

 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Gifts of the Spirit – The revelational gifts

 Let's hear your story

1. Have you ever had to explain to a friend or family member the revelational gifts of the Holy Spirit?
2. What are the three revelational gifts according to 1 Cor.12:7 – 11? (**The word of wisdom, word of knowledge and discerning of spirits.**). (NKJV).
3. Does the word of wisdom help with a past, present or future challenge? (**A word for the future that is needed now. See Genesis 41:33 – 38.**).
4. Which gift did Jesus, minister to the Samaritan woman in John 4:18? (**The word of knowledge.**).

 Let's go deeper

5. How is Acts 5:4; a word of knowledge? (**It is the supernatural revealing of a fact in existence which cannot be seen, heard or revealed naturally.**).
6. What is the purpose of the gift of discerning spirits? (**To help deliver the afflicted, oppressed and tormented – see Mark 5:2 – 5 and Mark 9:25.**).
7. What is the purpose of the gift of discerning of spirits according to Acts 16:16? (**It stops the plans of the enemy.**).
8. What does 1 John 4:1 – 6 tells us to do? (**To test all spirits.**).

 Let's apply this

9. The revelational gifts:

**1 Corinthians 12:7;** But the manifestation (expression and enabling) of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all. (NKJV)

- Ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of the word of wisdom.
- Ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of the word of knowledge.
- Ask the Holy Spirit for the gift of discerning of spirits.
- **Faith** is needed for the gifts of the Holy Spirit (see Hebrews 11:6).

SUMMARY:

- **The revelational gifts**

The spiritual gifts are supernatural gifts that God enables believers to have so that we can do ministry for and like Jesus on the earth today.

**The gift of the word of wisdom:**

The supernatural wisdom that is given to help, usually in a crisis, and primarily deals with a word for the future that is needed now. It is not a full disclosure; it is a word. It is a part of God's wisdom given to man, concerning people, places or things, primarily about the future. God gives the insight to deal with a specific situation as it arises. It is not natural, human wisdom, reasoning or academic ability. A word of wisdom can be given to prepare a person for an upcoming challenge. This gift can operate through visions, dreams, prophecy, tongues and interpretation of tongues.

**Old Testament examples:** See Genesis 41:33 – 38 and 1 Kings 3:16 – 28.

**Jesus taught the word of wisdom** in Luke 21:11 – 12.

**Early church examples:** See Acts 6:10; Acts 13:2 and Acts 21:11.

**The gift of the word of knowledge:**

The supernatural gift of God that reveals specific knowledge about certain past or present events. The supernatural revealing of a fact in existence which cannot be seen, heard or revealed naturally. It's not natural knowledge or ability. You can't get it from observation, education or experience. It is supernatural and comes from God. A word of wisdom and a word of knowledge can operate together.

**Demonstrated by Jesus:** See Matthew 9:1 – 8; John 1:47 – 48 and John 4:18.

**Early church examples:** See Acts 5:1 – 11 and Acts 10:19 – 20.

**The gift of discerning of spirits:**

The supernatural revelation that gives the ability to distinguish the source of spirit-world activities when they are present. The ability to see into the spiritual realm and distinguish or differentiate which spirit is operating. It is not the gift of suspicion or discernment. The person flowing in this gift will be able to recognise the identity, personality and condition of the spirit that is behind a manifestation. It is not used to discern a person's character or faults or used to judge others.

**The Holy Spirit** – See John 1:32 – 33.

**Angels** – See Luke 22:43; John 20:11 – 13 and Acts 27:23 – 24.

**Human spirits** – See John 1:47; Acts 8:21 and Acts 14:8 – 10.

**Evil spirits** – See Luke 13:15 – 17 and Acts 16:16 – 18.

**The purpose of this gift:** helps to deliver the afflicted, oppressed and tormented.

Evil spirits drive people mad – See Mark 5:2 – 5.

Dumb spirits rob people of the power of speech – See Mark 9:25.

Spirits of infirmity twist limbs – See Luke 13:11.

It stops the plans of the enemy – See Acts 16:16.