

The Gift the Word of Wisdom



**1 Corinthians 12:7-8, 10,
Colossians 2:1-4**

- The more we learn and understand about the Holy Spirit and His Gifts the more effective we can become in these last days.
- There are different spiritual gifts that have been distributed by the Holy Spirit to each member of the Body of Christ.
- 1. Apostle Paul list Nine Spiritual Gifts in (1Corinthians 12:7-10)
- 2. Apostle Paul list Seven more Spiritual Gifts in (Romans 12:3-8)
- Purpose: To teach us the importance of each spiritual gifts and how the Holy Spirit uses each of them to benefit the Body of Christ as a whole.
- Goal: To mature us in our understanding of spiritual gifts so that our lives can be useful for the Kingdom of God.
- Spiritual Principles: Authority, Agreement, Stewardship, Organization, Obedience, Faith, Grace, Unconditional Love, Prayer
- Today we will continue discussing and examine the (1) categories: (1 Corinthians 12:7-8, Colossians 2:1-4)
- 1. Revelation Gifts – “To Know.” (1Corinthians 12:8, 10)
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- God’s wisdom and knowledge unlimited, unsearchable and incomparable.
- God is rich both in wisdom and knowledge. (Romans 11:33-36)
- God is the source of “all” wisdom and understanding because He is the only One who has infinite wisdom and knowledge over all creation in heaven, earth and the universe. (Job 21:22, 36:22-23)
- God’s wisdom and knowledge is supernatural and beyond what the natural mind can fully comprehend. (1 Corinthians 2:9-16)

- The Spiritual Gifts of the “word of wisdom and word of knowledge” are given supernaturally by the Holy Spirit to a believer.
1. The “word wisdom and word of knowledge” is the supernatural revelation by the Holy Spirit that is being manifested through a believer.
 - A “word” is only a part of the sentence, but not the entirety of it.
 - The Holy Spirit reveals part and not the entire wisdom, knowledge, revelation and counsel of God to a believer.
 2. The Spiritual Gift of the Word of Knowledge is the supernatural knowledge, insight or revelation into a particular situation or someone.
 3. The Word of Wisdom is the supernatural revelation or insight manifested by the Holy Spirit to a believer of how to apply that knowledge.
 - The Holy Spirit supernaturally reveals to a believer knowledge that is unknown to them, but also reveals supernatural wisdom of how to apply that knowledge.
 4. When this spiritual gift is operating correctly it is always in line with the truth of God’s Word, resulting in lives blessed, strengthen and encouraged.
 5. Both spiritual gifts are a supernatural revelation that comes directly from the counsel or mind of God.
 6. Both spiritual gifts require the believer to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit on whether to share it or carry it in prayer.
 7. Both spiritual gifts must be dependent upon the manifestation of the Holy Spirit and not independent of Him.
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- The Wisdom of God is available to every believer but not every believer has the spiritual gifts of the Word of Wisdom and Word of Knowledge. (1 Corinthians 12:8)
 - There are different types of Wisdom.
1. The Spiritual Gift of the Word of Wisdom is supernatural insight or revelation given by the Holy Spirit that comes directly from the mind of God.
 - It comes directly from the mind of God and supernaturally manifested through the power of the Holy Spirit.
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- It cannot be obtained by reading, studying, praying and meditating on the Word of God.

- This spiritual gift is very beneficial in ministry and all types of situations.

2. The Wisdom of God is available to all believer's in all matters of life whether spiritual, financial, physical, mental, emotional and relational. (1 Kings 3:5-15)

- Through studying, meditating and praying the Word of God, the believer's life becomes strengthen with the wisdom and knowledge of God's will. (Colossians 1:9-12)

- Believers are encouraged to seek God 's wisdom daily for their lives. How can believers receive the wisdom of God? (James 1:1-8)

1) Ask God (through prayer). (vs. 5) – “God will give freely and generously.” (Matthew 7:7-12)

2) Ask in faith. (vs. 6) – “Without doubting God.” (1 John 5:14-15)

3) Ask in fear and reverence. (vs. 7-8) – “Recognize God as the True Source of all wisdom and knowledge.” (Proverbs 3:5-6, Psalm 111:10. Proverbs 1:7, 9:10)

4) Ask in humility and not in pride. “God resist the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” (Proverbs 3:5-7, 16:18, James 4:6)

- Without faith it is impossible to please God. (Hebrews 11:6)

- Without humility it is impossible to walk with God. (1 Peter 5:5-6)

3. Human Wisdom or Natural Wisdom is different from the Word of Wisdom. (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)

- It is human wisdom, knowledge, intellect, or philosophy that is learned through education, or any social experiences.
- God should always be glorified because He is the one who gave us the ability to learn and how to apply the knowledge that we received in our lives.
- This type of wisdom and knowledge should always be submitted under the authority of Christ to prevent pride and arrogance which can be harmful to others.

4. Worldly Wisdom or Demonic Wisdom is wisdom that comes directly from the god of this world system which is Satan. (2 Corinthians 4:3-4, 11:13-15, James 3:13-17)

- It is false wisdom and false teaching that is from the Satan and not from God. (James 3:13-17)
- It is inconsistent with the wisdom of God and the truth of His Word.
- It is always grounded in lies, pride, selfish motives, hidden agendas, evil intentions, envy, jealousy, division, strife, and confusion.
- Many in the world rely on such evil practices such as witchcraft, psychic hotlines, horoscopes (insight into the future), spiritual mediums who claim to be able to communicate with the dead or spiritual entities.

○ The Wisdom from God is “pure” (undefiled). (vs. 17)

- 1) It is peaceable and loving.
- 2) It is gentle and kind.
- 3) It is willing to yield.
- 4) It is full of mercy and compassion.
- 5) It is full with or produces good fruit of the Holy Spirit.
- 6) It is without partiality (respect of person or favoritism) and without hypocrisy.

○ The Spiritual Gifts of the Word of Wisdom and Word of Knowledge can manifest by the Holy Spirit in several ways.

1. Dreams and Vision.
2. Angelic visitation from God.
3. Audible voice by the Holy Spirit speaking to you.
4. Inward voice by the Holy Spirit.
5. Prompting or stirring in your spirit by the Holy Spirit.
6. The vocal gifts (Gifts of Tongue, Interpretation of Tongues and Prophecy).

○ Example of the Spiritual Gift of the Word of Knowledge and Word of Wisdom.

1. Jesus saw in a vision Nathaniel coming to meet Him. (John 1:43-51)
2. Jesus knew He needed to go through Samaria to meet the Samaritan woman at the well. (John 4:1-18, 27-29)
3. Simon Peter confesses Jesus as the Son of God. (Matthew 16:13-20)
4. Peter addresses Ananias and Sapphira for lying to the Holy Spirit. (Acts 5:1-11)
5. Jesus knew that Lazarus had died. (John 11:1-15)

6. Ananias sees in a vision Saul of Tarsus coming to him. (Acts 9:10-17)
 7. The angel Gabriel was sent by God to Nazareth to a chosen vessel named Mary. (Luke 1:26-35). The angel Gabriel also appeared before Joseph in a dream. (Matthew 1:18-25)
 8. Jesus is tempted by Satan. (Luke 4:3-14)
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- God's wisdom and power are available to all Believers in (4) four important areas. (John 16:13-14, 2 Corinthians 4:7, John 16:33, Matthew 5:16, Acts 1:8)
 1. Purpose. (Bring glory and honor to God) (Romans 8:28, Proverbs 19:21, Ephesians 2:10, Philippians 2:12-13)
 2. Gifts and Calling. (God-given assignment) (Romans 11:29)
 3. Trials and tribulations in life. (Whether spiritual, physical (health), financial, mental, emotional and relational). (John 16:33, Matthew 5:45)
 4. True Disciples and Witnesses for Jesus Christ. (Make Jesus Christ clear and visible). (2 Corinthians 3:18, Acts 1:8)
 - The Believer should continue growing in the wisdom and knowledge of God. (2 Timothy 2:15, 3:10-17, Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 4:23-24, Joshua 1:1-11, Colossians 1:9)