

# The Word of Knowledge

## 1 Corinthians 12:7-11b

### I. Intro

#### ● Anecdote

- All-knowing
  - When it comes to the acquisition of knowledge - the finite mind will never achieve the state of omniscience.
  - Even if we had the time to take all of the courses in all of the colleges - - and read all of the books ever written...
  - ...we would still come short of acquiring all of the knowledge found within the infinite mind of our All-knowing God
  - Thankfully for us - our omniscient Creator is ready to share His knowledge with those who trust in Jesus.
    - And the proof of my point can be found all throughout the Bible...
      - ...where we find the Lord - providing His servants with the gift of knowledge - as needed.
- Examples
  - For example - the Lord provided the prophet Daniel with the gift of knowledge...
    - ...so that he could know the content of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream.
    - Not only that - but - the Lord also gave Samuel a gift of knowledge - by informing him about the judgment of Eli.
    - The Lord gave Elisha a gift of knowledge - by revealing the secret military plans of King Aram.

- And our all-knowing God also gave David a gift of knowledge - by assuring him that...
- ...the men of Keilah would deliver him into the hand of Saul - if he entered their city.

## II. Outline

### ● Points

- Knowledge
  - Now - listen - this is just a scratch on the surface of all the times when the Lord gave a gift of knowledge - to His servants.
  - And it's here in our text today - - we find Paul - helping the Christians in Corinth to understand that...
  - ...the Holy Spirit is still providing the people of God - with a charismatic gift which he called the Word of Knowledge.
  - And as we study the scriptures before us today - we'll begin to see that...
    1. ...the Word of Knowledge is Biblical
    2. ...the Word of Knowledge is Correctional
    3. ...the Word of Knowledge is Directional
  - With this as our outline - let's open our Bibles to 1st Corinthians chapter 12...
  - ...where we find Paul - presenting the Christians in Corinth - with a list of spiritual gifts.

## III. Biblical

### ● Set up

- Context

- As we make our way to the twelfth chapter of 1st Corinthians - we should take a moment to put our text - back into it's context.
- It was last week - when we started our study of the spiritual gifts that Paul presented - here in this chapter.
- And it was during that study when we took the time to consider the first gift found on this list - - which is the word of wisdom.
- We also took the time to consider how the word of wisdom is Beneficial - Rational and Supernatural.
- Now - here in our time today - we're going to spend our time examining the second gift on this list - which is the word of Knowledge.
- With this as our focus - let's take another look at this list - found here in 1st Corinthians chapter 12.
- Look with me - beginning there at verse 7 - where we learn that...

- Text

1Co 12:7 ...the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

1Co 12:8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,

1Co 12:9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,

1Co 12:10 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.

1Co 12:11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

- Profit

- As we take another look at this list of charismatic gifts - it's important for us to remember that...

- ...the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.
- Just to be clear - it's important for us to understand that - the Holy Spirit distributes these gifts individually.
- And while it's true that every Christian receives at least one spiritual gift according to God's will...
- ...it's also true that the Holy Spirit distributes these gifts - for the profit of all.
  - This most certainly includes the word of Knowledge - by which the Holy Spirit provides the church with the knowledge of God.
- Word
  - Now - in order to understand this Charismatic gift - which Paul called the Word of Knowledge...
  - ...I should first point out that - the Greek word rendered word - is the same Greek word that Paul used - when he referred to the WORD of Wisdom.
  - I'm of course referring to the Greek word - LOGOS - which refers to the mental faculty of thinking - meditating - reasoning - and calculating.
  - It was in our study last week - when I informed you that this Greek word was used in reference to the divine mind of God.
  - And while it's true that the apostle John used the word - LOGOS - in reference to the deity of the Lord Jesus...
    - ...it's also true that the Greek word - LOGOS - was also used of the divine declarations that we find in the Holy Bible.
- Declaration
  - For example - it's in Hebrews chapter 4 - verse 12 - where Paul used the Greek word - Logos - in reference to the Bible - by declaring...

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

- Here in this verse - we find Paul using the Greek word - Logos - in reference to our sacred scriptures...
  - ...which are living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword.
  - And as we consider how the divine mind of the Lord has been revealed through the Logos of the Holy Bible...
    - ...we must not forget that - the scriptures that we find in the Bible - were inspired by the Holy Spirit of God.
      - And what this means is that - the Bible is filled with the knowledge of God - which was inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- Inspiration
  - This was precisely the point that Paul was making in 2nd Timothy chapter 3 where he declared...

2Ti 3:16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,  
2Ti 3:17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.
  - Now - when Paul informed us that the scriptures were given by inspiration of God...
    - ...it'll help you to know that the word - inspiration - was translated from the Greek word - theopneustos...

- ...and - theopneustos - is derived from the root words - THEOS - which means - God - and PNEŪ - which means - breath - or wind.
- PNEŪ is also the root - of the Greek word - Pneuma - which is rendered - Spirit.
  - And as we connect the dots - we can see that the scriptures found in the Bible - have been inspired by the Holy Spirit of God.

- Examples

- The Lord Jesus confirmed this in Mark chapter 12 - it's verse 36 - where we learn that...

Mar 12:36 “...David himself said by the Holy Spirit:  
 ‘The LORD said to my Lord,  
 “Sit at My right hand,  
 Till I make Your enemies Your footstool.”’

- From this - we can see that King David spoke by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
- Peter also confirmed this - in Acts chapter 1 - where we learn that the Holy Spirit spoke before by the mouth of David concerning Judas.
- In Acts 28 - Paul assured his audience that the Holy Spirit spoke rightly to the fathers - through the prophet Isaiah.
- And in Hebrews 3 - Paul also informed his kinsmen - that the Holy Spirit inspired the 95th Psalm.
  - Peter summed it up in his second epistle - where we learn that the scriptures were written by men who were moved by the Holy Spirit.
- Men?
  - With all of this mind - we can rejoice in knowing that - the Holy Bible isn't just the recorded words of finite - and fallible men.

- No - instead - the words that we find in the Holy Bible were inspired by the Holy Spirit of God.
- And listen - this was not only true of the Old Testament - this is also true of the New Testament as well.
- In order to prove my point - let's consider how the Lord Jesus explained this to His disciples.
- Hold your place - here in 1st Corinthians - and let's turn in our Bibles to John chapter 14.
- You see - it's here in the 14th chapter of John's gospel account - where we find the Lord Jesus...
  - ...helping His disciples to understand how the Holy Spirit would help them to remember everything that He taught them.
- Remembrance
- Let's consider how Jesus explained it here in John chapter 14 - look with me beginning there at verse 23 - where He declared...
 

Jhn 14:23 "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

Jhn 14:24 "He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father's who sent Me.

Jhn 14:25 "These things I have spoken to you while being present with you.

Jhn 14:26 "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you."
- From this - we can see that the Lord Jesus was not only encouraging His disciples to keep His words...
  - ...but - He also informed them that the Holy Spirit would be sent to help them remember everything that He taught them.

- And not only that - but - the Lord Jesus also assured them that the Holy Spirit would provide them with more knowledge...
- ...by teaching them all the things that they weren't able to receive - prior to the crucifixion - and resurrection of our Redeemer.
- Proof of my point can be found in John chapter 16 - and so - let's flip forward to the 16th chapter of John's gospel account.

- Guide

- Look with me there at John chapter 16 - let's begin reading there at verse 12 where the Lord Jesus declared...

Jhn 16:12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.

Jhn 16:13 "However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

Jhn 16:14 "He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.

Jhn 16:15 "All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.

- Here in these verses - we find the Lord Jesus - helping His disciples to understand that...
  - ...there was divine knowledge that they wouldn't be able to comprehend - until after His death - burial - resurrection - and ascension.
  - And it's for this reason that God the Father sent the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost.
  - He sent the Holy Spirit to provide Christians with the divine guidance that we need - to walk in the knowledge of the Truth.
  - And this most certainly includes the word of knowledge - by which the Holy Spirit inspired the books found in the New Testament.

## ● Application

### • Complete

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2Ti 3:17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- Christian - listen - the Holy Spirit has provided us with the knowledge we need...
- ...to become believers who are complete - and thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- And while it's true that the infinite knowledge of God can't be contained in the books of the Bible...
- ...it's also true that the Bible contains the knowledge we need - for understanding Who God is - and what He has done.
- What this means is that - the Word of Knowledge is a charismatic gift - which is Biblical.

## ● Transition

### • Points

- Now - this brings us to our second point - because listen...

1. ...the Word of Knowledge is not only Biblical...

2. ...but - the Word of Knowledge is also Correctional.

- With this as our focus - let's turn back to 1st Corinthians chapter 12...

- ...as we continue to consider this charismatic gift that Paul called - the word of knowledge.
- Look with me again - beginning there at verse 7 - where we learn that...

#### IV. Correctional

##### ● Text

1Co 12:7 ...the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

1Co 12:8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit

- Knowledge
  - Now - in order to better understand the logos of knowledge - it'll help you to know that there are different kinds of knowledge.
  - For example - the Greek word - mantháno - refers to knowledge that is learned after examining the facts.
  - Then there's the Greek word - eídō - which refers to the intuitive knowledge which comes from one's state of being.
  - There's the Greek word - epístamai - which is the basis of our word - Epistemology - meaning - the theory of knowledge.
  - Epístamai refers to the knowledge acquired by an astute observation of the world around us.
    - And then there's the Greek word - synesis - which refers to the intellectual intelligence that enables us to think things through.
- Ginosko
  - Well - when it comes to the word of Knowledge - Paul didn't use any of those Greek words.

- Instead - he used the Greek word - Gnosis - which is the noun form of the word - Ginosko.
- And just to be clear - Gnosis refers to experiential knowledge - or personal knowledge...
  - ...rather than the rational knowledge acquired by an examination of the empirical facts.
  - And while it's true that the Holy Spirit provided this gift of experiential knowledge to those who wrote the Bible...
    - ...it's also true that the Holy Spirit uses this gift of knowledge - to help believers reach those who are rejecting Jesus.
- Dead
  - In order to make my case - let's consider the way that the Lord Jesus explained it to His disciples.
  - Hold your place - here in 1st Corinthians - - and let's turn back to the 16th chapter of John's gospel account.
  - As we make our way to John 16 - I wanna take a moment to remind you that - - every unbeliever is spiritually dead in their trespasses and sins.
  - It's for this reason that we must be born of the Spirit - by faith in Jesus Christ - so that we can walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.
  - Sadly - unbelievers are spiritually discerned - and therefore - unable to understand their need for forgiveness.
    - And with that being the case - the Holy Spirit was sent to convict the hearts of every unbeliever.
- Conviction
  - Let's consider how the Lord Jesus explained it - here in John chapter 16 - look with me beginning there at verse 7 - where he declared...

Jhn 16:7 “I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.

Jhn 16:8 “And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Jhn 16:9 “of sin, because they do not believe in Me;

Jhn 16:10 “of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;

Jhn 16:11 “of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

- Here in these verses - we find the Lord Jesus - helping His disciples to understand that...
  - ...the Holy Spirit was sent to convict the hearts of those who DON'T believe in Him.
  - And listen - one of the ways that the Holy Spirit convicts the hearts of those who don't believe in Jesus...
    - ...is by providing evangelists - with a word of knowledge - that brings the conviction of sin...
      - ...to those who don't yet know that Jesus Christ is Lord.
- Samaritan Woman
  - Case in point - let's consider the word of knowledge that the Lord Jesus presented to the Samaritan woman that He met at Jacob's well.
  - It's in John chapter 4 - where the Lord Jesus said to her...

Jhn 4:16 “Go, call your husband, and come here.”

Jhn 4:17 The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’

Jhn 4:18 “for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.”
  - Now - I should remind you that - the Logos of Jesus was contained within the finite humanity of Jesus.

- And so - it was the Holy Spirit Who provided Him with this word of knowledge...
- ...which enabled Him to expose the sins of that Samaritan woman.
  - In similar fashion - there are times when the Holy Spirit provides a word of Knowledge to an evangelist...
  - ...so that those who don't yet believe in Jesus - might receive the conviction they need to repent and trust in Him.
- Believers
  - And listen - the Holy Spirit not only empowers evangelists with this gift - in order to bring the conviction of sin to unbelievers...
  - ...but - there are times when the Holy Spirit gives a word of knowledge to a Christian leader - in order to convict the hearts of believers.
  - In order to make my case - let's consider the situation that Luke recorded in the book of Acts.
    - Continue holding your place - there in 1st Corinthians - and let's turn in our Bibles - to Acts chapter 5.
      - It's here in the fifth chapter of Acts - where we find the Holy Spirit - providing the apostle Peter with a word of knowledge...
        - ...which ended up bringing a new level of conviction to every Christian in the primitive church.
- Knowledge
  - Let's consider Luke's account of the situation that he recorded - here in Acts chapter 5.
    - Look with me beginning there at verse 1 - where we learn that...

Act 5:1 ...a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession.

Act 5:2 And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet.

Act 5:3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?"

Act 5:4 "While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God."

- Here in these verses - we learn about the day when a Christian couple tried to deceive the apostles...
  - ...by pretending to present all of the proceeds that they acquired - from the sale of a piece of property.
  - But rather than allowing them to receive the honor for being generous believers...
  - ...the Holy Spirit exposed their deception - by providing the apostle Peter with a word of knowledge.
  - And not only that - but - the Holy Spirit also made an example of them - so that their correction might bring conviction.
- Fear
- Let's continue to consider the account that we find here in Acts chapter 5 - look with me beginning there at verse 5 - where Luke declared...

Act 5:5 Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things.

Act 5:6 And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried him out, and buried him.

Act 5:7 Now it was about three hours later when his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.

Act 5:8 And Peter answered her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?" She said, "Yes, for so much."

Act 5:9 Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out."

Act 5:10 Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying her out, buried her by her husband.

Act 5:11 So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.

- Without debate - this situation is shocking to say the least - and from this - we can see that it's impossible to pull one over on the Holy Spirit.
- Not only that - but - it's also important for us to realize that - He is able to provide the leaders of the church with a word of knowledge...
  - ...so that the church might realize that - the Lord is the all-knowing One...
  - ...Who is able to see everything happening in the dark recesses of our minds.
  - Not only that - but - - He is also able to expose the secrets that we keep hidden within our hearts.

## ● Application

- My Pastor
  - I can't help but to remember the day when the Lord gave me a word of knowledge about my pastor - which helped me fix my focus on Jesus.
  - I was a brand new believer - and my pastor was teaching through the book of Daniel.
  - I remember being impressed - even mesmerized by my pastor's ability to clearly communicate the deep truths of God's word.
  - What I failed to realize was that - it was the Lord Who was speaking through him.

- And as I began to place my pastor on a pedestal - - I remember a still small voice that I heard in my heart - that clearly said...
- "...Get your eyes off of him - because - he's going to fall."

- Fall

- Now - listen - I didn't know that this was a word of knowledge from the Holy Spirit...
- ...nor did I understand that the pastor I was placing on a pedestal - was eventually going to fall away from the faith.
- But what I did know in that moment - was that the glory that I was giving to a man - actually belonged to God.
  - And it was that word of knowledge that helped me to correct my course so that my faith was focused on Jesus.
- Not only that - but - the same word of knowledge helped me to stay on course - after my pastor fell away from the faith.
  - And in light of this example - we can see how the word of knowledge is a charismatic gift - that is Correctional.

- Transition

- Points

- Now - this brings us to our third and final point - because listen...
  1. ...the Word of Knowledge is not only Biblical...
  2. ...and the Word of Knowledge is not only Correctional...
  3. ...but - the Word of Knowledge is also Directional
    - With this as our focus - let's turn back to 1st Corinthians chapter 12...

- ...so that we can continue to consider this charismatic gift that Paul called - the word of knowledge.
- Look with me again - beginning there at verse 7 - where we learn that...

## V. Directional

### ● Text

1Co 12:7 ...the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:

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### • Gnosticism

- Now - in order to understand how the word of knowledge is Directional knowledge...
- ...it'll help you to know that the Greek - gnosis - shouldn't be confused with Gnosticism.
- And while it's true that Gnosticism is a word that is derived from the Greek root gnōsis - which means - knowledge...
- ...it's also true that Gnosticism is a heresy - which was based on the belief that matter - like the physical body is evil...
- ...and that those who want to be saved from the bondage of the material existence...
- ...must acquire secret - divine knowledge of one's true spiritual origin - so that the soul can be set free.
- Thankfully - a Greek bishop named Irenaeus refuted the doctrine of Gnosticism during the 2nd century.

### • Direction

- Christian - listen - when Paul referred to the charismatic gift that he called - the logos of gnosis - or - word of knowledge...
- ...he wasn't making a case for the heresy of Gnosticism - - which is salvation through secret knowledge.
- No - instead - he wasn't making helping the Christians in Corinth to understand that...
- ...there are times when the Holy Spirit will reveal divine knowledge to those whom the Lord has called to lead...
  - ...so that they might receive directional information that will help them lead others.
    - And in order to make my case - let's consider a few examples - beginning with the conversion of Cornelius.
- Cornelius
  - With this as our focus - hold your place here in 1st Corinthians 12 - and let's turn in our Bibles - to Acts chapter 10.
  - And as we make our way to the 10th chapter of Acts - I wanna take a moment to point out that...
  - ...Cornelius was a Roman centurion - who was part of the Italian Regiment.
  - Not only that - but - he was a devout man who feared God with all his household - and yet - they weren't yet followers of Christ Jesus.
  - There came a day when Cornelius saw a vision of an angel of God...
    - ...who directed him to send men to Joppa - in order to invite Peter to come to his home.
      - And it was at that same period of time - when Peter received a vision - followed by a word of knowledge.

- Peter

- Let's consider Luke's account - found here in Acts chapter 10 - look with me beginning there at verse 17 - where Luke writes...

Act 10:17 Now while Peter wondered within himself what this vision which he had seen meant, behold, the men who had been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate.

Act 10:18 And they called and asked whether Simon, whose surname was Peter, was lodging there.

Act 10:19 While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are seeking you.

Act 10:20 "Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them."

- Here in these verses - we find the Holy Spirit - providing the apostle Peter with a word of knowledge...
  - ...and He did this by directing Peter to go with the men - who invited him to the house of Cornelius.
  - After arriving at his house - Peter presented them with the gospel message of grace.
  - And as he was still speaking - the household of Cornelius believed - and were saved by faith in Jesus Christ.
  - From this - we can see how the word of knowledge is directional knowledge - which is given to the servants of our Savior.
- Paul
  - We find another example of this in Acts chapter 16 - where we find Luke's account of Paul's second missionary journey.
  - It's here in the 16th chapter of Acts - beginning at verse 6 - where Luke writes...

Act 16:6 Now when they had gone through Phrygia and the region of Galatia, they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia.

Act 16:7 After they had come to Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit did not permit them.

Act 16:8 So passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas.

Act 16:9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

Act 16:10 Now after he had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go to Macedonia, concluding that the Lord had called us to preach the gospel to them.

- So - according to Luke - the Holy Spirit stopped them from preaching the word in Asia...
- ...and the reason why was because - the Holy Spirit was guiding them to Macedonia.
  - And in this way - we can see how the Holy Spirit uses this charismatic gift - to direct the disciples of Christ.
    - This isn't the heresy of Gnosticism - which is based on secret knowledge...
      - ...no - instead - this is spiritual knowledge - supernaturally revealed for the purpose of direction.
- Pastor - 2000
  - It was back in the year - 2000 - when the Holy Spirit informed me that the Lord was calling me to pastor a church in South Austin.
  - It was at that point in time when I asked Brenda to pray for the Lord to confirm this calling in her heart.
  - I also shared my experience with my pastor - and I asked him to send me to South Austin - if the Lord should lead him in this way.
    - But - rather than being sent out - - I continued serving our Savior at Calvary Austin...

- ...as I waited for my wife - and my pastor to confirm my calling.
  - You see - I wasn't willing to go out and plant a church - unless I was sent by my pastor - with cooperation from my wife.
- Damian
    - It was nearly three years later - when a pastor named Damian - from Prescott Arizona informed my pastor...
    - ...that he was planning to plant a Calvary Chapel in South Austin.
    - After learning about my desire to do the same thing - - we met for lunch - and I encouraged him to obey the leading of the Lord.
    - And while Damian was willing to stay in Arizona - providing that I was ready to plant the church...
      - ...my pastor informed me that he didn't have a confirmation of my calling - - and so - I continued serving at Calvary Austin...
      - ...while Damian came and planted the Calvary Chapel here in South Austin.
- Fulfilled
    - It was at that moment when I received another word of knowledge - as the Holy Spirit informed me that...
    - ...Damian would be here for two years to start the church - and then - he would be sent home - at which point I would pastor the church.
    - And listen - it was two years later when Damian asked my pastor - if he would send me to take over as the pastor of Calvary South Austin.
    - In response - my pastor - and my wife were both convinced that this was the confirmation of the calling I received back in the year 2000.

- What this means is that - the Holy Spirit not only gave me a word of knowledge - when He directed me to South Austin...
- ...but - He also gave me a word of knowledge - when He informed me that I would become the pastor of CSA - in 2005.
- And from this - we can see that the word of knowledge is a charismatic gift - that is directional.

- Some

- In order to further grasp the function of this gift - let's turn back to 1st Corinthians chapter 12.
- I wanna direct your attention back to verse 7 - where Paul informed us that...

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1Co 12:9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,

1Co 12:10 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.

1Co 12:11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

- As we take another look at these verses - I should take a moment to remind you that...
- ...the Holy Spirit distributes these charismatic gifts - to each believer - according to His will.
- What this means is that - the word of knowledge is a gift that is given to some Christians.

- And in my experience - this is a spiritual gift that is typically given to the believers who are called to lead others.
- The reason why is because - those who lead - need directional help from the Holy Spirit - so that we can lead others correctly.

## ● Application

### • Guard

- With this in mind - let's consider the challenge that Paul presented to Pastor Timothy - concerning the gift of knowledge that he received.

- It's in 1st Timothy chapter 6 - beginning at verse 20 - where Paul declared...

1Ti 6:20 O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge—

1Ti 6:21 by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

- Here in these verses - we find Paul - encouraging pastor Timothy to protect the people in his church...
  - ...by helping them to understand the difference - between the divine knowledge that he had received...
  - ...and the profane and idle babblings - and contradictions of what is falsely called gnosis - or - knowledge.
  - Knowing that Christians can easily be led astray with the false knowledge that is espoused by false teachers...
  - ...there are times when the Holy Spirit will help pastors to protect the people in their church - with a word of Knowledge.

### • Example

- This reminds me of a time - when the Holy Spirit gave me a word of knowledge - about an individual who was new to the church.
- And while there was no natural way for me to know that he was here to lead people astray...
- ...the still small voice of the Holy Spirit provided me with supernatural direction - so that I could protect our fellowship from deception.
- It was after a Wednesday night service when I invited him back to my office.
- It was during that meeting when he revealed his unbiblical agenda.
  - And in response - I told him that the Holy Spirit already exposed him - and I encouraged him to take his agenda elsewhere.
  - And from this - we can see how the word of wisdom is a charismatic gift - that provides pastors with direction.

## VI. Conclusion

### ● Wrap up

- Now - as we bring this study to it's conclusion - we should rejoice in knowing that our God is ALL-KNOWING.
- Not only that - but - we can also rejoice in knowing that - the Holy Spirit is able to provide us with His knowledge - as needed.
- And as we've seen throughout our study today...
  1. ...the Word of Knowledge is Biblical...
    - ...which is to say that - the supernatural knowledge of Who God is - and what He has done...
    - ...has been revealed to us - in the pages of the Holy Bible.
  2. ...the Word of Knowledge is also Correctional.

- This not only includes the supernatural knowledge - that helps evangelists to correct unbelievers - so that they might repent...
- ...but this also includes the supernatural knowledge - that helps leaders to challenge backsliding believers...
- ...so that they might return to the Lord.

### 3. ...Finally - the Word of Knowledge is Directional...

- ...which is to say that the Holy Spirit provides pastors with the directions they need...
- ...to lead the people that they've been called to oversee.
- And with all of this being the case - we will all do well to align our lives - to the supernatural knowledge of the Holy Spirit.