

# The Practice of Spiritual Gifts in the Local Church (10)

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        - 1) Apostles
        - 2) Teachers
          - a) The Gift
          - b) The Gift's Practice
            - (1) His Content
            - (2) His Nourishment
            - (3) His Character
            - (4) His Zeal
        - 3) Helps
          - a) Its Meaning
            - helps to grasp, to take up a matter
          - b) Its Expression
          - c) Its Importance
        - 4) Administrations
          - a) Its Meaning
            - administrations steerage, guidance
          - b) Its Expression
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      - excellent exceed, surpass, superior
      - show point out, make known