

GIFTS TO “KNOW”

I. WORD OF WISDOM

DEFINITION

The spiritual gift of wisdom is also referred to as the “word of wisdom” or “utterance of wisdom.” The Greek word for wisdom is _____ and it refers to the intimate understanding of God’s Word and His commandments which results in holy and upright living. In the context of 1 Corinthians 12:8, it means to speak to the life of an individual or to a specific situation with great understanding and a righteous perspective, with the goal of guiding others toward a life of holiness and worship.

Those with the gift of wisdom have a deep understanding of the holiness of God and the lack of holiness in their own hearts. They can recognize this in others as well and have the compassion and boldness to share that truth with them. They are able to take from their own life experiences and share what God has taught them through those things. They can easily recognize where a decision or action may lead and can warn against those that may be harmful or unfruitful. They can often see through the confusion of a situation and can give direction that would help an individual or group obtain a God-glorifying goal.

CLARIFICATION

- It is a manifestation of the _____ not _____.
- The Bible teaches that wisdom should be prized and highly sought after, but a Word of Wisdom is a gift of wisdom far beyond human reach.
- It cannot be gained through study and experience, yet it’s also not a substitute for study and experience.
- It is not _____ word of wisdom, but _____ word of wisdom.

WORDS OF WISDOM IN THE BIBLE

Matt 13:54; People were astonished saying: “Where did this man (Jesus) get this wisdom and these mighty works?”

Luke 4:3-14; Satan tried to use knowledge of Scripture to ‘trap’ Jesus; but Jesus went beyond knowledge and used wisdom from Scripture to thwart the devil.

Matt: 22:20-22; Jesus avoids Pharisaical traps by using wisdom: “Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and God what is God’s.”

James 3:17; But the **wisdom from above** is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere.

1 Corinthians 1:24,30; But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles,^[4] Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God... God has united you with Christ Jesus. For our benefit God **made him to be wisdom itself**. Christ made us right with God; he made us pure and holy, and he freed us from sin.

EXTRA CREDIT STUDY: 1 Corinthians 1 and 2, a study on God's Wisdom!

Colossians 1:9-10; So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you **complete knowledge of his will** and to give you **spiritual wisdom and understanding**.¹⁰ Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better.

Colossians 2:3; In Him (Christ) lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Luke 21:15; for I will give you the right words and such wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to reply or refute you!

HOW DO YOU RECEIVE IT?

1. **By the Spirit** _____:
 - a. Acts 16:6-8; the Holy Spirit guides Paul's missionary journey.
 - b. Acts 20:22-24; the Holy Spirit "binds", "tells", and "assigns" Paul.

2. **As a revealed** _____ **of Scripture**:
 - a. Acts 1:15-23; Peter applies Scripture to properly replace Judas.
 - b. Acts 2:14-36; Peter shows fulfillment of Scripture in Jesus and Pentecost.
 - c. Acts 15:13-18; James uses Scripture to settle a dispute about believing Gentiles.

3. **By an audible voice or angel**:
 - a. 1 Kings 19:12-18; the Lord speaks to Elijah in a gentle whisper.
 - b. Acts 8:26,29; an angel of the Lord speaks to Philip.
 - c. Acts 9:10-16; the Lord speaks to Ananias.
 - d. Acts 27:23-24; an angel speaks to Paul.

4. **By dreams and visions**:
 - a. Acts 18:9-10; the Lord speaks to Paul in a vision.
 - b. Acts 16:9-10; Paul is given a vision of a Macedonian man.
 - c. Acts 22:17-21; In a trance and praying, Paul receives a vision of Jesus.
 - d. Acts 10:1-6; Cornelius receives a vision of an angel.
 - e. Acts 10:10-17; Peter falls into a trance and receives a vision.

5. **By the** _____ **of the Spirit among leaders**:
 - a. Acts 6:1-6; Seven disciples commissioned.

b. Acts 15:2,4,6,22,23; leaders deal with doctrinal issues.

II. WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

DEFINITION

The Greek word for this gift is _____ and it simply means knowledge and understanding. The Scriptural emphasis in 1 Corinthians 12:8 is on the ability to speak this knowledge to others in a given situation.

The gift of the word of knowledge refers to the ability to know facts about a situation, or a spiritual principle, that could not have been known by natural means. This allows someone to see a situation as God sees it. This gift is mentioned four places in Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:8, 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 1 Corinthians 13:8, 1 Corinthians 14:6.

CLARIFICATION

- It is the supernatural revelation to man of _____ of the knowledge of God.
- It is the impartation of facts and information that are humanly impossible to know. It is not the knowledge that comes through natural ability, observation, study, education or experience.
- The word of knowledge is the supernatural understanding of some type of truth while the word of wisdom uses knowledge for its proper end: the furtherance of God's kingdom.

WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE IN THE BIBLE

John 11:11-14; Jesus knows that Lazarus has died.

John 4:17-18; Jesus knows about the Samaritan's previous husbands and marital status.

John 6:61; Jesus knew the disciples were complaining.

Luke 6:8; Jesus knew the thoughts and intents of the Pharisees hearts.

Luke 5:22; Jesus knew the Pharisees thought He was blaspheming.

Luke 7:39; Jesus knew his host's thoughts about the sinful woman.

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH A WORD OF KNOWLEDGE?

1. _____ if it is the Holy Spirit.
2. _____ if you need to speak the word.

3. _____ whom/how you need to give it.
4. _____ with a church leader.

III. DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS

DEFINITION

The spiritual gift of discernment is also known as the gift of “discernment of spirits” or “distinguishing between spirits.” The Greek word for the gift of discernment is _____. The word describes being able to distinguish, discern, judge or appraise a person, statement, situation, or environment.

The Holy Spirit gives the gift of discernment to enable certain Christians to clearly recognize and distinguish between the influence of God, Satan, the world, and the flesh in a given situation. The church needs those with this gift to warn believers in times of danger or keep them from being led astray by false teaching.

Discerning of spirits operates a bit like a Geiger counter that measures radiation; it is a spiritual detection system that measures spiritual realities not apparent to the natural senses. It is the God-given ability or enablement to recognize the source of spirits—whether they come from the Holy Spirit, angelic spirits, demonic spirits, or individual human spirits—which are behind different manifestations or activities.

CLARIFICATION

- Discernment, i.e. good judgment, is valuable and a proper application of wisdom. Discernment of Spirits goes beyond man’s abilities to judge and discern, and opens a window into the supernatural.
- *Hebrews 5:14; Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.*
- This gift is generally given to pastors and those in positions of guarding and guiding God’s people
- Discernment of Spirits is often used in conjunction with the gifts of Wisdom and Knowledge.

DISCERNING OF SPIRITS IN THE BIBLE

Mark 9:25; Jesus rebukes and casts out the “mute” evil spirit.

Mark 5:2-20; Jesus rebukes and casts out “Legion” into the herd of pigs.

Luke 4:33-35; Jesus casts out the “unclean” demon in the synagogue.

Luke 13:11-13; Jesus heals the woman afflicted by a spirit of sickness.

Acts 16:16; Paul, greatly annoyed, casts out a spirit of divination.

Acts 5:1-10; Peter discerns that Satan has filled the hearts of Ananias and Sapphira.

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS?

1 John 4:1; Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but **test the spirits** to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Acts 20:29-30; “**So guard yourselves and God’s people.** Feed and shepherd God’s flock—his church, purchased with his own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as leaders. I know that false teachers, like vicious wolves, will come in among you after I leave, not sparing the flock. Even some men from your own group will rise up and distort the truth in order to draw a following.”

Ezekiel 33:7-9; “**You, son of man, are the watchmen...**if you don’t speak up and warn the wicked to change their ways, the wicked will die unwarned in their sins and I’ll hold you responsible for their bloodshed...”

IV. LET’S REVIEW!

A. There are 3 types of gifts that God gives to the Church.

1. Gifts of men to the church----(diakonia) service—Ephesians 4
2. Manifestation gifts—(energamata) workings—1 Cor. 12
3. Motivational—(charismata) gifts---Romans 12

1 Corinthians 12:4-6 NIV

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

B. Motivational Gifts

1. We are fearfully and wonderfully made knitted in our mothers’ wombcreated by God.

Ephesians 2:10 God’s masterpiece!

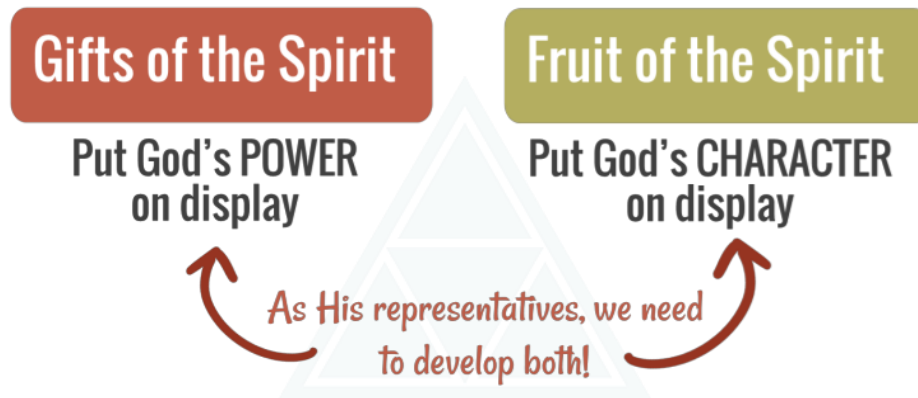
Romans 12

- a) Prophecy/ perception
- b) Service
- c) Teaching

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- d) Exhortation
- e) Giving
- f) Leading/ administration
- g) Mercy/ compassion

FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT



I. CHARISMA (SPIRITUAL GIFTS) WITHOUT _____ IS DANGEROUS

Matthew 7:21–23

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’

A. People who can actually operate in gifts, yet are not known by God

B. Lack of character that has been developed by the Holy Spirit

- **Galatians 5:22–23**

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

- **John 15:1–8**

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my

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words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

II. KEY THOUGHTS ON FRUITFULNESS

A. The ultimate goal is to _____ God (John 15:8)

1. It brings glory to God because it stands out
2. It brings glory to God because it is God who gets the credit
3. It brings glory to God because it is His character on display

B. Fruitful branches still get _____ (John 15:2)

1. God works on your character when you are sinning
2. God also works on your character when you are doing well
3. God sees more potential in you than you do

C. Fruitfulness can't come from your effort alone (John 15:4)

1. I cannot _____ Joy, Love, or Peace happen in my own life
2. I have to rely on Christ as my source, my strength, and even the catalyst for that change

- **2 Corinthians 12:8-10**

⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. ⁹But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

D. We must abide in Christ to be fruitful (John 15:4-5)

1. Abide –
2. Word of God, confession of sin (John 15:3) and obedience (John 15:9-10)

E. My fruitfulness isn't for me

1. Fruit _____ others
 - a) So it will be on display for them
- **Proverbs 10:21**

²¹ The lips of the righteous feed many, but fools die for lack of sense.

a) It will be growing and refining among them

F. Unfruitful branches get thrown away and burned (John 15:2,6)

1. What is this about?

a) Believers that aren't believers (John 2:23-25, John 8:31, 45)

b) Disciples that weren't disciples (John 6:66-67)

c) In Him when we aren't really in Him (because when you are in Him you will produce fruit)

d) Judas

III. KEY THOUGHTS ON FRUIT

Notice these are not characteristics or traits. Paul uses the word fruit!

- Bible has many agricultural examples
- Mark 4:30-32 – Kingdom of God like a mustard seed
- John 4:35 – Fields are white with harvest
- 1 Peter 1:23 – “Imperishable seed of God”

Good picture for the process of growing or changing our character

A. _____

1. Growth is gradual

2. Can't really see growth happening

3. So we need to be patient – there are seasons of growth (spring) and almost nothing (winter).

4. We also need to be patient because others may see progress we don't see – they are in a different season.

5. Character growth is shown when you are tested

B. _____

1. The Spirit of God will change you

2. Water it and it will grow (Real faith)

3. God is capable to do anything in our lives, no matter how big it is

- **Job 42:2**

“I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.

C. Internal

1. Fruit is an internal growth _____ – When it buds, when fruit comes, when it ripens

2. We can think fruit is external sometimes – Christian things, disciplines, we can serve, we can be involved and think that is fruit.

- **Colossians 1:9–10**

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

- **1 Cor 13:1-3**When we lack the fruit of the spirit, our works are nothing

3. Often we can pray “use me,” but how often do we pray “prune me?”

D. Concurrent

1. Fruit of the Spirit – _____

a) It is not one fruit that grows and another that doesn't, but rather all grow

b) This is how you can tell if it is genuine

c) Examples

FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT – LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS

Fruits of the Spirit show the world that God has changed us at our core and this isn't just an act put on on Sundays

- **John 13:34-35**; A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵By this **all people** will know that you are my disciples, if you have **love** for one another.”
- Walking in the fruits of the spirit requires we walk after the spirit and not after the flesh (Romans 8)'
- The world has Phileo and Eros, but they don't have Agape
- The world has Happiness but they don't have true Joy
- The world has Peace, but Not Peace that surpasses all understanding
- What makes these Fruits of the Spirit different from what the world has is that these attain to a level that is supernatural. The natural man does not possess these character traits to their divine degree and it is that which differentiates between us, as we bear the fruits of the spirit, and the world.
- As with all things that are against the desires of our flesh, the road to success is not through obedience out of compulsion. Knowing fully what God has done for us, who he is, and who he says we are, instills in us gratitude and devotion. We are motivated, by this devotion and by having compassion for the lost, to bear the fruits of the spirit.

I. LOVE

- Love is the _____ of God's person, the fundamental revelation of His character (1 John 4:8).
- Transliteration: “agape” meaning affection, goodwill and benevolence.
- Without love, none of the other aspects of the fruit of the Spirit can be truly exercised.
 - **1 Corinthians 13:4-7**; *Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance.*
- We do not have this type of love in us; we are incapable of it apart from the Spirit of God
 - **Romans 5:3-5**; *...but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been **poured** into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*
 - Greek word “ekcheo” meaning: *gush forth, burst out, like new wine in old wineskins*



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Love and Self-Control are like _____: fruit is issued by love and is kept in place by self-control.



II. JOY

- Joy is the ability to rejoice in the Lord always, regardless of the circumstance, knowing that God’s plan for our lives is securely under His sovereign oversight.
 - **Philippians 4:4;** *Always be full of joy in the Lord. I say it again—rejoice!*
- Transliteration: “chara” which occurs as “joy” or “joyfully”
- Happiness is an emotion, joy is a choice (Philippians 3:1, 4:4)
- Is expressed in an _____ in the Lord.
- Is nurtured by the Spirit, whether there is opportunity for expression or not, and whether the outward circumstances are joyful or not.
 - **2 Corinthians 7:4;** *“...I am overflowing with joy _____ all our afflictions.”*
 - **2 Corinthians 8:2;** *“..._____ the midst of a very severe trial their overflowing joy... welled up...”*
 - **Philippians 2:17;** *“But _____ rejoice even if I lose my life, pouring it out like a liquid offering to God...”*
 - **Hebrews 12:2;** *“... who (Jesus) for the joy set before Him _____ the cross...”*
 - **James 1:2;** *“Consider it all joy, my brethren, _____ you encounter various trials,”*
 - **1 Thessalonians 1:6;** *“...you welcomed the message _____ of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.”*
 - **Romans 12:12;** *“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”*
- **Cultivate the habit joy, because you have hope, which gives you peace, which accelerates your faith.**

III. PEACE

- Peace is that tranquility of spirit that remains _____ in any given circumstance notwithstanding stress, trial or struggle; a sense of personal well-being—between us and God, within our own soul and relationally. It prompts us to do all we can to resolve conflict (Romans 12:18).

- Transliteration: “Eirene” which means:
 - Security, safety, prosperity, felicity
 - The Messiah’s peace
 - The way that leads to peace (salvation)
- The tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ and so _____ from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatsoever sort that is.
- Comes from the Holy Spirit and from being in right relationship with God.
 - **John 14:27**; *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.*
 - **John 16:33**; *“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”*
 - **Romans 5:1**; *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*
 - **Philippians 4:7**; *And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*
- Includes the assurance that we can trust God to supply all our needs “according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19)

When you don’t have PEACE, you are _____, and you permit yourself to be fearful, intimidated, cowardly, and unsettled.

- We lose our peace when we stop believing.
 - **Colossians 3:15**; *“Let the peace of Christ RULE in your hearts...”*
- We need to understand that the devil will try anything and everything to get us to lose our peace.
- You cannot move in the gifts of the Spirit well without peace.
- Peace leads to _____.

“I have learned to kiss the wave that throws me against the Rock of Ages” –Charles Spurgeon

IV. PATIENCE

“The best definition of “patience” I have ever heard is this: to be constant or to be the same all the time, no matter what is going on...Patience is not an ability to wait. Patience is a fruit of the Spirit that manifests _____.” –Joyce Meyer

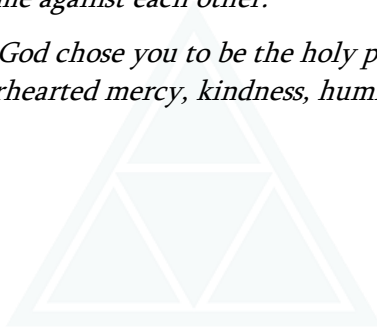
- Transliteration: “makrothumia” which occurs as: Longsuffering – 12 times, Patience – 2 times.

- It means: patience, endurance, constancy, steadfastness, perseverance, longsuffering, slowness in avenging wrongs.
- Patience is the virtue of _____, longsuffering, and forbearance that is found in God's character.
 - **Psalms 103:8**; *The Lord is compassionate and merciful, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.*
- It means being willing to wait on God and let Him do what He wants to do in His way and on His time.
 - **Jeremiah 14:22**; *Can any of the worthless foreign gods send us rain? Does it fall from the sky by itself? No, you are the one, O Lord our God! Only you can do such things. So we will wait for you to help us.*
 - **Psalms 40:1**; *I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry.*
- _____ is politely or patiently restraining an impulse to do something; refraining.
 - **James 1:19**; *Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.*
 - **Ephesians 4:2**; *Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.*
- _____ is having patience with people who deliberately try to upset us or harm us.
 - **James 1:12**; *God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.*
 - **Romans 12:19**; *Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the Lord.*
- Patience is not void of pain, sometimes it includes a lot of pain. But patience endures the pain with eyes fixed on our coming hope:
 - **Revelation 21:4**; *He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."*

V. KINDNESS

- Is the aspect of God's love that is expressed through graciousness in attitude, tenderness of spirit, and benevolent action toward people.
 - **Ephesians 4:32**; *Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.*
- Transliteration: "chrestotes" which occurs as:
 - Goodness – 4 times, Kindness – 4 times, Good – 1 time, Gentleness 1 time
 - It means: moral goodness, integrity, kindness

- It is _____ and gives the soft answer that Solomon said turns away wrath or avoids causing angry outbursts of temper (Proverbs 14:1).
- Kindness is closely tied to, and exhibits: generosity, humility, gentleness, _____ – it exhibits a servant’s heart.
 - **1 Samuel 24:18;** *Yes, you have been amazingly kind to me today, for when the Lord put me in a place where you could have killed me, you didn’t do it.*
 - **Proverbs 31:26;** *When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness.*
 - **Zechariah 7:9-10;** *“This is what the Lord of Heaven’s Armies says: Judge fairly, and show mercy and kindness to one another. Do not oppress widows, orphans, foreigners, and the poor. And do not scheme against each other.”*
 - **Colossians 3:12;** *Since God chose you to be the holy people he loves, you must clothe yourselves with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.*



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