

Discovering Your Gifts #3

A Word of Wisdom

1 Cor. 12:8-10

As we continue our study in the 9 manifestations of the Holy Spirit, we are looking at the 3 revelation gifts: Word of Knowledge, Word of Wisdom and Discerning of Spirits. In this lesson we want to look at A Word of Wisdom. The Word of Knowledge reveals *facts* supernaturally, A Word of Wisdom reveals *direction* supernaturally. Word of Wisdom defined as “A portion of God’s wisdom supernaturally imparted.” Wisdom and Knowledge need each other. Wisdom needs knowledge upon which to act; Knowledge must be directed by wisdom.

Note: practical wisdom is available to a believer at any time through prayer (James 1: 5). We are not talking about the wisdom that comes from mature Christian character and experience, but rather a manifestation of the Spirit.

Examples...

I. Where to Fish

- A. Lk. 5:4-10
- B. The manifestation of the supernatural brought conviction and the fear of the Lord.
- C. The fruit: sold out disciples (v. 11)

II. Location of the Two Donkeys

- A. Matt. 21:1-6
- B. A Word of Wisdom to bring about fulfillment of a Messianic prophecy.

III. The Appointing of Deacons

- A. Acts 6:1-7
- B. Strife was avoided so the Gospel could go forth

IV. A Divine Appointment

- A. Acts 8:26-29, 35
- B. A Word of Wisdom led to the key to a nation hearing the gospel.

V. Peter’s Vision and the Spirit’s Direction

- A. Acts 10:9-16, 19-22, 28
- B. God used this supernatural experience to open the door for the gospel to be preached to the Gentiles.

VI. Answer for the Gentile Problem

- A. Acts 15:13-29
- B. Should the Gentiles be under the Law?
- C. What should the requirements for the Gentiles be?
- D. James expresses the mind of the Lord with apostolic Word of Wisdom.

VII. Direction by the Spirit

A. Acts 16:6-10

B. One door closed, another opened

The Word of Wisdom is very practical for direction in all arenas of life. Signs and wonders can open the door to share the Gospel and bring people to Christ. Those who are hungry get fed!