

Spiritual Gifts

Spiritual Power in These Last Hours - 1 Corinthians 12

This is a teaching coming from 1 Corinthians 12:8-10

There are other lists included in Romans 12:6-8 & Isaiah 11:2-3.

Romans 12:1 - The Gift is the Holy Ghost! For when you have the Holy Ghost you can work in every other manifestation of the Spirit. The Holy Ghost is your ticket/entry point into the Supernatural.

Word of Wisdom

Word of Knowledge

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The Word of Wisdom (The Understanding)

The definition of The Word of Wisdom is A Supernatural revelation of the plans & purposes in the mind of God that deal with the future. This is not a Gift of human wisdom or the “wise” kind of wisdom. With this Gift, only part or a fragment of information is given. God is all-knowing but he only gives us what we need to know at any given time.

A Born Again believer who has asked for & received The Baptism in The Holy Spirit & this Gift will suddenly know, hear, see, smell, taste or become aware of a **single bit or piece of information** that is suddenly **revealed** to them that deals with **the future**. This information can come through inward revelation, outward revelation, dreams, visions, etc. The individual receives a piece of supernaturally revealed information that is coming **directly from God**. *It should be noted that many non-Christians such as Paul have had dreams/experiences that were directly from God to relay information to them.

The gift of the Word of Wisdom in Accomplishment: It will have revealed a needed piece or fragment of information that God desires to be known. It will accomplish the mission of helping: the person it was given to, the person it was given for, a gathering of people, a Church, a city, a Nation, or even the World.

Biblical Examples of The Word of Wisdom:

Jonah’s Message of Repentance - Jonah 3:4,

Joseph - Gen 45:5-8

Paul - Acts 27:23-24,

Agabus - Acts 11:28 & Acts 21:10,11

The Gift of Knowledge (The Knowing)

A Supernatural revelation of certain facts in the mind of God that deal with the past or present. This is not a Gift of human knowledge or the “smarts” kind of knowledge. With this Gift, only part of a fragment of information is given. God is all-knowing but he only gives us what we need to know at any given time.

A Born Again believer who has asked for & received The Baptism in The Holy Spirit & this Gift will suddenly know, hear, see, smell, taste or become aware of a single bit or piece of information that is suddenly revealed to him/her that deals specifically with the past or present. This information can come through inward revelation, outward revelation, dreams, visions, etc. The individual receives a piece of supernaturally revealed information that is coming directly from God.

The only problem with these pictures in your mind’s eye is that you have to learn how to discern the difference between when a vision is coming in from the Holy Spirit and when a vision is coming in from your own natural imagination, as your own natural imagination has the power and the ability to conjure up their own mental pictures in your mind’s eyes.

Over time, the Holy Spirit can teach you how to discern the difference between the two if you would really like for Him to do this for you. This is something that you can learn how to do with Him through a process of trial and error.

Biblical Examples of The Word of Knowledge:

John 4:15-19 -Woman at the Well

Rev 1:10-20, - John’s Revelation of Christ & Mysteries of The Church

Acts 9:10-12 - Ananias

Acts 10:9-19 - Peter’s Revelation of The Gentiles

Gift of Healings

Charismata Iamaton is literally translated “gifts of healings.” This spiritual gift is closely related to the gifts of faith and miracles. All spiritual gifts are to be exercised in faith, but gifts of healings involve a special measure of it. This gift is interesting in that there is no guarantee that a person will always be able to heal anyone he or she desires. It is subject to the sovereign will of God, as all spiritual gifts are. The Disciples were given authority to heal and cast out demons, but they were not always successful. The Apostle Paul was not able to heal himself and was told that God’s grace was sufficient to carry him through his infirmity without removing it from him (2 Corinthians 12:7-10). This gift is given at various times and places to reveal the God of heaven to the sick and tormented. If healing is not granted, then we can conclude that God has greater plans for letting the person go through the illness or infirmity. Healing can come through the touch of faith, by speaking the word of faith (Luke 7:1-10); or by the presence of God being manifested (Mark 6:56; Acts 19:11-12).

The Bible speaks of "gifts" of healing because there are three types of healings: physical (diabetes, blindness, cancer, deafness, etc.), emotional (jealousy, worry, discouragement, and other destructive attitudes), and spiritual (bitterness, greed, and guilt, etc.).

The Gift of Interpretation of Healings in Demonstration: The spiritual gift of healing is an intimate one as it reveals the heart and compassion of God. Jesus is the Great Healer and during His ministry on earth He healed countless people and cast out demons (Matthew 4:23-24; 8:16; 9:35, Mark 1:34). Healings reveal that God is near to His people and He cares about their sufferings. Healings are meant to draw people to God through His Son Jesus Christ. God wants those

healed to respond in faith with thanksgiving and love as the leper did in Luke 17:15-19, and Legion did in Mark 5:18-20. By God's grace, physical healing should lead to spiritual healing (faith in Jesus) and eternal life with Him in heaven.

Those who have this gift are compassionate toward the sick and pray over them regularly. They have great faith and trust that God can and will heal some and are not deterred when He chooses not to. They are motivated knowing that God's revealed power will draw people to faith in Jesus. Their ultimate concern is the spiritual well-being of those being healed and their relationship with Jesus. They yearn for the day that there will be no more pain and suffering, and sin will no longer wreak havoc on the people of God.

Biblical Examples of Healings:

God Assigned Healing in The Church - 1 Corinthians 12:28

What the Sick Should Do - James 5:13-16

Christ took our Pain at Calvary - Isaiah 53:5

The God of Healing - Exodus 15:26

Kinds of Sicknesses & Healings - Matthew 4:24

Working of Miracles

The spiritual gift of miracles is described in Scripture much like the gift of healing. It is found in 1 Corinthians 12:10 and the Greek phrase *energemata dynameon* literally translates “workings of powers.” The double plural most likely means that these gifts were diverse and were not permanently available at the will of the gifted believer, but instead were bestowed at various times and circumstances. Thus, the gifts are subject to the divine will of God and His purposes and are not decided by the one who performs the miraculous works.

We know that Jesus performed many miracles in His earthly ministry, even more than those recorded in Scripture (John 20:30-31). The Apostles regularly performed miracles of all kinds including casting out demons, healings, raising people from the dead, striking people dead, causing blindness, and much more (Acts 2:43; 3:1-10; 5:1-16). Other believers performed miracles as well, including Stephen (Acts 6:8) and Philip (Acts 8:4-8).

Miracles were given by God to the church to reveal the presence and glory of God among His people and to create a sense of awe and wonder and Godly fear. Though there were many enemies of the church, often the result of miracles being performed was more people coming to faith in Jesus and glorifying God, as well as greater faith and boldness within the church (Acts 4:29-31).

The Gift of Interpretation of Miracles in Demonstration: Those with the spiritual gift of miracles often have a heightened sensitivity to the presence and power of God through His Holy Spirit. They have a special measure of faith and desire for God to reveal Himself and draw many to faith in His Son Jesus Christ. They take care not to draw attention to themselves or have a following of people but are constantly pointing others to Jesus. Those with this gift understand that God is Sovereign and He can work when and how He desires, but they make sure they are available and listening to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. This gift is often accompanied by prayer and a strong petition by these individuals for God to reveal His glory to people. They do not claim power themselves, but always give credit and glory to God for His mighty works. Often God will deliberately humble them to keep them relying on His grace and pointing to His Son, rather than miracles.

Biblical Examples of Interpretation of Miracles:

God Assigned Miracles in The Church - 1 Corinthians 12:28

Tabitha's Resurrection - Acts 9:36-43

Blinding of The Sorcerer - Acts 13:4-12

Special Miracles - Acts 19:11-12

The Gift of Prophecy

The Three Dimensions of The Prophetic:

1. The Gift of Prophecy (comes through a bloodline and/or Spiritual impartation) - **2 Timothy 1:5-6**
2. The Spirit of Prophecy (comes from a person's complete obedience and devotion to God) - 1 Sam 10:10-12
3. The Office of The Prophet (comes from God's perfect will) - Jeremiah 1:4

- The gift of prophecy is being able to proclaim a message from God.

“But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.” (1 Corinthians 14:4)

And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

—1 Corinthians 12:28

The spiritual gift of prophecy is an extraordinary and unique gift. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 14:1 to “Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.” This gift is a blessing to the church and should not be quenched or despised (1 Thessalonians 5:20). Those who have the gift of prophecy differ from the Old Testament Prophets who spoke the authoritative Word of God directly. Their words were recorded as Scripture as they proclaimed, “Thus says The Lord,” whereas the messages from those with the spiritual gift of prophecy must be tested (1 Corinthians 14:29-33; 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21; 1 John 4:1-3). In the New Testament the Apostles, not the prophets, took over the role of Scriptural proclamation from the Old Testament Prophets.

The Greek word for the gift of prophecy is *propheteia* which is the ability to receive a divinely inspired message and deliver it to others in the church. These messages can take the form of exhortation, correction, disclosure of secret sins, prediction of future events, comfort, inspiration, or other revelations given to equip and edify the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 14:3-4, 24-25). Again, they do not constitute the authoritative

Word of God but are the human interpretation of the revelation that was received. They are spoken in human words through a human mind which is why they must be tested against the Scriptures (1 Thessalonians 5:20-21).

The Holy Spirit gives the gift of prophecy to some believers to make God's heart known and to edify the church. This gift is for the benefit of both believers and unbelievers and is a sign that God is truly among His church (1 Corinthians 14:22-25). Those with this gift are sensitive to both the prompting of the Holy Spirit and the needs of the church body. They should be humble and continually study the Scriptures in order to test these revelations before speaking them. When they do speak, they should allow and even expect others to weigh what is said against the Scriptures and interpret the message accordingly. In this way, the church may be continually built up together in unity (1 Corinthians 14:4, 26). Romans 12:6, 1 Corinthians 12:10,14:1-5, Ephesians 4:11-12, 1 Peter 4:10-11.

The Gift of Discerning of Spirits

Definition of Discerning of Spirits: The God-given supernatural insight into the Spirit world – literally being given (as The Holy Spirit wills) the ability to See, Hear & potentially Touch, Taste & Smell in the realm of the Spirit World (includes) The Holy Spirit, Holy Angels, Fallen Angels & Human Spirits.

The gift of Discerning of Spirits in Demonstration: A Born Again believer who has received The Baptism in The Holy Spirit will suddenly be able to see & sometimes hear in the Spirit Realm. They may even taste, touch, & smell things as The Holy Spirit wills. When this Gift is in operation a person may see The Holy Spirit, A Human Spirit, An Evil Spirit, Jesus, Angels, Heaven, or even Hell. They may see a quick picture, A Mini Vision, A dream, A regular vision or even have a full-fledged interactive open vision where your body is fully involved & you can speak back & forth. If anything is revealed there will be enablement to do something with what you have seen. *It is not the “norm” but it should be noted that God can & has from time to time enabled non-Christians such as Paul (prior to his conversion) to see & hear into the Spirit Realm in order to accomplish his purposes.

**** Delving into the Spirit world (Realm) in any other way except through the Free, Safe, God-given & Holy Spirit administered Gift of The Discerning of Spirits is extremely dangerous! Using, giving yourself over to or participating in occult activities including Ouija boards, Seances, Channeling, Astral Projection, etc. results in a lifetime of serious spiritual bondage to evil spirits (fallen angels). You can even get killed. The only way to get free from them is through repentance in Christ & Spiritual Intervention!**

Biblical Examples of Discerning of Spirits:

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1 John 4:1

Philippians 1:9-10

Hebrews 5:14

2 Corinthians 11:13-15



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