And then, finally, I want to deal with this Gift,

The Gift of Mercy

The spiritual gift of mercy is one in which a person demonstrates a strong ability to empathize with others with compassion, words, and actions. Those with this gift are able to provide some relief to those going through tough times physically, spiritually, and emotionally.

Because the Gift of Mercy is a gift in which a person demonstrates a strong ability to empathize with others, they are very compassionate people, they show that compassion, they speak it in their words, they demonstrate it in their actions. And those with this gift are able to provide some relief to those going through tough times physically, spiritually, and emotionally.

You will find people like this who like working with special needs individuals, who have special needs or individuals who are struggling with addictions, drug addictions, homeless folks. They have a compassion and an empathy, not sympathy, but an empathy for people who, you might say, people in the world might look down on. Folks who may want to discard them, who pass by them and have no compassion whatsoever. There are people who have the **Gift of Mercy**, you may not necessarily know that Mercy is a Gift that is given by the Spirit. But here, when we go back to Romans 12, we can see that it's listed in verse 8. In **Romans 12:8** **“Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.”**

And if I convert that to the Strong's and I look at that word it's **eleeo (1653)** and it is also used in other portions of the Bible, “to have mercy on, to help on afflicted, or seeking aide, to help the afflicted, to

bring help to the wretched, to experience mercy. And then, in the Strong's definition here, it talks about, "to have compassion"; it uses that word, "pity on" of course, its compassion, to show mercy.

And so, I am going to close there. I believe we've come to the end of the teaching time.