

# LESSON TEN

## THE WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

### **Key Bible Verse:**

*"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom, through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ... to another discerning of spirits..." (1 Cor. 12:7,8,10)*

### **Lesson Objectives:**

- ✓ Understand what the word of knowledge is and how it works with other gifts.
- ✓ Give New Testament and Old Testament examples of this gift.
- ✓ List various ways a word of knowledge can be received.
- ✓ Know the process of delivering a word of knowledge.

### **1. A Revelatory Gift**

### **2. Word of Knowledge Defined**

"This is the supernatural revelation of fact about a person or situation, which is not learned through the efforts of the natural mind, but is a fragment of knowledge freely given by God, disclosing the truth which the Spirit wishes to be made known concerning a particular person or situation" (John Wimber, "Vineyard Fellowships," U.S.A.).

**3. The Operation of the Word of Knowledge (1 Cor. 13:9)**

**4. New Testament Examples of the Word of Knowledge**

**a. Jesus in action (Luke 19:30,31)**

**b. A soul-winning tool (John 4:4-42)**

**c. Revelation of sin (Acts 5:1-5)**

**d. Divine knowledge of direction (Acts 9:10-16)**

**e. Warning of danger (Acts 22:17-21)**

**f. For provision (Matt. 17:27)**

## **5. Old Testament Examples of the Word of Knowledge**

- a. Warning for a king** (2 Kings 6:8-10)
  
- b. Boat-building instructions** (Genesis 6:14-22)
  
- c. Unveiling of a lie** (II Kings 5:20-27)
  
- d. Knowledge of a successor** (1 Kings 19:15,16)
  
- e. King's anointing confirmed— 16 words of knowledge !** (1 Sam 10:1-16)

## **6. Preparing To Receive Words**

- a. Cleanse heart** (Psalm 66:18; 1 John 1:9)
  
- b. Earnestly desire** (1 Cor. 14:1)

## **7. How You Can Receive Words Of Knowledge**

- a. Thoughts**

**b. Impressions or body impressions**

**c. Through Dreams** (Acts 10:9-16)

**d. A vision** (Acts 16:18)

**e. The still small voice** (1 Kings 19:12; 1 Sam. 9:15-16)

**f. Trance** (Acts 11:4)

**g. The word of God** (John 14:26)

**h. Angels** (Acts 10: 30-33)

## **8. Giving A Word Of Knowledge**

### **Questions to ask first:**

**a. Is this for prayer only?**

**b. Should I share this with the local church leaders first?**

c. Is this public or private information?

d. Will this bring edification to the individual and the church?

### **Reinforcement Helpers:**

1. A word of knowledge is a definite conviction, \_\_\_\_\_,  
or \_\_\_\_\_. It is \_\_\_\_\_ insight  
or understanding of \_\_\_\_\_, situations  
or problems. A word of knowledge is a divine \_\_\_\_\_  
about the \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_;  
an inspired utterance of \_\_\_\_\_.

2. List all three revelatory gifts and describe how at least two of them can operate together.

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3. Give two purposes of the word of knowledge in the New Testament (with examples) and two purposes of the gift in the Old Testament (with examples).

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**4. List six of the eight ways to receive a word of knowledge.**

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5. To prepare to receive a word of knowledge, we need to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the gift. Before giving a word of knowledge, we need to ask the Lord whether it's for \_\_\_\_\_ only, whether it's \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ information, whether we should share it with \_\_\_\_\_ first and whether the word will bring \_\_\_\_\_ to a person or to the church.

**Life Application:**

- ✓ Ask the Lord to reveal to you any blockages in your life that are preventing you from receiving words of knowledge. Then repent and make the changes that need to be made.
- ✓ Ask the Holy Spirit to encourage you by reminding you of words of knowledge He has already given you which you may not even have recognized at the time.
- ✓ Ask the Holy Spirit to help you desire and covet the word of knowledge more.
- ✓ Now wait on the Lord, asking Him to give you words of knowledge beginning now and then throughout your days for the purpose of personal direction, edification of others, or soul winning.

**Prayer:**

*Father, I ask that you would stir up a burning desire for spiritual gifts in me. I pray that You would reveal to me Your great desire to give me spiritual gifts like the word of knowledge. Please remove any obstacles in my life and enlarge my capacity to receive words of knowledge. Lord, I ask that You would help me realize throughout my day when You are speaking to me words of knowledge for the purpose of personal direction, edification of others or for soul winning. Let the increase of revelation in my life produce a great, fruitful harvest of good works for Your kingdom. Amen.*

**LETS DO IT!!!!**