

TYPICAL DIFFERENCES between MINISTRY and ELDERING

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