

## Moving in the Gifts of the Spirit

The purpose of this lesson is to inspire, encourage and train the believer to move in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We will give a definition of each gift and have a time of practice at the end of the session.

“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led. Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues: But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.” 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, KJV.

**GIFTS**—charisma—a favour with which one receives without any merit of his own; the gift of divine grace; the gift of faith, knowledge, holiness, virtue; grace or gifts denoting extraordinary powers, distinguishing certain Christians and enabling them to serve the church of Christ, the reception of which is due to the power of divine grace operating on their souls by the Holy Spirit.

**ADMINISTRATIONS** diakonia {dee^ -ak-on-ee' -ah} service, ministering, especially of those who execute the commands of others, such as of the office of prophets, evangelists, elders etc., also the office of the deacon , etc

**OPERATIONS** energema {en-erg' -ay-mah} thing wrought; effect, operation

Example: The Lord tells a woman in one of our churches that the furnace had misfired, so she returns to the church to restart the furnace. Therefore, we had heat for the service. This is an example of the Word of Knowledge operating in the ministry of helps.

There are three types of gifts (gifts that say something, gifts that reveal something), gifts that do something. “For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.” 1 Corinthians 14:31, KJV.

**GIFTS THAT SAY SOMETHING** (Utterance)

**Prophecy**—inspired utterance which builds up, encourages and comforts.

But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. (1 Corinthians 14:3, KJV).

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Revelation gifts may flow through the gift of prophecy. Simple prophecy vs. prophecy with revelation. Simple prophecy brings inspiration for the moment. Prophecy with revelation includes special knowledge or wisdom from the mind of God.

**Tongues**—inspired utterance in an unknown language; in relation to ministry it is distinguished from devotional tongues;

But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. (1 Corinthians 14:28, KJV).

This is not a prohibition of worshipping in tongues in the church. . .although we should be sensitive to others and not dominate the service with the gift of tongues.

Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. (1 Corinthians 14:39, KJV).

For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, (Acts 10:46, KJV).

**Interpretation of Tongues**—tongues and interpretation of tongues is the equivalent of prophecy. It is interpretation, not translation; in other words, the gist of what God is saying. Same person or another person.

Example: Tom in Park River receives interpretation each night. Then, one night he holds back and someone else gives the same interpretation he receives.

GIFTS THAT REVEAL SOMETHING (Revelation)

**Word of Knowledge**—supernatural knowledge from God about certain facts.

Example: Jesus and the woman at the well... (5 husbands) John 4:18

Testimonies: Word of knowledge at Devil’s Lake. Man’s shoulder at Lake Park, ladies arm at Howard Lake, heart pain healed at Hendricks, chest burning in Nepal.

**Word of Wisdom**—supernatural wisdom about the mind and purpose of God. This would include prophecies about the future, as well as the counsel and plan of God.

Example: Samuel is directed by God to anoint David as King. This is not a word of knowledge, as David was a shepherd, not a King. But it is a Word of Wisdom, concerning the plan and counsel of God.

It is direction concerning the plan and counsel of God. This gift should be used and also received with caution. When you receive a word of wisdom from someone, do not automatically assume that it is a word from God. Generally God is going to confirm it in your own heart. If a word you received brings bondage, there is reason to question it.

“Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.” 2 Corinthians 3:17, KJV.

Illustration: God shows minister to use wisdom in the gifts and that he would use him in a mighty way. Be careful not to embarrass people.

Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. (1 Corinthians 14:29, KJV).

Anyone can miss it. And also, some people have used a supposed gift of the spirit as a tool of manipulation.

**Discerning of Spirits**—the ability to discern (or see) the operation of a spirit, either good or evil.

Ex: Paul and the damsel possessed with a spirit of divination Acts 16:16-18

Spirits of Infirmity. Luke 13, Acts 10:38. ND pastor and woman with pain.

GIFTS THAT DO SOMETHING (Power)

**Gifts of healing**—supernatural ability to bring healing; notice it is gifts of healing. . . some people that move in gifts of healing are more gifted with certain types of diseases.

Examples: Apostle Peter, Oral Roberts, Kathryn Kuhlman, Benny Hinn. Charles and Francis Hunter emphasized the ministry of healing for the body of Christ at large.

Testimony: Tom, “Marvin, we need to pray for you right now.” Gift of healing operating with the word of wisdom. Problem was from an accident with a PTO on a tractor, where it tore the muscles off the bone. After this, the man had no more pain.

**Working of Miracles**—supernatural ability to change the course of natural events or laws.

Ex: feeding of the 5,000; parting of the red sea, walking on the water

Testimony: Ministry on the Amazon holds pastors conference and does not have enough food. However, every one was fed and filled.

**Gift of Faith**—supernatural faith to receive from God; this is faith beyond the normal faith, which is obtained through hearing and believing God’s word.

Ex: Daniel in the Lions Den; prophecies of Jacob concerning his sons; miraculous intervention in auto accidents; ability to impart the gift of the Holy Ghost; a gift given by God “as the spirit wills;” the ability cast out devil would probably fall under this category.

Samson kills a lion with his bare hands (working of miracles). . .vs. Daniel (different anointing, gift of faith) Samson—more active. Judges 14:5-6

Jacob and Joseph speak by the gift of faith. Hebrews 11:21, 22

Testimony: My daughter was very young and her and Susan were by a windmill. Heidi put her finger in a hole on the shaft of the windmill. The wind was blowing, but Susan commanded it to stop in the name of Jesus and it did. Heidi still has her finger.

We can see that the various gifts dovetail together to accomplish the Lord's purposes.

Expect these gifts to flow in your life and ministry as the Spirit wills.

#### KEYS TO RELEASING THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT IN YOUR LIFE

1. Receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Acts 1:8
2. Tongues are a gateway into the other gifts. We can see a progression—tongues and the utterance gifts, revelation gifts, and power gifts. Jude 20
3. Worship brings a release of the gifts. Acts 13:1-4
4. Learn wait upon God in quietness. Psalm 46:10
5. Do not be afraid to have your prophecies judged. 1 Corinthians 14:29
6. Try the spirits by the Word of God. Don't just listen to voices. Focus on the Lord. Have peace in your heart. And when He speaks, you will know it. The gifts of the Spirit will always glorify Jesus Christ. 1 John 4:1-3
7. Claim the scripture, I hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and the voice of a stranger I will not follow. John 10:4-5, 27
8. Do something! Step out! Be sensitive. Be eager to learn. Not proud. But do something. The church is a good environment to stretch you wings and learn to fly. "Let all things be done decently and in order." 1 Corinthians 14:40, KJV. But first it says, "Let all things BE DONE..." Do it!

#### PRACTICAL EXERCISE

Minister to another person by the gifts of Spirit. Take time to worship, pray in the Spirit and wait on the Lord, and then share with humility what the Holy Spirit gives you for edification, and exhortation, and comfort. It may be a picture or a word or a scripture may be quickened to you. Share it in love. Ask the person if it relates to their situation and pray for the person in line with the revelation.

#### HOMEWORK

Study and meditate the scriptures in this lesson. Spend time worshipping, praying in the Spirit and waiting on God. Look for opportunities to pray for others and minister to them by the gifts of the Spirit.

## Quiz for Moving in the Gifts of the Spirit

## NOTES

1. True or False. You have to earn the right to use the gifts of the Spirit.
2. True or False. The gifts are intended only for those called into the 5-fold ministry.
3. The gifts of the Spirit include:
  - a. Gifts that say something.
  - b. Gifts that reveal something.
  - c. Gifts that do something.
  - d. All of the above.
4. A prophecy is an \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Prophecy is edification, exhortation and \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Tongues and interpretation of tongues is equivalent to \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Describe the difference between the word of knowledge and the word of wisdom.
8. True or False. You should follow every prophecy given to you.
9. Gifts of healing often operate in conjunction with the word of \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The feeding of the 5,000 is an example of which gift? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Daniel in the lions den is an example of which gift? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Receiving the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit is a key to moving in the gifts of the Spirit.

Name some other things that can help you to move in the gifts: