



I. Review of previous lesson

Paul's Introduction to the Gifts

A. We are to desire spiritual gifts.

1 Corinthians 14:1 (NKJV) – *Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy*

B. We are not to be ignorant regarding spiritual gifts

1 Corinthians 12:1 (NKJV) – *Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant*

C. There are different gifts, but all operate by the same spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (NKJV) – *⁴There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. ⁶And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all*

D. The gifts profit all

1 Corinthians 12:7 (NKJV) – *But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all*

E. There are three categories of gifts.

1 Corinthians 12:8-11 (NKJV) – *⁸for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, ¹⁰to 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. ¹¹But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills*

1. Three Gifts that reveal something.



- a. **Word of wisdom**
 - b. **Word of knowledge**
 - c. **Discerning of spirits**
2. **Three Gifts that do Something – power gifts.**
- a. **Faith**
 - b. **The working of miracles**
 - c. **Gifts of Healings**
3. **Three gifts that say something – Vocal Gifts**
- a. **Prophecy**
 - b. **Divers' kinds of tongues**
 - c. **Interpretation of tongues**

II. Understanding the Revelation Gifts

A. The revelation gifts all reveal something as the Spirit gives supernatural insight regarding things.

B. The Word of Knowledge

1. **The word of knowledge is the supernatural revelation by the Holy Spirit of certain facts in the mind of God.**
 - a. **Notice it is a *Word of Knowledge*.** While God knows all things, he doesn't reveal everything to man. Through this gift, He imparts a WORD of knowledge to us pertaining to something specific.
 - b. **It is not natural knowledge.**
We must be careful not to allow our natural knowledge of a person or circumstances to be confused with this gift. It is SUPERNATURAL knowledge given by the Spirit.
 - c. **Examples**
 - *John received supernatural knowledge pertaining to seven churches in the book of Revelation.*
 - *Ananias*
Acts 9:10-12 (NKJV) – ¹⁰*Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."* ¹¹*So the Lord said to*



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him, “Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for **behold, he is praying.** ¹²And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight.

- Peter

Acts 10:17-20 (NKJV) – ¹⁷Now while Peter doubted in himself what this vision which he had seen should mean, behold, the men which were sent from Cornelius had made enquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate, ^{18a}and called, and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, were lodged there. ¹⁹While Peter thought on the vision, **the Spirit said unto him, “Behold, three men seek thee.** ²⁰Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: **for I have sent them.”**

- Personal: When specific knowledge of a need is revealed during a service.

C. The Word of Wisdom

1. The word of wisdom is a supernatural revelation by the Spirit concerning the divine purpose in the mind and will of God.
2. The difference in the word of knowledge and the word of wisdom.
 - a. The difference between the two gifts

The word of knowledge is always present tense or something which has happened in the past.
The word of wisdom always speaks of the future.
 - b. When God spoke imparted knowledge to John regarding the seven churches, that knowledge was regarding their present condition.
 - c. The Lord went on to give him SUPERNATURAL WISDOM – *what each church needed to do in the future.*
 - d. Often the word of knowledge and the word of wisdom may work together.



3. Phillip

Acts 8:26-29 (NKJV) – *²⁶Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, “**Arise and go** toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is desert. ²⁷So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹**Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go near and overtake this chariot.”***

4. This gift is not to be confused with natural wisdom. It is supernatural wisdom pertaining to God’s purpose and plan that is imparted by the Holy Spirit.

5. Example of the Word of Knowledge and wisdom flowing together.

Acts 11:28-30 (NKJV) – *²⁸Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. ²⁹Then the disciples, each according to his ability, determined to send relief to the brethren dwelling in Judea. ³⁰This they also did, and sent it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.*

D. The Gifts of Discerning of Spirits

1. The discerning of spirits gives insight into the spirit world.
 - a. It is not the discerning of devils.
 - b. It is not the discerning of evil spirits.
 - c. It has to do with spirits, both good and bad.

2. Discerning of spirits reveals the source of supernatural manifestations.

a. **Acts 16:16-18 (NKJV)** – *¹⁶Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. ¹⁷This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, “These men are*

