An Investigation of the Effectiveness of Training in the Utilization of Spiritual Gifts in the Personal Ministries of Ontario Seventh-Day Adventists

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Abstract

Problem. The New Testament indicates that spiritual gifts occupy a crucial function in the life and growth of the church. No known empirical study has measured the effectiveness of nurture and training for gift implementation. This study was designed to investigate behavioral change in awareness and use of spiritual gifts by Seventh-day Adventist members.

Methodology. The New spiritual Gifts Inventory (NSGI) was used to identify awareness of giftedness in five clusters: Teaching, Shepherding-Evangelizing, Supporting, Counseling, and Leadership. An Activity Inventory was developed for the study with 20 activity questions corresponding to the NSGI. The following statistical designs were used to analyze the data: Paired samples t-test to discover changes in subjects; one-way analysis of covariance to analyze the difference between the experimental and control groups in giftedness and activities; two-way analysis of covariance to investigate the presence of interactions between the treatment and personal values affecting spiritual gifts and activity factors. Seventy-two subjects participated in the study. The experimental group of 40 subjects was randomly selected from one West Indian...
The food chain should take responsibility to prevent animals from becoming extinct. Another reason why our society should take action in order to help endangered species is that people survival even more challenging. In Matthew 25:14-30 Jesus tells the parable of the talents. It is a parable about stewardship of the grace that God has given to all believers. In the story, a talent equaled about 75 pounds of coinage and would be the equivalent of 15 years of normal wages for one person. This was an enormous responsibility for each of the servants to bear. Try serving in different ministries to see what fits and how you can glorify God in your gifts. God may have given you gifts that you didn't think you could ever have. Or He may transform some of your known talents into spiritual gifts. Check out the Spiritual Gifts and FAQs pages for definitions and descriptions of each spiritual gift and answers to common questions. With the notable exception of the General Conference Session of 1881, ordaining women to ministry barely featured on the denominational radar before 1968. In fact, ordination. For it is important to remember that Seventh-day Adventists, unlike some denominations, allow in theory that our theology might adapt and evolve. Ellen White stressed that there are 13 doctrines on which compromise is not possible; however these "landmarks" or "pillars" are actually 14 few in number.2 And outside of them, she declared, "we are not safe when we take [the] position" 15 that "We have the truth."

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