

BROOKLAND BAPTIST CHURCH
Bible Study
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Lecture V

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Discovering Your Spiritual Gift(s)

I. The Gift of Prophecy/Preaching

The gift of preaching can be defined as “**the God-given ability to speak forth of the mind and counsel of God.**” The prophets or preachers in the Old Testament were commissioned by God to speak to men on behalf of God and then speak to God on behalf of men. They had to look **backward through time to remind** Israel of what God had done, **stand in time to interpret** what God was doing, and then **look through the telescopic lens of time to tell** the people what God was about to do. This is the 3-fold declaration of the mind and counsel of God.

- **I Corinthians 1:21**
- **Romans 10:13-15**
- **Romans 10:17**

General Indicators of the Gift of Prophecy/Preaching

1. Persons with the gift of preaching feel an inward drive to proclaim God’s truth.
2. They have a consistent lifestyle that fits the message that is proclaimed.
3. They are able to speak clearly, specifically and directly to the needs of people even when speaking leads to criticism, opposition and persecution.
4. They are concerned about the reputation of the church and all facets of God’s work.

- **Romans 10:1**

II. The Gift of Teaching

The gift of teaching may be defined as “**the God-given ability to explain and apply the Word of God so that the hearers may understand and grow.**” We become informed and knowledgeable of God’s Word.

- **Acts 11:22-26**
- **Hosea 4:6**

General Indicators of the Gift of Teaching

1. Persons with the gift of teaching are committed to the truth, relevance, and authority of the Scriptures.
2. They are willing to study and prepare for the task of teaching. Persons with the gift of teaching spend a lot of time studying.
3. They emphasize details that lead to accurate Scriptural interpretation.
4. They are able to explain and apply Scriptural truths that contribute to building up the Body of Christ.
5. They are willing and able to stand for the truth and to teach this truth even in the face of opposition.

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