

God Has Gifted YOU!

TUESDAY NIGHT TEACHING (TNT)

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

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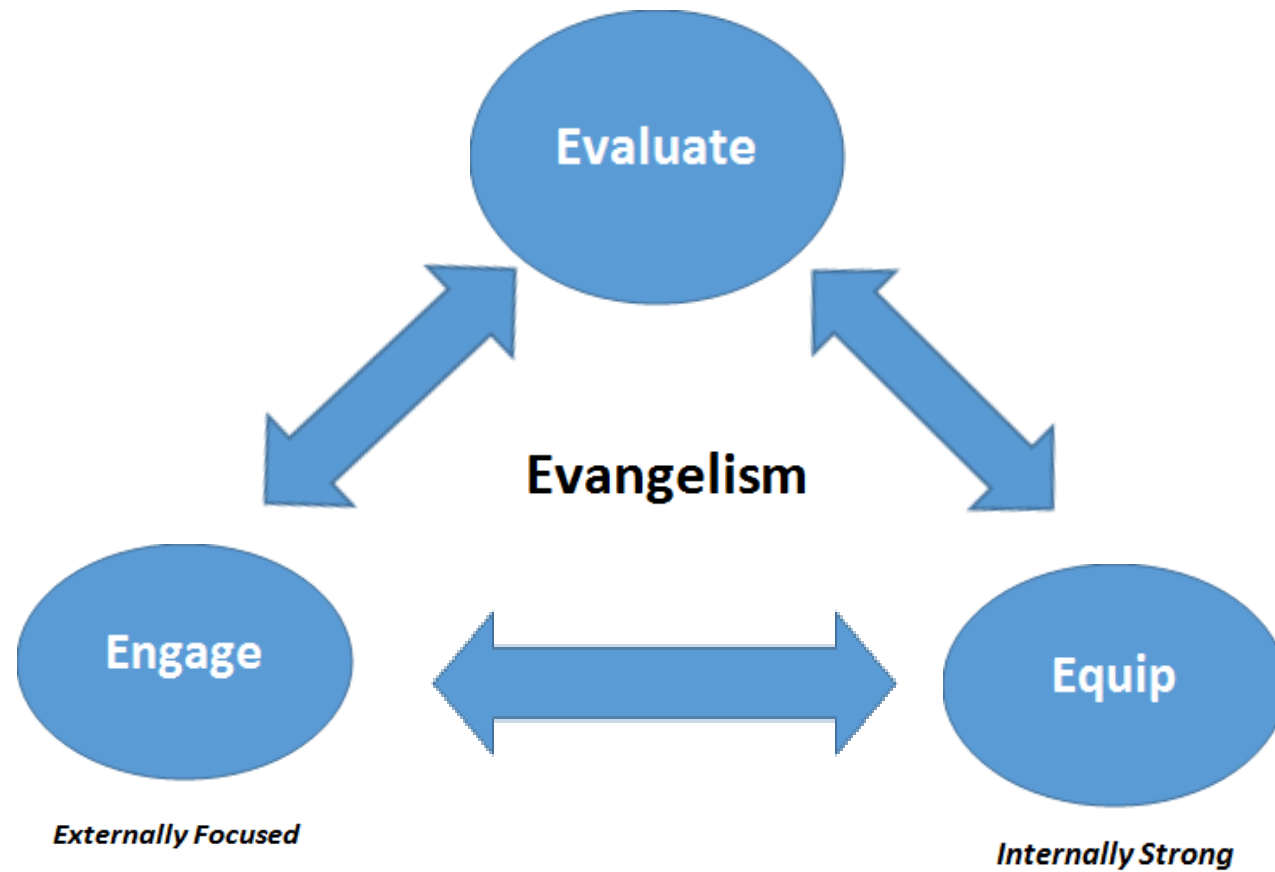
Vision Statement

“Our vision is to be one church actively advancing the Kingdom of God.”

Mission Statement

"Our mission is to spread the message of faith, hope, and love in Jesus Christ by equipping disciples to engage the community, locally and globally, for the purpose of advancing the Kingdom of God."

MINISTRY FRAMEWORK (Continuum)



Spiritual Gifts

“A Spiritual gift is a special attribute given by the Holy Spirit to every member of the Body of Christ, according to God’s grace, for use within the context of the Body.”

C. Peter Wagner

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

Spiritual Gifts

**“Spiritual gifts are received and not achieved.
They are gifts given for ministry.”**

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“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

I Peter 4:10

Spiritual Gifts

“You have your gifts, not because you chose them, but because God chose them for you.”

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“Spiritual gifts are not designed for Lone Rangers. They are designed for members of the Body. Most of the things God does in the world is done through believers who are working together in community and complementing each other with their gifts, not only in their local congregations, but also in the workplace.”

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Spiritual Gifts

- ▶ **Romans 12:6-8**
- ▶ **I Corinthians 12:8-10; 28**
- ▶ **Ephesians 4:11**

Spiritual Gifts

Romans 12:6-8

Prophecy (Preaching, Inspired Utterance)

Giving

Service (Ministry)

Leadership

Teaching

Mercy

Exhortation

Romans 12:8

“he who exhorts, in exhortation;”

Exhortation (Encouragement, Comfort)

Παρακαλέω (parakaleo), to call to one's side, hence, to call to aid;

Bullinger, E. W. (1908). *A Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament* (Fifth Edition, Revised, p. 97). London: Longmans, Green, & Co.

Exhortation (Encouragement, Comfort)

To call near, i.e. invite, invoke—beseech, call for, (be of good) comfort, desire, (give) exhort (-ation), intreat, pray.

Strong, J. (2009). *A Concise Dictionary of the Words in the Greek Testament and The Hebrew Bible* (Vol. 1, p. 54). Bellingham, WA: Logos Bible Software.

Exhortation (Encouragement, Comfort) In Greco-Roman Culture

- ▶ The expression παρακαλῶν (“the exhorter or comforter”) is associated with the Greco-Roman tradition of the “care of souls.”
- ▶ In principle, everyone was expected to play the role of comforter, but the philosopher and poet in particular undertook this task.

Exhortation (Encouragement, Comfort)

- ▶ Teaching was directed to the understanding, but exhortation was directed to the heart and will, to the conscience and feelings.
- ▶ It is urging people to live in a way that is consistent with the truth of the gospel message.
- ▶ It is the giving of consolation, admonition, counsel, and teaching of ethical conduct by the spiritual leaders of the community.

Abernathy, D. (2009). *An Exegetical Summary of Romans 9–16* (p. 213). Dallas, TX: SIL International.

Exhortation (Encouragement, Comfort)

- ▶ It is an appeal to take action, applying the implication of the gospel message to everyday living.
- ▶ It is the pastoral application of principles derived from the gospel message, and intended to help Christians to live out their obedience in practical ways.
- ▶ There is overlap with the gift of prophecy; 'exhort' describes a polite way of exercising authority. It may be exercised as stirring public speech, but more often it will be counseling others and encouraging the disheartened.

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Exhortation (Encouragement, Comfort)

Who should exemplify this gift?

Exhortation (Encouragement, Comfort)

**We all are called to comfort, yet
some are gifted to comfort!**

Exhortation (Encouragement, Comfort)

**This is the role of the church yet
some display an uncanny ability to
administer this gift!**

Exhortation (Encouragement, Comfort)

- ▶ **The criterion was defined by the models of nursing and comforting parents.**

“as you know how we exhorted, and comforted, and charged every one of you, as a father *does* his own children,”

I Thessalonians 2:11

Exhortation (Encouragement, Comfort)

- ▶ **The immediate purpose of exhortation was to help Christians to live out their obedience to the gospel.**
- ▶ **It was the pastoral application of the gospel to a particular congregation, both the congregation as a whole and also to the members of it severally.**
Kruse, C. G. (2012).

Paul's Letter to the Romans. (D. A. Carson, Ed.) (p. 472).
Cambridge, U.K.; Nottingham, England; Grand Rapids, MI: William
B. Eerdmans Publishing Company; Apollos.

Exhortation (Encouragement, Comfort)

“Consolers were expected to visit the bereaved or afflicted, to join their laments, and to offer condolences by means of philosophical or religious reasoning.”

Jewett, R., & Kotansky, R. D. (2006). *Romans: A commentary*. (E. J. Epp, Ed.) (pp. 750–751). Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press.

Exhortation (Encouragement, Comfort)

This gift was a useful gift in times of persecution and suffering!

Exhortation (Encouragement, Comfort)

The ultimate source of consolation was thought to be God!

Exhortation (Encouragement, Comfort) In Old Testament

“You shall increase my greatness, And comfort me on every side.”

Psalm 71:21

“Show me a sign for good, That those who hate me may see *it* and be ashamed, Because You, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.”

Psalm 86:17

Exhortation (Encouragement, Comfort) In Old Testament

**In the multitude of my anxieties
within me, Your comforts delight my
soul.**

Psalm 94:19

Exhortation (Encouragement, Comfort) God the Father

**Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God
of all comfort.**

II Corinthians 1:3

Exhortation (Encouragement, Comfort) God the Father – Shepherd and Mother

“He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, And carry *them* in His bosom, And gently lead those who are with young.”

Isaiah 40:11

“As one whom his mother comforts, So I will comfort you; And you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.”

Isaiah 66:13

Kittel, G., Friedrich, G., & Bromiley, G. W. (1985). *Theological Dictionary of the New Testament* (p. 780). Grand Rapids, MI: W.B. Eerdmans.

Exhortation (Encouragement, Comfort) God the Father

- ▶ ***God channels his comfort through mediators***
 - ▶ ***His word (Ps. 119)***
 - ▶ ***Among humans the prophets, who both judge and comfort (cf. Ezek. 4ff. and 33ff.; Jer. 31:18ff.),***

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Exhortation (Encouragement, Comfort) The Servant - Christ

**“The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me,
Because the LORD has anointed Me To
preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent
Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim
liberty to the captives, And the opening of
the prison to *those who are* bound; To
proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD,
And the day of vengeance of our God; To
comfort all who mourn.”**

Isaiah 61:1-2; (Luke 4:18-19)

Exhortation (Encouragement, Comfort) The Servant – The Holy Spirit

“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper (Comforter), that He may abide with you forever.”

John 14:16

“But the Helper (Comforter), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.”

John 14:26

Exhortation (Encouragement, Comfort) Barnabas

“And Joses, who was also named Barnabas by the apostles (which is translated Son of Encouragement), a Levite of the country of Cyprus, having land, sold *it*, and brought the money and laid *it* at the apostles’ feet.”

Acts 4:36-37

Exhortation (Encouragement, Comfort) Tychicus

“But that you also may know my affairs *and* how I am doing, Tychicus, a beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, will make all things known to you; whom I have sent to you for this very purpose, that you may know our affairs, and *that* he may comfort your hearts.”

Ephesians 6:21-22

According to Faith

Gifts function by the measure of our faith.

According to Faith

- ▶ **By faith or the knowledge of God in Christ with the gifts of the Holy Ghost! This noun denotes belief to the extent of complete trust and reliance in God!**

Abernathy, D. (2009). *An Exegetical Summary of Romans 9–16* (p. 210). Dallas, TX: SIL International.

Geneva Bible: Notes. (1560). (Vol. 2, p. 74). Geneva: Rovland Hall.