



**The Five Ministry Gifts
Lesson 3: The Teacher**

1. Introduction

The ministry of the teacher is mentioned in all three lists of ministry gifts.

Ephesians 4:11

1 Corinthians 12:28, 29

Romans, 12:6-8

2. What does a teacher do?

A teacher teaches the Word of God with revelation.

Illustration about fruit trees:

- All fruit trees are trees, but each brings forth a distinct kind of fruit.
- The apple, orange, and banana are all trees, but each have a different fruit. It is the same with the ministry gifts.
- All five of the ministry gifts deliver the Word of God. Each gift delivers the Word in their unique manner due to their distinctive calling and anointing.
- The teacher handles the Word of God delivering an unique presentation.

3. Greek words that describe the office of the teacher

Didasko – _____

Didaktikos – Instructive, able to teach

Didaktos – Instructed or convicted by teaching; taught

Didaskalia – Instruction; the function or the information, learning, teaching

Didaskolos – An instructor; the word is translated doctor, master, teacher, scribe, and teacher of the law

Didache – _____

4. Jesus is the greatest teacher.

- Jesus is the master teacher. He is our primary example for the ministry gift of the teacher.
- Nicodemus called Jesus a teacher

John 3:1, 2

- The Bible says that Jesus spent much time preaching and teaching.

Matthew 4:23

Matthew 5:2

Matthew 9:35

Matthew 11:1

Matthew 13:54

Jesus taught everywhere he went. He taught in the synagogues, the temple, on the streets, and in the homes of people.

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Luke 4:18

- Jesus taught with authority, not like the scribes and Pharisees.

Matthew 7:28, 29

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John 7:16

John 8:28

When Jesus gave the Great Commission to the church, it involved teaching (discipling) all nations.

Matthew 28:18-20**5. The ministry of the teacher in the New Testament**

- Paul the apostle was also considered a teacher.

1 Timothy 2:7**2 Timothy 1:11**

- Apollos was a teacher.

Acts 18:24, 25

- Like the other gifts, the teacher is an elder in the body of Christ. The qualifications of an elder are applied to the teacher.
- A teacher should have anointing on his teaching

1 John 2:20**1 John 2:27**

Many times, someone teaches the Word and it is dry, dull, and uninteresting. This would not be the case with someone who stands in the office of a teacher.

- A teacher should depend on the Holy Spirit like any of the other ministry gifts.

They should be careful to remember that it is the letter that kills, but the spirit gives life.

2 Corinthians 3:6-11**2 Corinthians 3:17**

- A teacher will speak with authority, knowing that they received their words from the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 7:28, 29**John 7:46****Mark 1:22**

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1 Timothy 6:3

Acts 2:42

- A teacher should be able to teach with the anointing of the Holy Spirit from both the Old and New Testaments. He will teach with illumination and revelation.
- Because a teacher is often more of a logical thinker, he must depend on the Holy Spirit anointing

Ephesians 1:17, 18

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1 John 5:7

- A teacher will depend on the Holy Spirit to take the Word that he teaches and witness within the heart of the listeners.

Luke 12:12**Titus 1:9**

- A teacher must always be studying in the Word of God and have a divine passion for God's Word.

1 Timothy 4:13**Jeremiah 15:16****Ezekiel 3:1-3**

- A teacher will be creative in his teaching. It will keep the interest of the people and help him communicate well.

Jesus used everyday illustrations and stories.

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Romans 2:21 Y

Apollos was a great teacher, but humble and teachable, willing to learn from others

Acts 18:24-27**Proverbs 16:23**

- A teacher must not only teach from the Word of God, they should also teach by example

2 Timothy 3:10**John 13:12-14****Acts 1:1**

In other words, you must practice what you preach.

- A teacher's ultimate aim is to teach the application of the Word of God, not just information from the Word of God.

People should be able to apply the Word of God to their practical everyday life.

2 John 4**2 John 3, 4**

- A teacher should be characterized by the spirit of knowledge, understanding, and wisdom

Definition of KNOWLEDGE: _____

Definition of UNDERSTANDING: The interpretation of truth

Definition of WISDOM: _____

1 Corinthians 2:13

Anyone can take the word and make it say what they wanted to say. This leads to deceptive teaching.

A teacher needs wisdom to be able to handle the knowledge that they possess.

- A primary attack against the teacher would be pride. A teacher should guard against this.

1 Corinthians 8:1

- A teacher will speak the words of God, according to the ability which God gives him.

1 Peter 4:10, 11

- A teacher must be able to build on the foundation laid by the apostles and prophets and learn to work with other ministries in the Body of Christ.

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In the case of the prophet, just because you prophesy it does not mean you are a prophet.

The same is true with teachers. Just because you teach, it does not mean that you stand in the office of a teacher according to Ephesians chapter four.

All elders should be able to teach. But it does not mean that all elders are teachers.

Believers in the church can teach the word of God. Again, this does not mean they stand in the ministry gift of a teacher.

6. False teachers

The devil has counterfeits for everything. Just like there are false apostles, false prophets, false evangelists, and false pastors, there are also false teachers.

2 Peter 2:1

2 Timothy 4:3

Jude 3. 4

In both of Paul's letters to Timothy, he instructed Timothy to deal with false teachers within the church. This was a problem that Timothy seemed to have in the church in Ephesus.

The five ministry gifts are to expose false doctrine in the church and deal with it. This is the job of a pastor with a local church.

- False doctrine brings division.

Romans 16:17

- There are demon spirits assigned to the church to teach false doctrine.

1 Timothy 4:1-4

Any teaching that excuses sin or teaches that you do not have to sacrifice anything in life are false teachings.

7. There is a great responsibility on teachers.

James 3:1

8. Conclusion

The true teacher must instruct people in the pure Word of God, so they are not confused when new doctrines or spiritual fads appear.

Ephesians 4:14