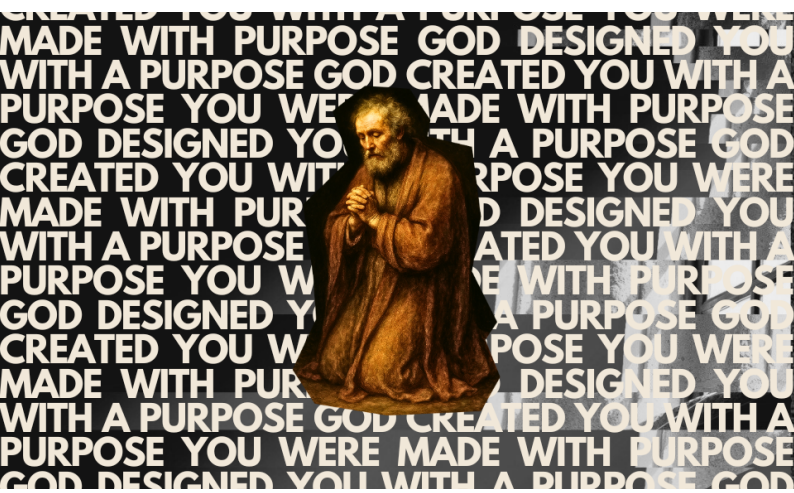




# the spiritual gifts

## **Small Group Guide:** **The Spiritual Gifts, Week 6**

### **Key Takeaways:**

1. The manifestation gifts are supernatural phenomena that bring together the spiritual and physical worlds.
2. The gift of word of knowledge is a supernatural impartation of facts that one couldn't know naturally.
3. The gift of word of wisdom is God giving instructions on what to do and how to do it.
4. These gifts operate as the Holy Spirit wills, not on human demand.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What was your understanding of spiritual gifts before this sermon? How has it changed?
2. Pastor Allen mentioned that some churches don't recognize certain spiritual gifts. Have you experienced this? How does it affect our faith?
3. Discuss the difference between the gift of word of knowledge and the gift of word of wisdom. Can you

think of examples from your own life where you may have experienced either?

4. Pastor Allen shared personal experiences of receiving words of knowledge and wisdom. How do these stories impact your view on God's involvement in our daily lives?
5. How can we be more open to receiving and operating in these spiritual gifts?
6. What challenges might we face in a church or community that doesn't actively recognize these gifts?

### **Practical Application:**

1. This week, pay attention to moments where you feel God might be giving you supernatural knowledge or wisdom. Journal about these experiences.
2. Practice being more attentive to the Holy Spirit's promptings in your daily life. Set aside time each day for quiet reflection and listening.
3. If you haven't already, take a spiritual gifts test to discover your dominant gifts. Discuss with the group how you can use these gifts to serve others.
4. Choose a biblical example of spiritual gifts in action (like those mentioned in the sermon) and study it more deeply this week.

### **Closing Prayer:**

Thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit and the manifestation gifts. Ask for wisdom and discernment in recognizing and using these gifts for His glory and the benefit of others.

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# 5-Day Devotional

## Day 1: Experiencing God's Supernatural Power

### Reading: John 4:7-26

**Devotional:** Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman demonstrates God's supernatural knowledge and wisdom. Just as Jesus knew details about the woman's life, God knows everything about us. Reflect on how this divine knowledge is not meant to condemn, but to draw us closer to Him. How might God be using His supernatural insight in your life right now to guide you towards deeper faith and transformation? Consider areas where you need God's wisdom and ask Him to reveal Himself to you in powerful ways.

## Day 2: The Holy Spirit's Gifts for Today

### Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

**Devotional:** Paul emphasizes the importance of understanding spiritual gifts. These gifts are not relics of the past, but active expressions of God's power for today. Which of the gifts mentioned resonate with you? How might God be calling you to be open to His supernatural work in your life? Pray for discernment and willingness to be used by God, allowing His Spirit to manifest through you for the benefit of others and the glory of His kingdom.

## Day 3: Walking in Wisdom and Knowledge

### Reading: Proverbs 2:1-11

**Devotional:** God desires to impart both knowledge and wisdom to His children. Knowledge accumulates facts, but wisdom knows how to apply them. In what areas of your life do you need divine wisdom right now? Ask God to speak to you, not just with information, but with clear guidance on how to navigate your current circumstances. Be attentive to His voice, whether through Scripture, godly counsel, or the inner promptings of the Holy Spirit.

## Day 4: Trusting God's Guidance in Uncertainty

### Reading: Acts 9:1-19

**Devotional:** Saul's conversion story illustrates how God can radically redirect our lives with His supernatural intervention. Sometimes, like Saul, we may receive clear instructions. Other times, we might only get the next step. How comfortable are you with following God's lead when you can't see the full picture? Reflect on times when God has guided you in unexpected ways. Ask for the faith to trust Him even when His directions seem unclear or challenging.

## Day 5: God's Miraculous Provision

## **Reading: 2 Kings 4:1-7**

**Devotional:** The story of Elisha and the widow's oil reminds us that God's provision often comes in unexpected ways. Like the pastor's experience with acquiring the church building, God can work miracles in our practical needs. What seemingly impossible situation are you facing? How might God be calling you to step out in faith, even if His instructions don't make sense by worldly standards? Pray for the courage to obey when God speaks, trusting that His wisdom surpasses our understanding and His provision exceeds our expectations.