

Ministry of the Holy Spirit

Wisdom, Knowledge, Discernment of Spirits

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Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:8-11; Ephesians 4:11-13

Reveal Something: Wisdom, Knowledge, Discernment of spirits

Do Something: Leading, Serving, Giving, Mercy, Exhortation, Faith, Healing, Miracles, Shepherding, Apostle

Say Something: Teaching, Prophecy, Evangelize, Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues

1 Corinthians 12:1-10

1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. 3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit. 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. 8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

- **Wisdom** – is to supernaturally be able to apply truth from God’s Word to life situations even without having to learn from experience. The Greek word *sophia* occurs 51 times in the New Testament. Cf. **Luke 2:52; 4:14-15; 6:27-49**
- **Knowledge** – is a supernatural understanding of another person’s sin, problem, disease, etc. The Greek word *gnosis* occurs 29 times in the New Testament. Cf. **2 Timothy 3:7; John 4; Acts 5**
- **These two gifts seem to work together to supernaturally provide a believer insight and understanding of the divine truth.**

Proverbs 1:7 *The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.*

Proverbs 10:9-10

9 Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning. 10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight.

Proverbs 15:2 The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly.

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

6 Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. 7 **But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory.** 8 None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 9 But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—

10 **these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit.** For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. 13 **And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.** 14 The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. 15 The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. 16 “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” **But we have the mind of Christ.**

Cf. Romans 15:14; 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:16; Ephesians 1:17; 4:13; Colossians 1:9-10; 2:2-4; 3:9-10; 1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Timothy 2:25; Titus 1:1

- **Discernment of Spirits** – is the supernatural ability to examine and distinguish what is of God and what is not. The Greek word here is *anakrino*. Cf. **John 2:23-25; Acts 8:14-24; 16:16-18**

1 John 4:1-2

1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for 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 from God,

1 Corinthians 12:31 But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way. → Chapter 13 to LOVE

Philippians 1:9-10

*9 And **it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more**, with knowledge and all discernment, 10 so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,*

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