



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Called to Lead



APPRENTICE OF THE WAY

Like others who train at Planet Taizu, you are strong and capable but prefer to keep to yourself. If you had it your way, you'd spend your days in a cave meditating, but when others need your help, you'll always do what's right.

Training at Planet Taizu

Spiritual gifts

Discernment: The spiritual gift that enables the receiver to seek God's will and purpose and to apply that understanding to individual and collective situations affecting the faith community.

People with this gift are usually perceptive, insightful, sensitive, intuitive, decisive, challenging, truthful.

Cautions for people with this gift: being harsh when confronting others instead of speaking truth in love; confirming perceptions before speaking.

Biblical references: John 16:6-15, Romans 9:1, 1 Corinthians 2:9-16

Knowledge: The spiritual gift that drives the receiver to learn, analyze and uncover new insights with regard to the Bible and faith.

People with this gift are usually inquisitive, responsive, observant, insightful, reflective, studious, truthful.

Cautions for people with this gift: being aware that this gift can lead to pride, remembering that it is God's message, not theirs, when they speak.

Biblical references: 1 Corinthians 12:8, 1 Corinthians 14:6, Romans 12:2

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Teaching: The spiritual gift that enables the receiver to communicate a personal understanding of the Bible and faith in such a way that it becomes clear and understood by others.

People with this gift are usually analytical, disciplined, perceptive, teachable, authoritative, practical, articulate.

Cautions for people with this gift: becoming too detailed when teaching and losing sight of the reason for teaching; remembering that their spirituality is not measured by how much they know.

Biblical references: 1 Corinthians 12:28, Matthew 5:1-12, Acts 18:24-28

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You have wonderful gifts that we encourage you to use faithfully among your family and friends, at your workplace and/or school, in the community in which you live, and in your faith community, too. Within the church, you may be especially gifted at: digging into Scripture and history; researching social issues and writing about ethical challenges; designing Bible studies; teaching as a pastor, deacon, chaplain or lay leader.

