



CHANGEPOINTCHURCH

The Gifts of the Spirit

The Word of Wisdom

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Introduction – Tonight we are beginning a series on the Gifts of the Spirit. The Lord impressed me that as a Church, He wants us to have a “**Growing in God**” summer. We are going to grow in the **Character and Charisma** of Christ this summer. The Character of Christ is grown in us by The Fruit of God’s Spirit and the Charisma (divine gratuity, spiritual endowment, free gift or miraculous faculty) is given through us by The Gifts of His Spirit. Every Child of God who has been baptized with the Holy Spirit may know and experience the nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:1-3, 7-11 - Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: 2 You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. 3 Therefore I make known to you that **no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed** (banned or excommunicated), and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit. 7 But the **manifestation of the Spirit** is given to each one **for the profit of all**: 8 for to one is given the **word of wisdom** through the Spirit, to another the **word of knowledge** through the same Spirit, 9 to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another **gifts of healings** by the same Spirit, 10 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**. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, **distributing to each one individually as He wills**. NKJV

God said (in the first verse of this chapter), that He did not want us to be ignorant of spiritual gifts. Ignorance comes through a lack of knowledge and if we don't know about these gifts, how will we be able to desire (covet earnestly) and experience these gifts (the last verse of this chapter).

1 Corinthians 13:31 - But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way. NKJV

Here the Greek word for “**gifts**” is “**charisma**” and means gifts of grace.

“These nine gifts of the Holy Spirit are given and ministered by the grace of God and cannot be earned.”

2 Peter 3:17-18 – 17 You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; 18 but **grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ**. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen. NKJV

I. There are **Nine** Gifts that are divided into **three** categories

A. There are three **revelation** gifts, they **reveal** something

1. Word of **Wisdom**
2. Word of **Knowledge**
3. **Discerning** of Spirits

B. There are three **Power** Gifts, they **do** something

1. Gift of **Faith**
2. Gifts of **Healings**
3. Working of **Miracles**

C. There are three **Vocal** Gifts, they **say** something

1. **Prophecy**
2. Divers kinds of **Tongues**
3. Interpretation of **Tongues**

II. How are the Gifts of the Spirit **Distributed**

A. According to the **Will** of God

B. **1 Corinthians 12:11** - But one and the same **Spirit** works all these things, **distributing to each one individually as He wills.** NKJV

C. To those who earnestly **Desire** them.

D. **1 Corinthians 12:31** - But earnestly desire the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way. NKJV

III. The Word of **Wisdom**

A. The Word of **Wisdom** is not the Gift of **Wisdom**.

B. The Word of **Wisdom** is a supernatural **revelation** by the Spirit of God concerning the Divine purpose and plan in the mind and will of God.

C. The Word of **Wisdom** always speaks of the **future**.

D. The Word of **Wisdom** is the best gift because it is a **revelation** concerning the plans and purposes in the mind of God.

E. The Word of **Wisdom** can come through any of the **revelation** or **Vocal** Gifts.

IV. Scriptures **Showing** The Word of **Wisdom** in Action.

A. The Lord gave **Ananias** a Word of **Wisdom**

1. **Acts 9:10-16** - Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus named Ananias; and to him the Lord said in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." 11 So the Lord said to him, "**Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. 12 And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight.**" (Word of Knowledge) 13 Then Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much harm he has done to Your saints in Jerusalem. 14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on Your name." 15 But the Lord said to him, "**Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. 16 For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake.**" (Word of Wisdom) NKJV

B. An Angel gave **Phillip** a Word of **Wisdom**

1. **Acts 8:26-29** - Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, "**Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.**" **This is desert.** 27 So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, 28 was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. 29 **Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go near and overtake this chariot."** NKJV

C. God Gave **Noah** a Word of **Wisdom**

1. **Genesis 6:13-19** - And God said to Noah, "**The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. 14 Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch. 15 And this is how you shall make it: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. 16 You shall make a window for the ark, and you shall finish it to a cubit from above; and set the door of the ark in its side. You shall make it with lower, second, and third decks. 17 And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. 18 But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark — you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.** NKJV

D. God Gave **Joseph** a Word of **Wisdom**

1. **Genesis 45:5-8** - 5 But now, do not therefore be grieved or angry with yourselves because you sold me here; for **God sent me before you to preserve life.** 6 For these two years the famine has been in the land, and **there are still five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvesting.** 7 And God sent me before you to preserve a posterity for you in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. 8 **So now it was not you who sent me here, but God;** and He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler throughout all the land of Egypt. NKJV

E. God gave **Agabus** a Word of **Wisdom**

1. **Acts 11:28** - Then one of them, named **Agabus**, stood up and **showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world**, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar. NKJV
2. **Acts 21:10-11** - 10 And as we stayed many days, a certain prophet named **Agabus** came down from Judea. 11 When he had come to us, **he took Paul's belt, bound his own hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'"** NKJV

F. God gave **Paul** a Word of **Wisdom**

1. **Acts 27:23-24** - 23 For there stood by me this night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve, 24 saying, 'Do not be afraid, Paul; you must be brought before Caesar; and indeed God has granted you all those who sail with you.' NKJV

G. Some Words of **Wisdom** are **Conditional**

1. **Hezekiah**
 - a. **II Kings 20:1, 5-6** – 1 In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, "**Thus says the LORD: 'Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.'**" 5 "Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, '**Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: 'I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD. 6 And I will add to your days fifteen years. I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake, and for the sake of My servant David.'**" NKJV
2. **Jonah** –
 - a. **Jonah 1:1-3** - Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me." 3 But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. NKJV
 - b. **Jonah 3:1-4** - Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you." 3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three-day journey in extent. 4 And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day's walk. Then he cried out and said, "**Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!**" NKJV

Conclusion – God gives us supernatural gifts of His Spirit to help us fulfill His Supernatural work here on this earth. It is our responsibility as children of God to walk according to His Word by Faith and earnestly desire Him to use us as His vessels on this earth to distribute His Gifts according to His Will.