

## VII. Specific Definitions of Spiritual Gifts

### A. Administration

1 Corinthians 12:28 -- "And in the church God has appointed . . . those with gifts of administration."

Sanders (p. 121) states: "In any work of God, leadership and a certain amount of administration are necessary, and the Spirit imparts special gifts for this work. It is work that is unspectacular and demanding, and not always appreciated. Nevertheless it is necessary to the smooth functioning of the work of the Kingdom."

Edgar (p. 331) writes:

The word often translated government is the Greek word KUBERNESIS. It occurs in the New Testament only in 1 Corinthians 12:28. The word has the idea of administration, government, or management. It is from the same root as the word KUBERNETES, or steersman. The idea is closely connected with the previous gift of ruling, although there may conceivably be some emphasis on organizing and managing. The most probable solution is that these two gifts refer to the same thing but may emphasize various aspects. These two gifts are abilities while pastor describes an office. Apparently some people in the church have an extraordinary ability to rule and administer."

Ryrie (p. 91) simply says that "this is the ability to rule in the church."

### B. Apostleship

1 Corinthians 12:28 -- "And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles"

Ephesians 4:11 -- "It was he [Christ] who gave some to be apostles"

Ryrie (p. 85) states:

Apostleship can have both a general and a limited meaning. In a general sense the word means one who is sent, or a messenger. The Latin equivalent is the word missionary. In a general sense every Christian is a missionary or an apostle, because he has been sent into this world for a testimony. Epaphroditas is an illustration, for the word "apostle" is used to describe him ("but your messenger", Phil. 2:25). However, in the specialized sense of the gift of apostleship it refers to the Twelve (and perhaps a few others like Paul and Barnabas, Acts 14:14). They were the leaders who laid the foundation of the church and they were