



CHANGEPOINTCHURCH

The Gifts of the Spirit

The Word of Knowledge

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Introduction – Tonight we are continuing our 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 – 1 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

Romans 5:1-2 - Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also **we have access by faith into this grace** in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 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. Gift of **Prophecy**
2. Divers kinds of **Tongues**
3. Interpretation of **Tongues**

II. The Gifts of the Spirit are **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.

III. The Word of **Knowledge**

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

B. The Word of **Knowledge** is a supernatural **revelation** by the Holy Ghost to us of certain facts in the mind of God, or of things that are currently happening. God is all knowing (omniscient), but this gift of the spirit just releases a part of what He knows to us.

C. The Word of **Knowledge** always speaks of the **Present**. It is Divine information imparted by God to us for a specific time and purpose to help us fulfill His will on this earth.

D. The Word of **Knowledge** is not natural **Knowledge**; it is supernatural **Knowledge** concerning the plans and purposes in the mind of God.

E. The Word of **Knowledge** can come through any of the **revelation** or **Vocal** Gifts, an **Angel** of God might even come and deliver a Word of **Knowledge**.

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

A. The Lord gave **Ahijah** a Word of **Knowledge** about Jeroboam's wife.

1. **1 Kings 14:1-7** - At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam became sick. 2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, "Please arise, and **disguise yourself, that they may not recognize you** as the wife of Jeroboam, and go to Shiloh. Indeed, **Ahijah the prophet** is there, who told me that I would be king over this people. 3 Also take with you ten loaves, some cakes, and a jar of honey, and go to him; he will tell you what will become of the child." 4 And **Jeroboam's wife did so**; she arose and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. But **Ahijah could not see**, for his eyes were glazed by reason of his age. 5 Now **the LORD had said to Ahijah, "Here is the wife of Jeroboam, coming to ask you something about her son, for he is sick. Thus and thus you shall say to her** (Word of Knowledge); for it will be, when she comes in, that **she will pretend to be another woman.**" 6 And so it was, when Ahijah heard the sound of her footsteps as she came through the door, he said, "**Come in, wife of Jeroboam. Why do you pretend to be another person?** (Word of Knowledge) For I have been sent to you with bad news (Word of Wisdom). NKJV

B. **Jesus** gave a Word of **Knowledge** to **John**.

1. **Jesus** Revealed the **Current** Condition of the seven Churches that actually existed at that time in Asia Minor through a Word of **Knowledge**.

2. **Revelation 1:10-20** - 10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, 11 saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to **the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea.**" (Revelation Chapters 2 & 3 describes the State of those Churches) 12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, 13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. 14 His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; 15 His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; 16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. 17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death. 19 **Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are** (Word of Knowledge), and the things which will take place after this (Word of Wisdom). 20 The mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: **The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are the seven churches.**

C. God Gave **Peter** a Word of **Knowledge**.

1. **Acts 10:9-21** - The next day, as they went on their journey and drew near the city, **Peter went up on the housetop to pray**, about the sixth hour. 10 Then **he became very hungry** and wanted to eat; but while they made ready, **he fell into a trance** 11 and saw heaven opened and an object like a great sheet bound at the four corners, descending to him and let down to the earth. 12 In it were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, creeping things, and birds of the air. 13 And a voice came to him, "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." 14 But Peter said, "Not so, Lord! For I have never eaten anything common or unclean." 15 And a voice spoke to him again the second time, "What God has cleansed you must not call common." 16 This was done three times. And the object was taken up into heaven again. 17 Now while Peter wondered within himself what this vision which he had seen meant, behold, the men who had been sent from Cornelius had made inquiry for Simon's house, and stood before the gate. 18 And they called and asked whether Simon, whose surname was Peter, was lodging there. 19 **While Peter thought about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are seeking you. 20 Arise therefore, go down and go with them, doubting nothing; for I have sent them."** 21 Then Peter went down to the men who had been sent to him from Cornelius, and said, "Yes, I am he whom you seek. For what reason have you come?" NKJV

D. God gave a **layman** by the name of **Ananias** a Word of **Knowledge** for **Saul**.

1. **Acts 9:10-18** - 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.**" 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." 17 And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "**Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.**" 18 **Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.** NKJV

E. **Jesus** gave a Word of **Knowledge** to the **Woman** at the well.

1. **John 4:16-19** - 16 Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." 17 The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." **Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly."** 19 The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. NKJV

Conclusion – God gives us Supernatural Gifts of His Spirit to help us do His Supernatural Work here on this earth. The Gifts of the Spirit have been operative throughout scripture. As the Body of Christ here on this earth now, it is our responsibility to covet earnestly (get in the spirit, fast and pray, be sensitive to the Lords leading) and continue walking in the same supernatural gifts of the spirit as those who have gone before us.