

Typical Differences between Ministry & Eldering

	Ministry	Eldering
Type of gift	Prophetic	Discerning
Vocal messages in worship	Broad, extensive	Succinct
Focus	<u>Increasing faith:</u> Encouraging right beliefs & immediate relationship with God	<u>Increasing faithfulness:</u> Encouraging acting in & from right beliefs
Message conveyed	God's Truth	God's Way
Emphasis (usually, not always)	Content	Process
Mode (usually)	Public, general	Private, personal
Part of the "body" emphasized	Mouth (speaking)	Ear (listening)
Birthing image	Mother: delivering God's message	Midwife: Encouraging, admonishing, clarifying; maintaining right conditions for "birth"
Agricultural image	Pouring feed into trough	Guiding into green pastures & away from thorns