

used to an summons or call for help. Exhort is a good translation for this gift. This individual urges, exhorts, and encourages others. In this case he exhorts regarding the Christian life.

Ryrie (p. 90) says: "Exhorting involves encouraging, comforting, and admonishing people. Note that this is a separate and distinct gift from the gift of teaching. In other words, teaching may or may not involve exhortation, and contrariwise exhortation may or may not involve teaching."

John Williams, in *The Holy Spirit: Lord and Life-Giver* (Neptune, New Jersey: Loizeaux Brothers, 1980), p. 111, states:

Obviously the gift of exhortation is akin to that of teaching and any distinction there is would appear to be one of emphasis only. The word PARAKLESIS has several possible translations, including summons, exhortation, encouragement, and consolation. Since in the context of Paul's list of gifts DIDASKALIA (teaching) and PARAKLESIS are associated, we are probably not wrong in translating it exhortation. As the teacher informs the mind and heart of his hearers, so the exhorter challenges their wills and consciences. He will do this best not by strident tones and angry threats but by gracious entreaties and understanding words. Let him always remember that He who gifted him for his task was described by Christ as "the Paraclete".

#### F. Faith

1 Corinthians 12:8-9 -- "To one there is given through the Spirit . . . , to another faith by the same Spirit"

1 Corinthians 13:2 -- "and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing."

Billy Graham, in *The Holy Spirit* (Waco, Texas: Word Books, 1978), p. 150, states:

We must distinguish between the grace of faith and the gift of faith. The grace of faith means that we can believe God will do whatever He has promised to do in His Word. All Christians have the grace of faith. Therefore, if we do not have faith in what the Bible promises, we sin. But many things come into our lives concerning which there are no specific promises from the Word. Therefore, when we pray, we add, "if it be Thy will." But sometimes the Holy Spirit gives us the gift of faith to believe things about which the Bible is silent. If we do not have this special gift of faith, it is not sin.

Ryrie (p. 90) says: "Faith is the God-given ability to believe God's power to supply specific need. Every man has been