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SPIRITUAL GIFT SESSION:
PASTORING / SHEPHERDING

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- Introductions and Opening Prayer
- Spiritual Gifts Overview - Video
- Introduction to Gift of *Pastoring / Shepherding*
- *Pastoring* Gift Conversation and Discussion
- Closing Thoughts and Prayer

SPIRITUAL GIFTS GUIDE

BOLDLY SHARING THE GRACE OF GOD WITH THE WORLD

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SPIRITUAL GIFTS OVERVIEW

“There are different kinds of gifts,
but the same Spirit distributes them.
There are different kinds of service,
but the same Lord.
There are different kinds of working,
but in all of them and in everyone
it is the same God at work.”

1 Corinthians 12: 4-6



PASTORING / SHEPHERDING

The gift that gives a believer the confidence, capability, and compassion to provide spiritual leadership and direction for individuals or groups.

People with this gift are usually **discipling, supportive, protective, relational, influencing, guiding, nurturing.**

Cautions for people with this gift:

Passing judgment when they feel others are neglecting or abusing their responsibilities; finding it difficult to say “no” because of the desire to support others.

BIBLICAL REFERENCES:

1 Timothy 3:1–13, 2 Timothy 4:1–2, 1 Timothy 4:12–16

1 TIMOTHY 3:1-13

3 Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task. **2** Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, **3** not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. **4** He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect. **5** (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) **6** He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. **7** He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap. . . .

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1 TIMOTHY 3:1-13

8 In the same way, deacons are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. **9** They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. **10** They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.

11 In the same way, the women are to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything.

12 A deacon must be faithful to his wife and must manage his children and his household well. **13** Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.

2 TIMOTHY 4:1-2

4 In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: **2** Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

1 TIMOTHY 4:12-16

12 Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity. **13** Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. **14** Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

15 Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. **16** Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers.

PASTORING / SHEPHERDING CONVERSATION AND DISCUSSION

- How has the gift of *Pastoring / Shepherding* showed up in your life?
- What is it like when you are sharing your gift?
- Will you tell us about a time when you ignored the calling of this gift and pushed back on it?
- We talked about cautions of the gift – in what ways have you experienced personally, or seen someone else with this gift experience, any of the cautions?

NEXT STEPS

- How can we support you in using your spiritual gift?
- What would help you develop and grow in confidence using your spiritual gift?
- Other closing thoughts?

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