

AUTHORIZED: **Discovering Spiritual Gifts**

“There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

The Discernment Gifts

“These gifts **see** things as God sees them. They are God’s **insights** into people’s lives, circumstances and, at times, even the **secrets** of their past, present or future.”

- Frank Damazio (Miracles, City Bible Publishing)

1. The Word of Wisdom

“A word inspired by the Holy Spirit and revealed to the believer. It is seeing what God sees in a situation and saying it. It is applying God’s wisdom to a specific situation.”

- Frank Damazio

1 Kings 3:16-28

Matthew 22:15-22

Acts 23:6-10

“The quickening, illumination or impartation of divine inspiration to see, understand and respond to life situations from God’s frame of reference.

It is the divine enabling beyond the natural level of understanding, to **see and apply divine principles and insights to life problems with the accompanying understanding of knowing when and how to proceed in a given situation.** It can also include the impartation of divine insight and direction for a future course of action.

Wisdom itself is the ability to apply possessed knowledge and experience. Its use involves dealing with affairs on a practical, working level.

NOTE: When we speak of the spiritual manifestation of the ‘Word of Wisdom,’ we are not speaking of natural wisdom or even general wisdom in spiritual things. It is a **specific divine impartation by the Spirit of God in order to meet a particular problem, situation or need.** It is obvious by simple experience and observation that this spiritual manifestation is imparted by various points in the life and experience of every Spirit-filled believer.”

- Bill Kimball

2. The Word of Knowledge

“A word inspired by the Holy Spirit that reveals facts or pieces of information not seen before, but now is seen in the new light of the Holy Spirit’s knowledge. A word of knowledge is a particular word given in a particular instance, thus revealing God’s mind toward a specific situation.”

- Frank Damazio

Acts 5:1-11

John 4:16-20

Matthew 9:1-8

1 Samuel 9:17-20

“The ‘Word of Knowledge’ is the **supernatural revelation to men of some detail of the knowledge of God.** It is the impartation of facts, information, and details which are humanly impossible to know. It is the divine awareness of situations, events, problems, or circumstances involving either the past, present or future which would be impossible to

recognize through natural ability, observation, study, education, or experience.

It is knowledge that **surpasses the natural senses of man**. The manifestation of the Word of Knowledge is a direct impartation or quickening to the recipient of a portion of all the all-knowing mind of God. It is in effect a *partial tapping into the omniscience of God*.

NOTE: The Word of Knowledge and Word of Wisdom often work together. A classic example of this can be seen in Genesis 41:1-36 concerning Pharaoh's dreams and the seven year famine." - Bill Kimball

3. The Discerning of Spirits

"The spiritual capacity to judge whether the spirit operating has a source that is human, demonic, or divine. It is a supernatural perception into the spiritual realm." - Fank Damazio

*"Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, 'These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.' And this she did for many days. **But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.'** And he came out that very hour. But when her masters saw that their hope of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to the authorities."* Acts 16:16-19

"Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good." 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21

Matthew 16:21-23

"The discerning of spirits is a **divine endowment or ability to perceive the spiritual source behind a word, motive, attitude, mood or action in an individual or an atmosphere or environment corporately**. The spiritual source being discerned may be either heavenly, human or demonic.

This gift is generally accompanied by the God-given ability to challenge or cope with the particular spirit involved.

This gift is manifested in the lives of all Spirit-filled believers at various times. By this gift, a person has "eyes" into the spirit realm.

By this gift, a person can properly discern when God is moving, when the spirit of man is operating, and when evil spirits are present and active.

NOTE: To 'discern' means to perceive, distinguish, or differentiate. The dividing line between a human and divine operation may be somewhat obscure to the natural mind, but one with the faculty of spiritual discernment sees a clear separation." - Bill Kimball

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