# “We Need the Holy Spirit (Part 6): Understanding Each Spiritual Gift (3)” – February 23, 2020

**“Exhortation” -** The Holy Spirit-given ability to encourage (to inspire with courage and confidence), comfort and console others, especially those who are mourning or suffering. (Rom. 12:6-8; 1 Thess. 4:18; Luke 6:24; Acts 9:31; Rom. 15:4-5)

**“Gift of Evangelism” -** The Holy Spirit-given ability to effectively persuade others to receive the good news about the person and work of Jesus Christ, to pioneer new evangelistic ministries and to equip believers for evangelism. (Eph. 4:11; Acts 21:8; 8:4-25, 35, 40)

**“Gift of Shepherding” –** The Holy Spirit-given ability to lovingly care for the spiritual well-being of, guide, protect and feed the members of a local church with the Word of God and personal example. (Eph. 4:11; Acts 20:28-32; 1 Pet. 5:1-4; 1 Tim. 4:16)

#### Common Practices to Grow in Spiritual Gifts

A) Practice the gift by participating in a related ministry  
B) Ask other believers for feedback to affirm your gifting or advise in how to use the gift  
C) Grow in your faith (knowledge of God’s Word and related literature, Christian wisdom, holiness, intimacy with God)  
D) Learn from other believers (hearing their testimonies, reading biographies, mentorship relationship)