

# Gifts of the Spirit - Revelation Gifts

Scripture Reference: 1 Corin.12:1-14

## The Revelation Gifts

### THE GIFT OF THE WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

**Definition:** The Word of Knowledge is a SUPERNATURAL revelation by the Holy Spirit of certain FACTS in the mind of God.

"Download from heaven".

#### Scriptural Examples:

##### **a) Acts 9:10-12 (Ananais & Paul)**

*"Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." 11 So the Lord [said] to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for [one] called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. 12 "And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting [his] hand on him, so that he might receive his sight."*

##### **b) Acts 10:9-20 (Peter's Vision)**

c) John 4:6-30 (The Samaritan Woman at the well)

d) Gen 41:33-38 (Joseph & Pharaoh's dreams - famine)

e) 1 Kings 3:16-28 - (Solomon's wise ruling of baby of 2 prostitutes)

f) Luke 21:11-12 (Jesus predicts end time earthquakes etc)

g) Acts 6:10 (Stephen & divine wisdom)

*"And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke."*

h) Acts 13:2 (Barnabas and Saul set apart by Holy Spirit)

*"As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."*

I) Acts 21:11 (Agabus the prophet - Paul's problems in Jerusalem)

*"And as we stayed many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. 11 When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his [own] hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver [him] into the hands of the Gentiles.' "*

II) Matt 9:1-8 (Jesus sees what's in the hearts of teachers of the law)

III) John 1:47-48 (Jesus and Nathaniel)

*Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward Him, and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit!" 48 Nathanael said to Him, "How do You know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."*

IV) John 4:18 ( Jesus and the Samaritan woman - 5 husbands)

*Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' 18 "for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."*

V) Acts 5:1-11 (Ananias and Sapphira )

*"But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. 2 And he kept back [part] of the proceeds, his wife also being aware [of it,] and brought a*

*certain part and laid [it] at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back [part] of the price of the land for yourself? 4 "While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." 5 Then Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and breathed his last. So great fear came upon all those who heard these things. 6 And the young men arose and wrapped him up, carried [him] out, and buried [him.] 7 Now it was about three hours later when his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8 And Peter answered her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for so much?" She said, "Yes, for so much." 9 Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to test the Spirit of the Lord? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband [are] at the door, and they will carry you out." 10 Then immediately she fell down at his feet and breathed her last. And the young men came in and found her dead, and carrying [her] out, buried [her] by her husband. 11 So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things."*

### Explanation of the above gift:

1. This gift is called the "word of knowledge" and not the "gift of knowledge". There is no such thing as a spiritual "gift of knowledge". God is all knowledge. He knows everything, but He does not reveal everything to man. He gives man a "word" or part of what He knows.
2. Jesus used this gift to bring the woman of Samaria at the well to salvation (Jn.4;6-30).
3. This gift can operate through tongues, interpretation of tongues, and also through prophecy.
4. This gift can also operate through visions. **(Acts 9:10-11). The place, the persons name & what to do!**
5. This gift can also operate through an inward revelation. **(Jn.4:6-30)**
6. This gift can reveal sickness and demon possession.
7. This gift is a Supernatural gift and NOT natural knowledge. If one gift of the Spirit is natural, then all will be natural. If one is supernatural, then all will be supernatural. The source is Supernatural!

### How will this gift "profit" the church?

1. The discouraged will be comforted.
2. The unsaved will be saved.
3. The sick will be healed.
4. The demon-possessed will be set FREE.
5. Lost property will be recovered.
6. The enemy will be defeated – his plans exposed.
7. AND the Lord Jesus Christ will be GLORIFIED.

## **THE GIFT OF THE WORD OF WISDOM**

### Definition:

The gift of the Word Of Wisdom is a **SUPERNATURAL** revelation of the **MIND AND PURPOSE** of God communicated by the Holy Spirit.

i.e. It is a part of God's Wisdom given to man, revealing a **future event**.

### Scriptural examples:

1. Acts 9:10-16 (Annanais & Paul)

2. Acts 11:28-30 (The drought – Agabus)
3. Acts 27:10 (The Storm & Shipwreck)
4. Acts 21:10-11 (Agabus & Paul)
5. Gen 41:33-38 (Joseph & Pharaoh's dreams - famine)
6. 1 Kings 3:16-28 - (Solomon's wise ruling of baby of 2 prostitutes)
7. Acts 6:10 (Stephen & divine wisdom)

### Explanation:

1. The gift of the word of knowledge and the word of wisdom often operate together – Acts 9:10-16.

NB: Verse 9-10 - The word of knowledge.

Verse 16 - The word of wisdom.

2. This gift is ***never natural wisdom*** (see James 1:5)

3. This gift can operate through visions, dreams, prophecy, tongues and interpretation of tongues.

### How will this gift “profit” the Church?

1. People will be saved, healed and delivered. (eg. Philip & Paul)

2. People will be set apart for special ministry (Acts 9:15)

3. Assurance of God's protection.

4. Will always keep the church one step ahead of the world – in the light and not in the dark.

5. By knowing what lies ahead, the church can be better prepared.

6. The Lord Jesus will be GLORIFIED.

7. The Church will be a SUPERNATURAL church, walking in victory.

8. The needs of people will be met.

## THE GIFT OF DISCERNING OF SPIRITS

### Definition:

The Discerning of spirits is a **SUPERNATURAL** gift of the Holy Spirit, by which the person who possesses it, is enabled to see into the spirit world.

By this insight he can ***discern the likeness of God***, or the ***risen Christ***, or the ***Holy Spirit***, or the ***Angels*** or ***Satan*** and his ***legions of demons***.

N.B.: It is the insight into the spirit world – of ***both GOOD and BAD spirits***.

“Discern” - Means the following:

***To see*** – to ***divide*** – to ***separate*** – to ***distinguish*** – to ***determine*** – to make out clearly by means of your senses (***spiritual senses***).

### Scriptural Examples:

1. Acts 16:16-18 – The spirit of divination / fortune telling.

a) Paul spoke directly to the spirit and not the person.

b) He commanded the spirit to come out of her.

c) She could not tell fortune any more.

2. Ezekiel 1:1...(Ezekiel's vision)

3. Acts 7:55-60 (Stephen's Stoning)

4. Luke 10:18 (Jesus saw Satan fall like lightning)

5. John 1:45-49 (Jesus & Nathaniel)

6. 2 Kings 6:15-19 (Elisha surrounded by the Syrian army)

7. Isaiah 6:1-4 (Isaiah **SAW** the Lord High & Lifted up..)

**Important Difference:**

***Romans 8:14, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God."***

- a) All of us are led by the Holy Spirit if we are God's sons and daughters.
- b) There is a big difference between the discerning of spirits and being led by the Spirit.
- c) Some things are revealed to us by an inner witness and some things are revealed by the discerning of spirits.

N.B.: One of the ways to find out what something IS, is to find out what it is NOT.

**1. It is not "discernment":**

- i) People say, "I have the gift of discernment". There is no such gift mentioned in the Bible.
- ii) It is the gift of "discerning of SPIRITS"
- iii) What people call the gift of discernment is actually the gift of the Word of Knowledge in operation.
- iv) They know things by the Spirit of God and mistakenly call it discernment.

**2. It is NOT "Mind Reading":**

- i) This gift is not a kind of "spiritual mind reading".
- ii) It is not psychological insight.
- iii) It is not mental penetration.
- iv) It is not the power to discern the faults in others. Even unbelievers can do this!

**3. It is NOT Fault Finding:**

- i) It is not discerning the character or faults in people.
- ii) It is not the discerning of people – It is the discerning of spirits.

**4. It is NOT criticism or suspicion:**

- i) The Christian walk is a walk of LOVE – because Love covers a multitude of sins.
- ii) Eph.4:32, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."