

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit pt2
Welcome to Harvest Community Church
Series: The Holy Spirit
Text: 1 Corinthians 12:7-10

The nine gifts of the spirit can be broken down into three groups:

- Gifts of **Revelation** - Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, Discerning of Spirits
- Gifts of **Power** - Gifts of Healing, Working of Miracles, Gifts of Faith
- Gifts of **Utterance** - Gift of Prophecy, Gift of Tongues, Gift of Interpretation of Tongues

Gifts of Revelation-

- The Word of Wisdom and the Word of Knowledge often work hand in hand; but they have **separate** applications.
- These gifts are known as a “Word” in the Greek that is the word “**logos**” which is a spoken word or utterance. They are the revelation of God’s heart in situations that is meant to be communicated to others through word or action.

Word of Wisdom

- A supernatural utterance and revelation at a given moment through the Holy Spirit disclosing the mind, purpose and **will** of God. This is declaring His will and plans concerning **people**, places, communities and nations.
- This gift deals with the **present** and future.
- The Word of Wisdom is different from the wisdom God imparts into the life of the believer through His written Word (Bible) and as a person matures. **James 1:5, James 3:13-17**
- The Word of Wisdom is an important part of the **anointing** - that special unction of the Holy Spirit that enables a person who is ministering. **1 Corinthians 2:1-5**
- The Word of Wisdom may show us how to correctly apply God’s **written word** to our life at a specific moment.
- The Word of Wisdom is divine insight into **problem** solving.
- It helps in our witnessing. **Colossians 4:5- 6, 1 Corinthians 2:6-16**

Word of Knowledge

- A supernatural revelation by the Holy Spirit of certain **facts** from the mind of God.
- **Information** pertaining to a person or event given for a specific purpose.
- Deals with the **past** and present.
- It is man knowing things that he could only know through divine revelation.

The Word of Knowledge is revealed in several ways:

1. God revealing Himself with deeper **clarity** to the believer to better understand and communicate His knowledge to others. **Matt. 16:15-17, Romans 11:33**
2. It can reveal **facts** that minister to a person's need.
3. It can reveal the **motives** or **condition** of a person's heart, even groups of people. **Acts 5:3**
4. A deeper understanding of the ways and **acts** of God. **1 Corinthians 14:6-7**
5. The ability to understand and communicate God's **moral wisdom** for right living. **Colossians 2:2-3**

Discerning of Spirits

- A) Supernatural power to **detect** the realm of the spirits and their activities.
- B) The power of spiritual insight and revelation of the **plans** and purposes of the enemy and his forces.

Four types of spirits: The Divine, the angelic, the demonic (evil) and the **human**
2 Kings 6:17

The Gift of the Discerning of Spirits is not the gift of **discernment**. Discernment is a result of **wisdom**. As a person fears the Lord, is obedient to His voice and matures in God's Word, they become wise. **Proverbs 13:20, Proverbs 9:10 Proverbs 2:3-11**

Discernment will govern how we respond to what we know.

This gift is used to combat **deceptions**. **1 Timothy 4:1, 2 Peter 2:1-3, 1 John 4:1-6**

This gift is used to **deliver** the afflicted, oppressed, tormented and possessed. **Mark 16:17**

Two ways to discern spirits:

- A) Natural **observation** **Mark 1:21-28, Luke 8:26-39, Matthew 17:15-18**
- B) Supernaturally **discerning**