



Gifts of the Holy Spirit
Lesson 4: The Revelation Gifts – Part 1

Introduction

1 Corinthians 12:8-11

The revelation gifts or the gifts that help us think like God

- The gift of the word of wisdom
- The gift of the word of knowledge
- The gift of discerning of spirits

Unlike the vocal gifts, the revelation gifts are operated under the control of the Holy Spirit. You cannot operate in these gifts at your own will (like speaking in tongues).

The revelation gifts cover everything in the realm of the following:

- Knowledge
- Facts
- Events
- Purpose
- Destiny
- Past, present, and future
- Human
- Divine
- Demonic

The revelation gifts cover everything that God knows. He knows everything!

A Word of Wisdom / A Word of Knowledge

Wisdom is directive and deals with the _____

Knowledge is informative and it imparts facts about the _____

We are covering both of these together because when we talk about the gifts of the Spirit sometimes it is difficult to tell where one begins and another ends.

The gift of the word of wisdom - DEFINED

The gift of a word of wisdom is a tiny portion of God's total wisdom supernaturally imparted by the Holy Spirit. It reveals a word from the mind of God regarding the future.

This is not practical, everyday kind of wisdom. That type of wisdom you can ask God for and He will give it to you.

James 1:5

The gift of a word of wisdom, like the other gifts, is supernatural.

The gift of the word of wisdom - PURPOSE

- 1. To receive revelation regarding what to do about a situation.**
- 2. To know something about your future in order to help you.**

The gift of a word of knowledge - DEFINED

A word of knowledge is tiny portion of God's total knowledge supernaturally imparted by the Holy Spirit. It reveals a word from the mind of God regarding the past or present.

The gift of the word of knowledge - PURPOSE

1. _____

The gift operates along with the gifts of power – the gift of faith, the gifts of healings, and the gift of the working of miracles.

It builds up the faith in the sick person to receive healing.

- 2. To restore the believer back into fellowship with God.**
- 3. To enlighten us to our present status or uncertain things, so that we are not left in the darkness.**
4. _____
- 5. To reveal demon possession or oppression.**

Examples of a both the gift of the word of knowledge and the gift of the word of wisdom in the New Testament

Luke 5:4-10

A word of wisdom brought direction and _____

A word of wisdom also brought _____

Conviction is a sure result of the true operation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Luke 5:18-22

Jesus knew their _____ by the gift of the word of knowledge.

Luke 19:30, 31

Through the gift of the word of knowledge, Jesus knew of the colt, and also that it had never been ridden before.

John 1:47-49

We can see both gifts operating in this story.

“Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit.” – This could be either a word of knowledge or discerning of spirits, which we will study in the next lesson.

“Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” – This is the word of knowledge.

This shows us that a word of knowledge can _____

John 4:15-19

This story shows us an example of the gift of a word of knowledge.

Acts 5:1-11

The knowledge Peter had was supernatural. This is an example of the gift of the word of knowledge.

Acts 8:26-30

This is a word of wisdom. God knew the Ethiopian would be in that particular place at that time.

Acts 9:10-12

Both gifts are revealed in this story.

Ananias had a word of knowledge about the exact house and street in which to go and find Saul.

Acts 10:17-20

Acts 21:10, 11

Whenever someone delivers a prophetic word that reveals a future event, it is the gift of the word of wisdom.

All of the Old Testament _____ operated in the gift of the word of wisdom.

Acts 23:10, 11

There were people trying to kill Paul. He had no way of knowing if he would ever get to Rome to speak for God. But the gift of the word of wisdom gave him comfort knowing he would eventually get there.

Acts 27:9-11

Paul had a word of wisdom about the dangerous voyage.

After this, the ship was caught in a storm. After many days of trying to survive the storm, look what happened.

Acts 27:20-26

Here Paul changes what he said originally. Through a word of wisdom, he says that there will be no loss of life. He also adds that they will be stranded on an island.

This is an encouragement to us. Paul did not get it exactly right the first time. But later God gives him more information.

As we practice the gifts of the Spirit, we will become more accurate.

Examples of a both the gift of the word of knowledge and the gift of the word of wisdom in the Old Testament

1 Kings 19:10, 18

Elijah thinks he is all alone. But then, he received a word of knowledge.

2 Kings 6:8-12

1 Samuel 9:19, 20

Samuel told Saul about his lost donkeys by the gift of the word of knowledge.

One way to practice this gift is by asking the Holy Spirit to reveal something you have lost, like your car keys.

1 Samuel 10:21, 22

Samuel knew where Saul was hiding by the gift of the word of knowledge.

How does the gift of the word of wisdom operate?

- 1. Very often the gift will work along with the gift of prophecy, especially by someone walking in the office of the prophet.**
- 2. The gift can operate in regular conversation.**
- 3. Like prophecy, the gift can come before your need it to help someone. It does not necessarily have to happen “in the moment”.**
- 4. You hear a word in your spirit or have a thought.**

For example, you can pray for someone, and the Holy Spirit can reveal a word of wisdom to help that person. The next time you see them or talk to them, you can share it with them.

However, you may want to pray and ask God if the word of wisdom is meant, not to share, but for you to use in prayer for that person.

Not everything God reveals to you is meant to _____

How does the gift of the word of knowledge operate?

- 1. When the gift operates alongside the gifts of healings there can be an actual physical body impression.**
- 2. You can see something in a vision or a mental picture.**
- 3. You hear a word in your spirit or have a thought.**
- 4. You will suddenly know the thoughts of people.**