

# Gifts of Revelation Part 2 - the Discerning of Spirits

1 Corinthians 12:5-11

5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. 7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit [of all]: 8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another [different] kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

## Gifts of Revelation

- 1 Word of wisdom
- 2 Word of knowledge
- 3 Discerning of spirits**

## Gifts of Power

- 1 Faith
- 2 Healing
- 3 Miracles

## Gifts of Inspiration

- 1 Prophecy
- 2 Tongues
- 3 Interpretation of tongues

## THE DISCERNING OF SPIRITS - WHAT IS IT?

Not a critical spirit | Not “keen insight” | Not a “gift of discernment”  
*It is seeing into the realm of the Spirit in order to combat deception.*

## FOUR MAIN AREAS OF DECEPTION

*(Concerning the invisible spirit world)*

### A. Demon possession (Mark 9:20-27, 16:17; Matt 15:22, 12:43, 10:2; Luke 13:10-11; Acts 19:13-16)

Four theories of the Origin of demons

1. Fallen angels
2. Spirits of wicked dead
3. Pre-Adamic world
4. Nephilim

*The Christian's Relationship to demons*

1. I have absolute authority over them
2. I'm told not to give any place to devil (James 4:7, Matt 8:29)

*Types of Possession*

1. A demonic - involuntary victim
2. Demon-controlled medium - willing channel (Acts 16:16-18)

### B. Angelic deception in 3 spheres (John 12:31; Eph 2:2, 6:11; 2 Cor 11:13)

- 1 False church - counterfeit (Rev 2:9)
- 2 False doctrine - doctrine of devils (1 Tim 4:1)
- 3 False Agents (1 Tim 4:1-4)

*(Concerning the Human Aspect)*

### C. Prophetic utterance (1 Cor 14:29; Heb 5:14)

### D. Human pretense

1. Unintentional
2. Intentional
3. Driven by passions (Acts 8:9-23)