

# Teaching Gift

## “Teaching” – The Book Gift

**Romans 12:7** “If you have the grace-gift of teaching  
Then be actively teaching and training others.”

**Core Question:** How can I get informed and inform others?



### Absorbs & Enlightens

- Attracted to knowledge
- Sheds light on understanding
- Always experimenting with scenarios
- Lengthy verbal expression (discourse)
- Absorbs data and learns constantly

#### 1. Expression of Christ:

- a. Rabbi – Teacher (60 out of 90 times)
  - i. **John 3:2**
- b. Brings light to darkened understanding
  - i. **John 8:12 & Eph. 4:17-18**

#### 2. Strengths:

- a. Strong desire to increase in knowledge; *reading, audio, visual etc.*
  - i. Your level of dreaming and vision will affect the intensity of this desire.
- b. Great at digesting information in a logical way.
- c. Strong in seeing patterns and locating/correcting discrepancies.
- d. Often able to examine information at a cellular level and explain it.
- e. Strong ability to ask the right questions to find the right conclusions.

#### 3. Weaknesses:

- a. Informing others even when they aren't asking – *discern the readiness of others.*
- b. Can come across as a “know it all” – *learn to listen well.*
- c. May struggle with intellectual stubbornness; argumentative, take on an “I already know that” attitude.
- d. Natural skepticism to the process of spiritual matters not based on logic. – *take care not to lift knowledge above faith.*

#### 4. Blind Spots:

- a. May not realize that instructional learning is not always the immediate need.
- b. Tendency to size people up subconsciously makes it hard to receive from others.
- c. Can be partial to their path of discovery and forget that there is much to learn from everything and everyone.

#### 5. When Tired or Unhealthy:

- a. Can become antagonistic and pick others apart.
- b. Obsess over the detailed flaws of a situation or a person.
- c. Can become defensive because of anxieties.

**6. When Maturing in Temperance you will:**

- a. Become humble and able to learn from all types of situations and people.
- b. Learn to listen and ask questions, instead of looking to win a debate/conversation.
- c. Lead by wisdom not just logic and data.
- d. Develop patience with others to accept and not dismiss them.

**7. The Enemy's Tactics:**

- a. Accusation: "You don't know enough"
- b. A "shipwrecked" faith because of logic or emotion.
- c. Deception
  - i. He will compromise the waters of truth with lies and half-truths.
  - ii. He capitalizes on your desire for answers and information.
  - iii. Some of the greatest atheists are teaching gifts who have succumbed to half-truths in their pursuit for pure truth. "Did God really say that?", "how could that be true?"

**8. Wisdom for Maturity:**

- a. Balance the logical with encounters in the spiritual. – **Matthew 22:29**
- b. Submit to authority; have another grounded voice to take wisdom from.
- c. Acknowledge that your intelligence is limited, and you need others. – The Body is built to contribute to one another especially in weaknesses.
- d. Find the right career; an expression that allows you to teach, train and thrive!

**9. Function in the Church:**

- a. Teaching and training others to understand how to find answers for themselves.
- b. Examining and dissecting truth in scriptures to help avoid obstacles of false doctrines.
- c. Giving instructions in tandem with the plans of the administrative gift.

**10. Function in the Marketplace:**

- a. Various formats of teaching, training and development.
- b. Problem solving with instruction and application.
- c. Helping others discover how to become better learners for themselves.

**11. Wisdom in Marriage:**

- a. Your default may be to want to over explain things and ask many questions – it can make your spouse feel like you're fearful or doubtful.
- b. Be careful not to over instruct your spouse, which may be perceived as a lecture.
- c. Listen more than you speak, pursue and learn about your spouse for more than just logical response.
- d. Spend some time in your heart space (What do you feel?), not only your head space (What do you think?).

**12. Wisdom in Parenting:**

- a. Be careful to not default to rules and instructions – discern when it's time for emotional connection and mercy.
- b. Listen to hear your child's heart vs. listen to know how to instruct them.
- c. You may find temptation to create controlled environments for desired outcomes based on what you know – let them fail and know it's okay to fail.