



UNDERSTANDING THE HOLY GHOST



Gifts of the Spirit



- Speaking in Tongues is just the beginning of the Spirit-Filled Life... IT IS NOT THE GOAL!
- The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is not merely about speaking in another language...
- The Holy Ghost did not come merely to give us an **EXPERIENCE**... He came to produce a **LIFESTYLE**.
- The ONGOING EVIDENCE... of the Spirit is seen in our CHARACTER... our WITNESS... our BOLDNESS... and in our POWER...
 - We can also see this evidence of the Spirit operating in these supernatural gifts within the Church.
- These are called the **"GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT"**

The TONGUES are to the Holy Ghost what the HORN is to the TRAIN...

There is NO POWER in the HORN... But it lets you know the POWER JUST SHOWED UP!

- Paul said in... [1 Corinthians 12:1](#)
- [Now concerning SPIRITUAL GIFTS... brethren... I would not have you ignorant...](#)
 - Understanding the Spiritual Gifts is for all believers in the Church, not just the Spiritual Elite.
 - It is God's desire for us to understand, and operate in the Gifts of the Spirit.
- According to the Scripture, there are 9 Spiritual Gifts.
- Paul identifies these gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:7-11
 - These 9 Gifts are given for a Purpose:
 - [They are tools for Ministry](#)
 - [They reveal Jesus](#)
 - [They strengthen the Believer](#)
 - [They are used to reach the Lost](#)
 - [They build the Church](#)
- These Gifts of the Spirit are real and powerful; and they are for the Church Today.

The Church in Corinth

- When Paul is writing his 1st letter to the Church in Corinth, he is explaining to them how they should operate in the Spirit.
- The Corinthians were a lively church, but they lacked order.
 - They were experiencing the gifts of the Spirit, but they lacked spiritual maturity and Biblical Order.
 - Most of their Services were chaotic
- *The problem was NOT that they had too much of the Holy Ghost.*
- *The problem was that they had too little understanding of the Holy Ghost.*
- In fact, Paul said in... [1 Corinthians 14:40](#)
 - [Let all things be done DECENTLY and IN ORDER...](#)
- **God is NOT OPPOSED to powerful worship.**
- **God is OPPOSED to disorderly worship.**
- Paul writes the Corinthians to educate them on orderly, spirit-filled worship.
- Paul identifies these gifts are not natural talents or abilities; but they are divine empowerments that allow God's power to flow through believers.

GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

- These 9 GIFTS of the SPIRIT are [divided to every man severally as THE SPIRIT WILLS](#).
- We can take these 9 GIFTS and divide them into **3 SECTIONS** to help us better understand.
- Gifts of **Revelation**, **Power**, and **Speaking**.

 REVELATION GIFTS THESE GIFTS REVEAL SOMETHING.	 POWER GIFTS THESE GIFTS DO SOMETHING.	 UTTERANCE (SPEAKING) GIFTS THESE GIFTS SAY SOMETHING.
1  WORD OF WISDOM Supernatural direction from God about what to do, how to do it, or how to solve a problem.	4  GIFT OF FAITH Supernatural confidence to believe God for the impossible.	7  PROPHECY A Spirit-inspired message from God that edifies, exhorts, and comforts the Church.
2  WORD OF KNOWLEDGE Supernatural revelation of facts known only to God about a person, place, or situation.	5  GIFTS OF HEALINGS God's supernatural power to heal sickness, disease, and infirmities.	8  DIVERS KINDS OF TONGUES A public message in a language unknown to the speaker, given by the Holy Spirit.
3  DISCERNING OF SPIRITS Supernatural ability to distinguish between the Holy Spirit, the human spirit, and evil spirits.	6  WORKING OF MIRACLES Supernatural intervention of God that transcends natural laws and brings divine impact.	9  INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES The supernatural ability to interpret a message given in tongues so the Church can understand.
? KEY QUESTION: What does God want me to know?	? KEY QUESTION: What does God want to do?	? KEY QUESTION: What does God want to say?

THE REVELATION GIFTS

1. THE WORD OF WISDOM

- A supernatural revelation from God that gives divine insight into **what to do**, **how to do it**, or **how to solve a problem**.
 - This is not human wisdom. It is God's wisdom revealed for a specific situation.
- **How It Operates**
 - Gives divine strategy, warns, directs or gives clear instruction.
 - A Word of Wisdom often reveals the FUTURE, or God's DIVINE PLAN for a given situation.
- **Biblical Example**
 - In Acts 27, Paul warns the passengers on board the ship that a storm is coming.
 - Paul had heard from God, and He shared that Word of Wisdom with all on board.
 - They did not heed to the warning and the ship was caught in a terrible storm.
- **In the Church Today**
 - A pastor, evangelist, or believer receives divine clarity on how to respond to a situation, avoid danger, choose a direction, or navigate a decision.
 - Then they will share that word with the Congregation or and individual.

2. THE WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

- A supernatural revelation from God that gives divine knowledge about a person, place or situation that could not be known through natural means.
 - The Word of Knowledge is a supernatural revelation of facts known only to God, and revealed at a specific moment for a specific purpose.
 - A Word of Knowledge reveals something that already exists, but is hidden from human understanding
- **How It Operates**
 - Reveals facts that could not be known naturally. It uncovers hidden sin.
 - It reveals hidden needs, It exposes deception.
 - It confirms God's presence and power
 - Unlike the Word of Wisdom, the Word of Knowledge does not primarily tell you what to do; It simply reveals what God knows about a present or past situation.

- **Biblical Example**
 - Peter and Ananias & Sapphira (Acts 5)
 - This couple lied about the portion of the money they were giving to the Church from the sell of a property.
 - Peter had no natural way of knowing they they were lying, Yet Peter immediately said, *"Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost?"*
- **In the Church Today**
 - God may reveal information about someone's need, a hidden struggle, a physical sickness, a burden, or something only known to the individual.
 - The Spirit does this to bring healing, encouragement and repentance.

3. DISCERNING OF THE SPIRIT

- A supernatural revelation from God that enables a believer to distinguish the spiritual source behind a person, message, activity or manifestation.
- **How It Operates**
 - Discerning of the Spirit reveals the source behind a spiritual manifestation.
 - It identifies deception, exposes demonic influence, confirms the work of the Holy Spirit, and protects the Church from false doctrine.
- **Biblical Example**
 - Paul discerned the Spirit of Divination (Acts 16)
 - Paul and Silas discerned an evil spirit that was manifesting in a young slave girl.
 - Others could not see it, but Paul discerned the spirit, and cast it out of the girl.
- **In the Church Today**
 - God may enable a pastor or believer to recognize false teaching, a deceptive spirit, a counterfeit move or demonic oppression.

REVELATION GIFTS

Word of Wisdom – God's Direction
Word of Knowledge – God's Discovery
Discerning of Spirit – God's Discernment