**TEACHING CLUSTER**

*This cluster is made up of two gifts.*

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**1.** **THE GIFT OF KNOWLEDGE**

**Definition.**

Knowledge is the Spirit's gift to study and understand God's word and will—so that others are blessed.

**A Woman with the Gift of Knowledge**

* is able to mentally grasp how separate pieces of biblical information fit into the great themes of Scripture
* has a tendency to measure spiritual maturity on the basis of biblical knowledge
* is able to probe to deep levels on Bible topics
* enjoys answering and discussing Bible questions

**Visualize How Your Gift can be Used**

Give Bible studies; help with seminars; write on Bible topics; lay pastor; elder; women's ministries retreats.

**When the Gift is Misused**

The gift is short-circuited when "truth" becomes more important than the Lord Jesus; when knowledge is acquired but not applied or shared.

**2. THE GIFT OF TEACHING**

**Definition.**

Teaching is the Spirit's gift to live the gospel, to make truth plain, and to lead individuals into a closer relationship with Jesus.

**A Woman with the Gift of Teaching**

* cares a great deal about the accuracy of information
* can communicate well on the level of her listeners
* finds that Bible teachings come quickly to mind whenever she deals with a problem
* can foster much participation and interest in presenting a spiritual subject

**Visualize How Your Gift Can Be Used**

Sabbath School leader/teacher (in any division level); Pathfinders; youth activities leader; Women's Ministries retreats; Vacation Bible School leader/teacher; Branch Sabbath School leader/teacher; Bible study leader.

**When the Gift is Misdirected**

Teachers belie their trust when:

* they become impatient with slow learners or those who lack the knowledge of their teachers
* they trust more in the facts than in the compelling power of the Spirit
* they begin to trust so much in their fund of knowledge that they cease to prepare their lessons faithfully

**WORKSHEETS FOR TEACHING CLUSTER**

1. Go through each spiritual gift in the Teaching Cluster.

Help each member to identify herself with one of the gifts in the cluster

1. Questions for group discussion:

Some Christian teachers attract large and enthusiastic classes in church. Others find their classes soon dwindle and must either be closed or assigned to new teachers. How much of the difference can be attributed to a teacher’s style? How much to their knowledge? How much to their teaching skills? Which of these three is the most important to you as a Bible class member? Why?

Spiritual gifts are given to bless the church. In what ways would people with the gift of knowledge share their knowledge so it could be a blessing?

Could a Christian with the spiritual gift of teaching ever be a failure as a Bible class teacher? Why?

How does one with the gift of knowledge receive the knowledge? Is the gift the ability to study? Is it a gift to be organized in research? Or is it some "sixth sense" that recognizes truth and error? Explain.

It would appear that the gift of knowledge would especially help new believers. But do Christians, who have known the Lord for some time and have studied widely and understand the Bible well, have an equal need for the help of one with the gift of knowledge?

How should church administrators decide on the number of Bible classes, and thus class size, when there is a shortage of qualified teachers?

What purpose does the spiritual gift of knowledge serve? How can it be valuable to Women's Ministries?