

Seven Practical Spiritual Gifts
The Gift of Exhortation
(Romans 12:7)

Exhortation is a gift in the church that truly expresses the intention of biblical faith. Exhorters are builders that help strengthen people in the faith. This type of giftedness and expression of God's grace to us is important for each of us.

- I. Prophecy—The Inspiration of Truth
- II. Ministry—The Incarnation of Truth
- III. Teaching—The Interpretation of Truth
- IV. Exhortation—The Intention of Truth

A. The meaning of exhortation

1. Exhortation means to _____ others.

- Paraklesis - *par-ak'-lay-sis*—*Imploration, solace:*
- comfort, consolation, exhortation, intreaty.

2. Exhortation means to _____ or become an
_____ for others (John 15:26).

- parakletos—*par-ak'-lay-tos*—An *intercessor, consoler:* - advocate, comforter.
- “...in its primary sense, signifies, one who pleads the cause of another in a court of civil law” (Webster’s 1828).

3. _____ is an advocate for believers (1 John 2:1).

B. The reason we need to exhort others.

1. _____ as believers (II Tim. 3:12).
2. Lack of _____ (Prov. 13:12)
3. _____ (Num. 21:4–6)

C. An example of exhortation

1. Barnabas means, *“the son of consolation.”*
 - The name was given to him by the apostles because this gift was so evident in his life (Acts 4:36).
2. Barnabas became an advocate for Saul (Acts 9:26–27; Acts 15:37–39).
3. Barnabas was sent by the church to exhort new believers to purpose their hearts to cleave to the Lord (Acts 11:22–23).

D. The goals of exhortation

1. _____ to Christ’s plan (Heb. 10:22–25)
2. _____ of the church (Heb. 3:13)
3. Scriptural exhortation (Titus 1:9; 2:15; I Cor. 14:3)
4. Contending for the _____ (Jude 3; Acts 15:32)
5. _____ of souls and lives (Acts 2:40–41).
6. _____ (I Tim. 2:1)
7. Continue in tribulation (Acts 14:21–22).

8. Handling people scripturally (II Thess. 5:14)
9. Trusting and _____ with God (Acts 11:21–24)
 - Cleave means, “to stick to or unite with.”
10. _____ God (I Thess. 4:1–2; Psa. 1:1–6).