



Gifts of the Spirit. Wisdom. Knowledge. Tongues.

1 Corinthians 14:1 Let love be your highest goal, but also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives, especially the gift of prophecy.

1 Corinthians 12:1-11 And now, dear brothers and sisters, I will write about the special abilities the Holy Spirit gives to each of us, for I must correct your misunderstandings about them. 2 You know that when you were still pagans you were led astray and swept along in worshiping speechless idols. 3 So I want you to know how to discern what is truly from God: No one speaking by the Spirit of God can curse Jesus, and no one is able to say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. 4 Now there are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but it is the same Holy Spirit who is the source of them all. 5 There are different kinds of service in the church, but it is the same Lord we are serving. 6 There are different ways God works in our lives, but it is the same God who does the work through all of us. 7 A spiritual gift is given to each of us as a means of helping the entire church. 8 To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another he gives the gift of special knowledge. 9 The Spirit gives special faith to another, and to someone else he gives the power to heal the sick. 10 He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and to another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to know whether it is really the Spirit of God or another spirit that is speaking. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, and another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. 11 It is the one and only Holy Spirit who distributes these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

Word of Wisdom

The Gift of the Word of Wisdom is a divinely _____ into a situation giving _____, revelation or wisdom not naturally known to the person ministering.

Scriptures:

1 Cor. 12:8; Acts 6:10; Acts 15:13-22

Characteristics of the Word of Wisdom:

1. A person with a word of wisdom is more than a wise counselor, but rather has a supernatural anointing for giving divine wisdom in specific situations, inspired by the Holy Spirit.
2. This gift is a word of wisdom, not the gift of wisdom in general. God will give a specific word that brings wisdom to a specific person for a specific situation.
3. Operating the word of wisdom demands waiting on the Lord in prayer in order to hear from God and bring the revelation of wisdom which He brings to light.
4. This gift operates best when a person studies and knows the Scriptures, from which the Holy Spirit draws such wisdom.

Quotations:

Strong's Number: 4678

Greek Word: sophia

“wisdom, broad and full of intelligence; used of the knowledge of very diverse matters; the act of interpreting dreams and always giving the sagest advice; the intelligence evinced in discovering the meaning of some mysterious number or vision; devout and proper prudence in intercourse with men not disciples of Christ, skill and discretion in imparting Christian truth; the knowledge and practice of the requisites for godly and upright living; supreme intelligence, such as belongs to God.”

Dr. Kevin Conner:

Word of Wisdom—Greek "sophia" = The quality of being wise by the Holy Spirit, a flash revelation given by the Spirit (I Corinthians 12:8).

Jack Taylor

Wisdom: The God-given ability to know what to do about what we know.

Dr. Peter Wagner

Wisdom: The gift of wisdom is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to know the mind of the Holy Spirit in such a way as to receive insight into how given knowledge may best be applied to specific needs arising in the Body of Christ.

Dr. David Yonggi Cho

Word of Wisdom: "The gift of the word of wisdom does not refer to any human wisdom. Those who don't understand this sometimes speak of believers who are especially bright and intelligent as people who have received the gift of wisdom, but this is wrong. The word of wisdom referred to as a gift of the Holy Spirit is given only supernaturally to a believer who through this wisdom wonderfully solves problems in difficult circumstances and thereby gives glory to God."

Word of Knowledge

The Gift of the Word of Knowledge is divinely revealed insight into a person's life or a situation with specific _____ and facts revealed by the Holy Spirit.

Scriptures:

1 Cor. 12:8; 1 Cor. 14:26; Mark 2:8; Luke 24:38; Acts 5:3

Characteristics of the Word of Knowledge:

1. Often a person with this gift will be given unique and specific information that only God would know.
2. This is not natural knowledge that comes by study, but rather supernatural information and insight and facts that comes from the mind of the Holy Spirit.
3. This is not knowledge in general but a specific word of knowledge.
4. This gift operates best also by waiting on the Lord and asking Him to reveal this kind of information.
5. This knowledge is not given for casual use, but for a specific purpose of revealing God's love or concern to a person.

Quotations:

Strong's Number: 1108

Greek Word: gnosis

Usage Notes: primarily "a seeking to know, an enquiry, investigation" (akin to A, No. 1), denotes, in the NT, "knowledge," especially of spiritual truth; it is used (a) absolutely, in Luke 11:52; Rom. 2:20; Rom. 15:14; 1Cor. 1:5; 1Cor. 8:1 (twice),7,10,11; 1Cor. 13:2, 8; 1Cor. 14:6; the word of "knowledge," 1Cor. 12:8;

Dr. Kevin Conner:

Word of Knowledge—Greek "gnosis" = The fact or state of knowing by the Holy Spirit. A revelation of facts not known by natural understanding as given by the Spirit (I Corinthians 12:8).

Jack Taylor

Word of Knowledge: The God-given capacity to know what is in God's mind on a given subject.

Dr. David Yonggi Cho

Word of Knowledge: The gift of the word of knowledge refers only to a portion of God's knowledge that God wants to reveal. This knowledge, which reveals the hidden truths of things and matters and solves problems at a certain time and place for the glory of God according to His special revelation, comes only by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

Dr. Peter Wagner

Knowledge: The gift of knowledge is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to discover, accumulate, analyze and clarify information and ideas that are pertinent to the growth and well-being of the Body.

Varieties of Tongues

The Gift of Tongues is a divinely anointed ability to speak a message in an earthly or heavenly _____, either to people from God or in intercession to God.

Scriptures:

1 Cor. 12:10, 28,30; 1 Cor. 13:1-8; Acts 2:8; Mark 16:17; Acts 10:46; Acts 19:6; 1 Cor. 14:18,21,39

Characteristics of the Gift of Tongues:

1. The sign of tongues given when a person is baptized in the Holy Spirit is not necessarily the same as a gift of tongues.
2. The gift of tongues is different than speaking in tongues as a prayer language, but a person baptized in the Holy Spirit with that language can be used of God to bring a message in an unknown language.
3. A message in tongues can be an intercessory language of prayer and a message to God rather than men.
4. A message in tongues can be a prophetic word from the Lord in a specific language.
5. A person with this gift may have a burden for missions or foreigners or international ministry.
6. This gift is usually, and should be, accompanied by the gift of interpretation of tongues.

Quotations:

"Kinds"

Strong's Number: 1085

Greek Word: genos

Usage Notes: akin to ginomai, "to become," denotes (a) "a family," Acts 4:6, "kind;" 1Cor. 12:10, 28, "kinds" (AV, "diversities"); 1Cor. 14:10

Strong's Number: 1100

Greek Word: glossa

Usage Notes: is used of (1) the "tongues ... like as of fire" which appeared at Pentecost; (2) "the tongue," as an organ of speech, e.g., Mark 7:33; Rom. 3:13; Rom. 14:11; 1Cor. 14:9; Phil. 2:11; Jas. 1:26; Jas. 3:5, 6, 8; 1Pet. 3:10; 1John 3:18; Rev. 16:10 (b) "the supernatural gift of speaking in another language without its having been learnt;" in Acts 2:4-13 the circumstances are recorded from the viewpoint of the hearers; to those in whose language the utterances were made it appeared as a supernatural phenomenon; to others, the stammering of drunkards; what was uttered was not addressed primarily to the audience but consisted in recounting "the mighty works of God;" cp. Acts 2:46; in 1Cor., chapters 12 and 14, the use of the gift of "tongues" is mentioned as exercised in the gatherings of local churches; 1Cor. 12:10 speaks of the gift in general terms, and couples with it that of "the interpretation of tongues;" chapt. 14 gives instruction concerning the use of the gift, the paramount object being the edification of the church."

Dr. Kevin Conner:

Diversities of Tongues—Greek "glossallia" A speaker in kinds of tongues, those who speak languages they have never learned, by the Spirit (I Corinthians 13: 1; Mark 16: 17; Acts 2:4).

Dr. Peter Wagner

Tongues: The gift of tongues is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ (A) to speak to God in a language they have never learned and/or (B) to receive and communicate an immediate message to God to His people through a divinely anointed utterance in a language they have never learned.

Interpretation of Tongues

The Gift of Interpretation of Tongues is the divinely anointed ability to _____
_____ from God given in an unknown or
unlearned language.

Scriptures:

1 Cor. 12:10, 30; 1 Cor. 14:27, 28; Acts 2:8

Characteristics of the Interpretation of Tongues:

1. This gift usually accompanies the gift of tongues.
2. This gift is a supernatural ability to know what the message means.
3. An interpretation is given by the Holy Spirit and the person with this gift usually knows in his or her heart what the meaning of the message is.
4. This gift is operated through the Holy Spirit's direction and has nothing to do with the study of languages, unless God were to give a message in a known earthly language.
5. This gift demands special sensitivity and discernment and a person with this gift usually is careful to judge a situation with caution.

Quotations:

Strong's Number: 2059

Greek Word: hermeneuo

Usage Notes: (cp. Hermes, the Greek name of the pagan god Mercury, who was regarded as the messenger of the gods), denotes "to explain, interpret" (Eng., "hermeneutics"), and is used of explaining the meaning of words in a different language, John 1:38 (in some mss.), see No. 3; John 9:7 ("Siloam," interpreted as "sent"); Heb. 7:2 (Melchizedec, "by interpretation," lit., "being interpreted," King of righteousness).

Strong's Number: 2058

Greek Word: hermeneia

Usage Notes: is used in 1Cor. 12:10; 1Cor. 14:26

Dr. Kevin Conner:

Interpreter of Tongues— Greek "diermeanutees"- = To interpret tongues or languages by the power of the Spirit (I Corinthians 14:5, 13, 27; 12:30).

Dr. David Yonggi Cho

Gift of Interpretation of Tongues: Interpretation of tongues is different from an ordinary translation. Translation generally gives the word-for-word meaning of a foreign language, while interpretation makes clear the overall meaning of a ...language.

Dr. Peter Wagner

Interpretation of tongues: The gift of interpretation of tongues is the special ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to make known in the vernacular the message of one who speaks in tongues.

Pulse Group Time

Acts 5:2-4, What Gift is at work in this passage?

In Acts 2, every person heard in their native tongue as the Apostle Peter preached and the newly filled with the Spirit Christ followers spoke...What was the result?

What's our ultimate goal in the use of the Gifts of the Spirit?