

## The Gifts of the Holy Spirit part 1

How is this going to help anyone on MONDAY???

We have been talking about the POWER of the Holy Spirit—

- how He worked through the Apostles in the early church to confirm the word they preached.
- How He wants to work through every believer TODAY
- ***Have you ever wondered about miracles, are they really true?***
- ***Do they really happen today?***
- ***What if you actually saw a blind person receive their sight today just like in the Bible, or a paralyzed person get up and walk, or some other sign or wonder!***

***What would that do to your faith in God...***

Last week —illustration — Sioux Falls sign by Atheists Society of America

“Evolution is truth, It happened all on its own without the need of a Supreme being...”

***What would cause an atheist to believe that God is real?***

### **Example,**

Mark Rutland story in Mexico, and how he received the Spanish language supernaturally into his spirit and mind... His father in law, a psychologist I think, who did not believe in God or Jesus,

but went with him and said as he started doing this, “Mark, what do you think you're doing? You can't speak Spanish...?”

The father in law saw the people responded to this.  
From that day—this man has been able to speak fluent Spanish... I heard him.

God wants to demonstrate His power —

- so that people can see He is God!
- also, to simply help people out of difficult or painful situations and conditions
- Or to sometimes warn a person of impending danger or of straying from God into sin...

***Transition:** Today I want to talk more specifically from the Word about the just how the Holy Spirit manifests His power...*

**I. How can we expect the Spirit to manifest Himself today? Many ways, like the example I just gave... but in one of His epistles the Apostle Paul gives us an amazing detail of how God will work these supernatural gifts or manifestations of the Holy Spirit in our every day lives—**

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 (NIV2011)

1 Now about the gifts of the Spirit (Greek—Lit. **pneumatika** “*spiritual things or matters*), brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. [*many are uninformed today just like back then*]

2 You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols.

3 Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

4 There are different kinds of gifts [*charismata*], but the same **Spirit** distributes them.

Notice the Trinity here

5 There are different kinds of service (better — *administrations, ministries*), but the same **Lord**.

6 There are different kinds of working (pl. *workings = or operations*), but in all of them and in everyone it is the same **God** at work.

7 Now to each one the **manifestation** of the Spirit is given for the common good. (or profit, or help)

This next passage is amazing.

A list, that can actually be categorized... of the gifts or manifestations of the Holy Spirit...

8 To one there is given (*they are “given”, you can’t make them happen on your own or by your volition or desire...*) through the Spirit a message of wisdom (Greek = *logos* “word of wisdom”), to another a message of knowledge (*logos* of knowledge) by means of the same Spirit,

9 to another faith by the same Spirit (special faith or a gift of faith), to another gifts of healing(s) by that one Spirit,

10 to another miraculous powers [Greek—Lit. *workings of powers—Moses “worked” miracles with his rod; Jesus sometimes did things like “spit” in His hands and put it on the persons eyes for them to be healed*], to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in

different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues.

11 All these are the work of One and the same Spirit, and He distributes them to each one, just as He determines (Greek = wills, purposes).

General overview:

- 9 gifts mentioned
- You could actually divide these gifts with some minor rearranging into three categories:

1. Gifts that reveal something:

- Word of wisdom
- Word of knowledge
- Distinguishing of spirits

2. Gifts that do something:

- Faith (special faith)
- Gifts of healings
- Miraculous powers (workings of powers)

3. Gifts that say something:

- Prophecy
- Kinds of tongues
- Interpretation of tongues

Sometimes these gifts will work together...

**Example,**

- Word of wisdom may come through prophecy. (like two candles being put together to make one flame)

- Kinds of Tongues and interpretation of tongues work together...
- Word of knowledge and gifts of healings

## 1. Word of wisdom:

definition (\*from the works of Rev Howard Carter *Spiritual Gifts and their Operation*, and Kenneth Hagin Sr. *The Holy Spirit and His gifts*): **supernatural** revelation by the Spirit of the mind and purpose of God.

\*Howard Carter says that it is mentioned first because it is the most important—no gift could be greater than knowing the mind and purpose of God...

- Concerns future plans and events
- Supernatural = ***not natural wisdom***,
  - like doctor
  - or a professor,
  - or run a business
  - Not even wisdom on how to apply the Bible...

This is a supernatural slice or fragment of God's infinite wisdom.

- All wisdom in the Bible is the ability to see ahead in a natural in a sense concerning planning and make wise decisions. Like an investor, through wisdom understanding what to invest in.
  - It's good. But it's not supernatural

***But this gift is a supernatural revelation***— it's a small fragment of God's infinite wisdom of the future, His plans and purposes...

**Analogy,**

A lawyer doesn't tell his client all the wisdom he knows, only a small fraction that is needed for that time or situation.

**Scriptural Examples,**

- By this gift Noah was warned that a flood was coming on the earth.
- Joseph the son of Jacob had dreams as a young man that his brothers and parents would one day bow down before him—which was fulfilled over 23 years later.
- By this gift Joseph the husband of Mary was warned in a dream about King Herod's plan to kill the baby Jesus, and was told to take Jesus and Mary to Egypt until further notice...

SS. Matt 2:13

13 Now when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."

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*This was an example of this gift of the Holy Spirit revealing to Joseph of the danger that was coming and God's plan to rescue the baby Jesus and keep Him safe.*

[There is no way Joseph could have known this without God speaking to him supernaturally...]

There are MANY OTHER EXAMPLES of this gift throughout the whole Bible...

- With prophets (all the prophecies that predict the future are a manifestation of the Spirit in this gift)
- With Jesus
- With disciples

**Modern Day Example:**

1994, I had a dream. Jay Eberly. He is a pastor now. He was in a hotel with his wife, he was bent over in great pain, it was his appendix. He needed to go to have an operation or he would die. He didn't want to go because he believed in divine healing, and wanted to walk by faith. But in the dream I knew he had to have the operation... The pastor came to get him to take him. He came over to our house and I told him the dream. I felt awkward, but the Lord told me to tell him. ( I didn't need someone to interpret my dream...)

2 1/2 years 1997 later it happened just as I had dreamed.

Sitting in Barcelona Spain, Judi Jo told us that Jay was at her church in Illinois preaching, got really sick, the pastor came and took him to the hospital. It was his appendix and he had to have an emergency surgery...

**Example,**

Kenneth Hagin Sr. story about how he predicted in prophecy Rev. William Brahnam's death... Those who heard him tried to warn him. 2 years to the month. Brahnam was killed in auto accident in Finland...

**Example,**

When the Lord said to me about Trish, if you go on that trip to NM, you can forget about your relationship with Trish

**Application:** These gifts do good, profit or help, sometimes warn... they are supernatural messages or words of the wisdom of God to help people in life.

**Transition:** where the word of wisdom deals with future events, there is another gift of the Spirit that also involves supernatural knowledge...

## **2. A word of knowledge:**

Definition: supernatural revelation by the Spirit of certain facts in the mind of God

(concerns present or past events)

I.E. supernatural knowledge of a present or past fact about a person or circumstance that **could not be known any other way unless someone had told you.**

John 4:15-18

15 The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

16 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,' for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."

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- Come to get people's attention,
- That God is real!

Sometimes we see this gift in the word being given for **judgment**

2 Kings 5:20-27

20 But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "Look, my master has spared Naaman this Syrian, while not receiving from his hands what he brought; but as the Lord lives, I will run after him and take something from him." 21 So Gehazi pursued Naaman. When Naaman saw him running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him, and said, "Is all well?"

22 And he said, "All is well. My master has sent me, saying, 'Indeed, just now two young men of the sons of the prophets have come to me from the mountains of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of garments.'"

23 So Naaman said, "Please, take two talents." And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and handed them to two of his servants; and they carried them on ahead of him. 24 When he came to the citadel, he took them from their hand, and stored them away in the house; then he let the men go, and they departed. 25 Now he went in and stood before his master. Elisha said to him, "Where did you go, Gehazi?"

And he said, "Your servant did not go anywhere."

26 Then he said to him, "**Did not my heart go with you** when the man turned back from his chariot to meet you? Is it time to receive money and to receive clothing, olive groves and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male and female servants? 27 Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and your descendants forever." And he went out from his presence leprous, as white as snow.

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**Application:** Through this supernatural gift God will sometimes judge sin...

1. God judges the spiritual sins more harshly than others, because they are under the radar...
  - Gehazi was consumed with greed, and then lied to Naaman about Elisha sending him...

- Naaman didn't receive a gift intentionally to show the goodness of God, that His gifts are free, and not to be bought!

**Example,**

Pastor Reggie when a businessman-"If you'll stop lying, maybe we can do some business."

2. Notice the phrase in vs 26: "**Did not my heart go with you**  
Through this gift a believers heart can supernaturally follow an individual...and know what is actually going on in their life that there is no way they could know otherwise...

- God can use this gift to help you to know how to pray for someone...

**Example,**

A pastor's wife told how her foster son was having lots of problems with sin and drinking. They had worked with him, prayed with him, and he was doing pretty well for a while, then one afternoon while washing the dishes, he didn't come home at the regular time after work. She had a vision and sees him go into a dark bar to get drunk and hanging with his old friends, she prays. He comes home and says: "Mom I had a great victory today!" He had stopped in front of the bar and turned away.

Sometimes the word of knowledge will come for:

- Information to help you pray

- divine protection, divine guidance
- It can be a gateway to the manifestation of the gifts of healings

**Example,**

Joe Morris, fish hook story. Woman that had a fish-hook in her eye. Saw her fishing. Hook caught in the eye. A woman in the audience had that happen.

Argument: Those that are used in this gift have said it is as though they can “see” things.

- One minister described it as though they were looking over a wall and could see into a person's life, almost like watching video play...
- Ted Shuttlesworth who has ministered at FWC in Lakeland FL said it was as though he could see an “xray” of a person while looking at them... seeing an injury or a sickness in their body.

**Example,**

At FWC Man with shoulder problem in the balcony, 2 weeks before moving a box in the garage. Rotator cuff.

John 1:48

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.**"

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## **Final Words: The devil counterfeits these gifts.**

1. Sometimes you may have heard of false ministers pretending to have these gifts...

2 Corinthians 11:12-15 (NIV2011)

12 And I will keep on doing what I am doing in order to cut the ground from under those who want an opportunity to be considered equal with us in the things they boast about.

13 For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ.

14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

15 It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

### **Example,**

Undercover where they discovered a so called minister who was pretending to operate in these gifts of the Spirit actually wore an ear piece and a collaborator would talk to people before the meeting and then communicate this knowledge to the false minister... *THIS WILL GET EXPOSED... YOUR SINS WILL FIND YOU OUT.*

2. Familiar Spirits.

The Bible speaks about evil spirits called familiar spirits that are demonic spirits that people yield to, and these spirits know all about a persons life...

People that yield to these familiar spirits are called “psychics”

They have legitimate manifestations of supernatural knowledge, BUT NOT FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT.

These are an abomination to God.

Lev 19:31

31 'Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God.

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Lev 20:27

27 'A man or a woman who is a medium, or who has familiar spirits, shall surely be put to death; they shall stone them with stones. Their blood shall be upon them.'"

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### **Examples,**

On TV talk shows. They will interview people and they will pull people out of the audience and hold something that belongs to them such as their wallet and begin to know things about them. They are evil spirits, but they are in the spirit realm and can reveal things to people that counterfeits the word of knowledge given by the Spirit.

Psychics—

ESP

Illuminati— 1776 by a Barvarian professor. A secret society like the freemasons that many involved today. Embraces magical power, mystery, symbols like the pyramid, all seeing eye, a new world order...

*Woman who used to go to this church got involved in Illuminati and it sucked her in...*

It's all a counterfeit for these holy gifts of the Spirit—

## **How will you know them?**

1 John 4:1-3

4 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.  
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THEY NEVER GLORIFY JESUS,  
THEY NEVER ACKNOWLEDGE JESUS AS  
LORD.

They actually draw people away from Jesus to the dark realm of magic and demonic powers, even though they can bring temporary help in a situation, they will bring spiritual death in the end.

- Crystal balls, cards, diviners, spiritual mediums all fit into this category.

**Application:** Stay with the Word of God. Just because it's supernatural doesn't mean it's from God! The gifts will always lead a person to Jesus.

They'll point to Jesus.

One minister said that the gifts of the Spirit, especially gifts of healings, are the dinner bell that calls people to salvation!

We shouldn't be ignorant of spiritual matters, spiritual gifts.

Thank God for the gifts of the Holy Spirit...