



The River of God

Part 6 - The Gifts of the Spirit #2

37 "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"...

John 7:37-39 (ESV)

***...39 Now this he said about the Spirit,
whom those who believed in him
were to receive, for as yet the Spirit
had not been given, because Jesus was
not yet glorified.***

John 7:37-39 (ESV)

***There will be swarms of living things
wherever the water of this river flows.***

***Fish will abound in the Dead Sea,
for its waters will become fresh.
Life will flourish wherever this water
flows...watered by the river flowing
from the Temple.***

Ezekiel 47:9,12 (NLT)

The Holy Spirit Knows



***To each is given the manifestation of the
Spirit for the common good.***

1 Corinthians 12:7 (ESV)

He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it ...doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

John 14:17 (NLT)

***When the Spirit of truth comes,
he will guide you into all truth.***

***He will not speak on his own but will
tell you what he has heard. He will tell
you about the future. He will bring me
glory by telling you whatever he receives
from me.***

John 16:13-14 (NLT)

***Now we have received...the Spirit who
is from God, that we might understand
the things freely given us by God.
And we impart this in words not taught
by human wisdom but taught
by the Spirit.***

1 Corinthians 2:12-13 (ESV)

Dear brothers and sisters, If I should come to you speaking in an unknown language, how would that help you? But if I bring to you a revelation or some special knowledge or prophecy or teaching, that will be helpful.

1 Corinthians 14:6 (NLT)



1. The Gift of the Message of Wisdom

***To one there is given through the Spirit
the message of wisdom.***

1 Corinthians 12:8 (NIV)

Definition: *A Spirit-empowered piece of wisdom for a particular problem or need. The “how” of a situation focused on instruction. A divine solution or answer to a problem.*




Jesus: “And when you are brought to trial in the synagogues and before rulers and authorities, don’t worry about how to defend yourself or what to say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what needs to be said.”

Luke 12:11-12 (NLT)

***I keep asking that the God of our
Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father,
may give you the Spirit of wisdom
and revelation, so that you may know
him better.***

Ephesians 1:17 (NIV)



2. The Gift of the *Message* of Knowledge

***To another the message of knowledge
by means of the same Spirit.***

1 Corinthians 12:8 (NIV)

Definition: *A Spirit-empowered insight for a specific situation not learned by natural observations. The “what” of a situation focused on information.*



An argument started among the disciples as to which of them would be the greatest. Jesus, knowing their thoughts, took a little child and had him stand beside him.

Luke 9:46-47 (NIV)

Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”...

Mark 2:6-8 (NIV)

***...Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit
that this was what they were thinking
in their hearts, and he said to them,
“Why are you thinking these things?”***

Mark 2:6-8 (NIV)



3. The Gift of Distinguishing Between Spirits

***To another distinguishing
between spirits.***

1 Corinthians 12:10 (NIV)

Definition: *A Spirit-empowered awareness of either a genuine or demonic spirit behind things, especially the spirit behind a prophecy.*



***Beloved, do not believe every spirit,
but test the spirits to see whether they
are from God, for many false prophets
have gone out into the world.***

1 John 4:1 (ESV)

***Do not stifle the Holy Spirit.
Do not scoff at prophecies,
but test everything that is said.
Hold on to what is good.
Stay away from every kind of evil.***

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22 (NLT)

***Let two or three people prophesy,
and let the others evaluate what is said.***

1 Corinthians 14:29 (NLT)