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# spiritual gifts

there are different  
kinds of gifts, but  
the same Spirit  
distributes them

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4

## Sunday March 24th

### LET'S TALK:

What healing experiences have you or someone you know had?

POWER Gifts demonstrate the power, presence and reality of God.

As Jon was describing these 3 power gifts; Healing, Words of Knowledge and Words of Wisdom in the sermon, which one(s) did you find you now understand better? In what ways?

### GO TO THE WORD:

Read John 5:19, 14:12-14.

Looking to Jesus as our model we need to pray before doing deeds, for alignment of our will, permission, and empowerment and then act imitating Jesus and take authority as He did. How do these verses and this statement impact your understanding of serving others using spiritual gifts?

Read James 5:13-15.

From your experience do most Christians believe in healing? Who is the sick one to call on for prayer? What is the significance of praying in the name of the Lord? What is similar and what is different between the role of an elder praying for healing and an individual using the spiritual gift of healing?

Read James 3:17 and 1 Corinthians 2:4-13

What do these passages tell us about the wisdom of God? Paul did not rely on human wisdom to persuade or impress his audience. How did he rely on the wisdom of God? Can a non-believer have the wisdom of God?

## **WHAT NOW:**

Jon said “Words of knowledge are God giving information or specific calls to action that the person giving them would not otherwise be able to know, and which lead to God working and his Lordship growing.”

Recall a time you or someone you know spoke words of knowledge? Was it presented in a way that edified the person receiving the words? How would you recommend someone with a spiritual gift of knowledge or wisdom deliver the words to the person whom they’re intended for?

Read through these helpful definitions. Do you find yourself resonating with one or more of these power gifts? Who else do you know has these gifts?

The gift of Healing is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to serve as human intermediaries through whom it pleases God to cure illness and restore health apart from the use of natural means. Definition by C. Peter Wagner.

The gifts of Words of Wisdom/Knowledge are situational communications given by the Holy Spirit for that moment. Thus, we are not just talking about people who are knowledgeable about the Bible or God but are talking about a word which comes from God as wisdom or knowledge for a certain specific situation.

Definition by J. Robert Clinton.

## **PRAY:**

Pray for greater understanding and development of each other’s gifts. Pray for opportunities to use your gifts for the common good of the body.

## **BEFORE NEXT TIME, ON YOUR OWN:**

So often our confidence in the Word of God is really reflected by our reaction when we hear something quoted from Scripture or claimed to be Biblically based, but it’s different than we have been previously taught. In Acts 17:11-12, Paul describes the Bereans as noble because they “examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.” Set aside time to study what the Bible says about the particular spiritual gifts you may have. Share your learnings at the next group meeting.

Do you know about the C4 Church prayer ministries? Take time to visit <https://www.c4church.com/prayer> and familiarize yourself with what is offered.