



gifts of the holy spirit

Apostolic Equipping Seminar

Activating the Gifts of the Holy Spirit Training Manual

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1. Apostolic Reformation

1.1 The Present Reformation

Key Verse: Acts 3:19-21

“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, 20 and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, 21 whom heaven must receive **until the times of restoration of all things**, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began”

Insights:

- **‘Restoration’** – NT:605 - to set back in order, return to its original state
- **‘Reformation’** – NT:1357 - to set right, to make straight, to restore to original condition something that has got out of line or broken or misaligned, to make a structural adjustment
- Reformation is a deep inner change of mentality, understanding, behaviors, attitudes, and world views that totally shifts the way the church operates outwardly
- It is not just a ‘manifestation’ move of God, in which something unexpected happens and people are **blessed**.
- It is received as revelation from heaven and **progressively built** by people who are willing to change
- Reformation challenges us to become co-workers with God (1Cor.3:9)

1.2 The Church Jesus is Building

Key Verse: Matt 16:17-19

Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. 18 And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and **the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it**. 19 And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Insights:

- The Church Jesus is building is a centre of spiritual government
- An Apostolic Church exercises dominion over the spirit realm, keeping the heavens open for moves of the Holy Spirit into the region and beyond
- **‘Prevail’** - NT:2729 - to be superior in strength, to overpower
- An Apostolic Church prevails over the gates of hell ie exercises spiritual authority that restricts and shuts down demonic activity
- **‘Authority’** - NT:1849 - the power and right to command

1.3 Apostolic Ministry

a) The Church is built upon Apostolic foundations

Key Verse: Eph 2:20-22

“having been **built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets**, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”

Insights:

- **‘Build’** - NT:2026 - to construct, assemble, create by following a design or blueprint
- The foundation that supports any building must be stable and able to support the total weight of the building or it will collapse
- **‘Foundation’** - NT:2310 - the beginnings, the first principles, the sub-structure
- Apostles break open spiritual atmospheres and impart principles and patterns of the church God is wanting to build

b) The Apostle is first in rank

Key Verse: 1 Cor 12:28

“And God has appointed these in the church: **first apostles**, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues”

Insights:

- **‘First’** - NT:4412 - first in time, place, order, importance, or rank, chief component
- First does not indicate that apostles are better than any other Ministry
- First does indicate a particular quality of the apostolic gift. It has a breakthrough capability other ministries do not have

c) Apostles are builders

Key Verse: Eph 4:11-13

“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, 12 for **the equipping of the saints** for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, 13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”

Insights:

- **‘Apostle’** NT:652 - to send forth, to send on a military campaign
- An apostle is an ambassador, a delegate, a sent one
- An apostle is sent out from the local church, commissioned by the Holy Spirit to pioneer breakthroughs and advances of the kingdom of God
- Apostles equip believers and impart an apostolic spirit upon their lives so they can be effective in breaking through into the community

1.4 Characteristics of an Apostolic Church

Key Verse: Luke 10:1-2

“After these things the Lord **appointed seventy others also**, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. 2 Then He said to them, The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”

Insights:

- **‘Appoint’** - NT:322 - to lift up to another level, to put on display for all to see
- The seventy disciples received the same mandate as the twelve apostles who went before them
- They carried an apostolic spirit and broke through demonic positions all across the territory

Some Characteristics of the Apostolic Church

- ✓ It keeps the heavens open so that people can experience the presence and power of God and be changed
- ✓ It has a governing mentality that confronts spirit powers
- ✓ It has strong praise and worship that releases flows of the Spirit of God
- ✓ It has militant prayer and fasting that releases apostolic strength and authority
- ✓ It raises up and equips believers to become effective ministers of the Spirit
- ✓ It commissions and sends believers into the community to overcome entrenched spiritual forces, release the presence of God, win souls, and transform the community
- ✓ It focuses on advancing the kingdom of God locally and globally
- ✓ It releases finances and resources for advancing the Kingdom of God

1.5 Breakthrough Believers

Key Verse: Acts 6:8

“And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people”

Insights:

- Stephen was a deacon in the church responsible for distributing food
- Stephen was full of faith and power and worked miracles that impacted the lives of many
- Stephen was a breakthrough believer flowing in apostolic anointing

2. The Gifts of the Spirit

2.1 God Wants You to Move in The Supernatural

Key Verse: 1Cor. 12:1

“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you to be ignorant”

Insights:

- Believers must not remain ignorant of the Gifts of the Spirit, their proper use, and their purpose
- **'Ignorant'** - NT:50 - to lack experience and practical understanding; to ignore through lack of desire or interest
- God wants us to be informed about, and operate effectively in, the Gifts of the Spirit

2.2 The Gifts of the Spirit are Supernatural

Key Verse: 1Cor 12:7

“ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all”

Insights:

- You are a spirit being living in a body uniquely designed to express the presence and life of God on the earth
- God clearly desires each believer to manifest the life and power of the Holy Spirit
- **'Manifestation'** - NT:5321 - clearly visible supernatural activity of the Holy Spirit
- **'Each one'** - NT:1538 - **every** believer has this privilege to express the Gifts of the Spirit
- **'Gifts'** - NT:5486 – grace; benefit one receives without any merit of one's own
- **'Profit'** - NT:4851 - to benefit people, and advance the Kingdom of God
- The Holy Spirit distributes the Gifts to each believer as He wills, and energizes them to make the believer fruitful in manifesting the presence of God
- Gifts are:
 - not an indicator of personal maturity
 - not a sign that one's life is completely right with God
 - given, not earned
 - received by active faith

2.3 Different Categories of the Gifts

Key Verse: 1Cor.12:7-11

“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.”

- Although each gift has its own unique function, it is helpful to consider them in three different categories of operation.
 - i) **Gifts of Revelation** - information previously hidden is **made known**

- ✓ Word of Knowledge
 - ✓ Word of Wisdom
 - ✓ Discerning of Spirits
- ii) **Gifts of Utterance** - something is **spoken**
- ✓ Prophecy
 - ✓ Diverse Tongues
 - ✓ Interpretation of Tongues
- iii) **Gifts of Power** - something supernatural is **done**; power is imparted
- ✓ Faith
 - ✓ Gifts of Healing
 - ✓ Working of Miracles

3. How the Gifts Work Together

3.1 The Gifts Work Together

Key Principle:

- Gifts of the Spirit operate **together** to produce a tangible manifestation of the presence the Holy Spirit.
- **Pattern: Revelation + Words Spoken + Active Faith = Manifestation of Holy Spirit**

3.2 Bible Examples of Gifts Working Together

a) Joshua and the Sun and Moon - Josh 10:13

- Joshua commanded the sun and moon to stay, and they did not move for a day
Revelation + Words Spoken + Active Faith = Manifestation of Holy Spirit

b) The Fig Tree Cursed - Mark 11:12-13;20-21

- Jesus cursed the fig tree by speaking to it, and it subsequently withered and died
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c) The Man Healed at the Pool at Bethesda - John 5:1-15

- Jesus selected one man, spoke to him, and he arose and walked
Revelation + Words Spoken + Active Faith = Manifestation of Holy Spirit

d) The Man Healed at the Temple Gate - Acts 3:1-6;15

- Peter selected a man Jesus had previously passed by, spoke a word of command to him, and the man received a gift of healing and walked
Revelation + Words Spoken + Active Faith = Manifestation of Holy Spirit

e) Ananias Heals Paul - Acts 9:10-18

- Ananias received revelation to go to Paul. He spoke to him and released a gift of healing to him
Revelation + Words Spoken + Active Faith = Manifestation of Holy Spirit

f) Paul Heals the Lame Man - Acts 14:8-10

- Paul perceived that the man had faith to be healed, and spoke a command to him and a miracle of healing manifested
Revelation + Words Spoken + Active Faith = Manifestation of Holy Spirit

4. Believers Can Operate in all the Gifts

4.1 The Great Commission

Key Verse: Mark 16: 17-18

"And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

Gifts of the Spirit

- ✓ Cast out demons...discerning of spirits, working of miracles, faith
- ✓ Speak in new tongues...tongues, and maybe interpretations
- ✓ Take up serpents (wrestle with spirit powers)...revelation gifts and prophecy
- ✓ Drink any deadly thing (by accident)it will not harm them...miracles
- ✓ Lay hands on the sick....Gifts of faith and healings

4.2 Paul's Instruction

Key Verses: 1 Cor 12:7-11

"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."

1Cor. 1:5

"so that you **come short in no gift**, eagerly waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,"

Insight:

- The Holy Spirit is present in every believer to help them produce the maximum they can for the Kingdom of God

4.3 Example of Ananias - Acts 9:10-18

- Ananias was an ordinary disciple. God used him to minister healing and baptism in the Spirit to Paul
- He operated in five Gifts:
 - ✓ word of knowledge
 - ✓ wisdom
 - ✓ prophetic utterance
 - ✓ faith
 - ✓ healing
- Note how the miracle happened:

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5. Believers' Responsibilities concerning the Gifts

5.1 God Expects Something of Us

Key Verse: 1 Cor 12:7

“But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all.”

Insights:

- God gives Gifts of the Spirit to every believer
- God must expect something from me
- It is my responsibility to discover what God expects from me

5.2 Five Responsibilities of the Believer

a) Learn how to flow with the Holy Spirit

Key Verse: 1 Cor 12:1

“Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant.”

Insights:

- God expects us to cultivate and develop our capacity to flow with Holy Spirit
- God expects us to be **builders**, not just receivers of blessings

b) Passionately Desire the Gifts of the Spirit

Key Verse: 1 Cor 12:31

“But earnestly desire the best gifts.”

Insights:

- **‘Earnestly Desire’** - NT:2206- Zealous to be passionate; to contend to excel; strongly exert yourself in the pursuit of something you want
- Flowing in the Gifts of the Spirit results in the manifestation of the Spirit of God through us. We bring heaven to earth

c) Stir Up the Gifts of the Spirit

Key Verse: 2 Tim 1:6

“Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.”

Insights:

- **‘Stir Up’** - NT:329 - to kindle glowing embers back into a roaring fire; to ignite a flame or level or passion
- A fire is usually rekindled step by step by providing fresh fuel and air

d) Don't Quench the Holy Spirit

Key Verse: 1 Thess 5:19

“Do not quench the Spirit. 20Do not despise prophecies.”

Insights:

- **‘Quench’** - NT:4570 - to stifle, suppress, extinguish, put an end to something burning
- Sinful words, attitudes, and actions grieve the Holy Spirit
- Fear, unbelief, control, and unwillingness to yield all quench the Holy Spirit

e) Don't Neglect the Gifts of the Spirit

Key Verse: 1 Tim 4:14

"Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. Meditate on these things; give yourself entirely to them, that your progress may be evident to all."

Insights:

- **'Neglect'** - NT:272 - to be careless about, to make light of; to place little importance upon so that no effort is made to develop and grow in the gifting
- It takes effort and commitment to develop experience and expertise in moving in the Gifts of the Spirit

f) Excel in Building Up People

Key Verse: 1 Cor 14:12

"Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel."

Insights:

- Every believer is called to excel in building up the lives of people
- God gives Gifts of the Spirit because He expects us to be involved in ministering the life of the Spirit to people.
- **'Excel'** - NT:4052 - to stand out because of having an abundant impact in building people

6. Three Ways of Supernatural Operation

6.1 Levels of Supernatural Operation

Key Verse: Heb 2:4

"God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?"

Insights:

- There are many different levels and ways of operation of the Holy Spirit
- We need to develop in different areas, and not lock into only one way
- Don't get pre-determined mindsets on how God will move
- Within each of the three ways of supernatural operation below, there many different levels of operation

6.2 The Word and Prayer of Faith

The Word of Faith

Key Verse: Ps 107:20

"He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions."

Insights:

- Faith comes by hearing the word of God (**Rom.10:17**)
- On the basis of the Word of God, we can preach healing and **expect** people to be healed
- God has given to every person the measure of faith (**Rom.12:3**)
- Faith grows, as we hear and meditate on the word of God (**Rom.10:17**)

- Faith grows as we exercise it ie act upon what the word of God says

Example: The Centurion - Matt 8:7-10

“And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." 8 The centurion answered and said,"Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But **only speak a word** and my servant will be healed. 9 For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." 10 When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"

Example: Paul - Acts 14:7

“And **they were preaching the gospel** there. And in Lystra a certain man without strength In his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. 9 This man **heard Paul speaking**. Paul, observing him intently and **seeing that he had faith to be healed**, 10 said with a loud voice,"Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked”

Example: Oral Roberts

- ✓ People went into a healing line only after teaching about healing had taken place
- ✓ After prayer people were interviewed and testified what God had done
- ✓ Testimonies of healings caused the faith level to rise

Example: Our Church

- ✓ The word of God is preached before people are ministered to.
- ✓ People come up for prayer after their faith has been stirred by hearing the word of God

The Prayer of Faith

Key Verse: Mark 11:24

“Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.”

Insights:

- Prayer that gets results must be filled with faith
- Faith means not doubting in your heart
- Prayers are not always answered immediately
- Sometimes you must persevere in prayer (**Luke 18:1**)
- If you don't have an immediate manifestation of answer to your prayer, persevere in asking, seeking, and knocking (**Matt.7:7**)

Example: Elders - James 5:14

"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And **the prayer of faith will save the sick**, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed."

Example: Elijah - James 5:16

"The effective, **fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much**. 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. 18 And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit"

Example: The Widow - Matt 15:28

"Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, **great is your faith!** Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour."

6.3 The Gifts of the Spirit

Key Verse: 1 Cor 12:7

"But the manifestation of the Spirit is **given** to each one for the profit of all"

Insights:

- The person stirs their faith to receive and operate in the gift (**2Tim.1:6**)
- God supernaturally imparts revelation and gives faith for a person to operate in the Gifts (**Acts 3: 4-8**)
- When a person operates consistently in the particular gifting it becomes like a mantle residing on the person
- That person can operate in a particular Gift, or Gifts, of the Spirit consistently, with a significant level of accuracy or success eg words of knowledge, prophecy, miracles
- The operation of Gifts of the Spirit releases an increased presence of God, alters the spiritual atmosphere, and awakens faith for miracles to take place

6.4 The Sovereign Realm

Key Verse: 2 Chron 5:12-14

"and the Levites who were the singers, all those of Asaph and Heman and Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, stood at the east end of the altar, clothed in white linen, having cymbals, stringed instruments and harps, and with them one hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets 13 indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying: "For He is good, For His mercy endures forever," that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, 14 so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God."

Insights:

- The presence and glory of God invaded and filled the atmosphere
- The glory of God appeared as a visible cloud
- People were unable to stand because of the glory of God - they fell over
- This is a much greater level of supernatural operation
- The manifestations that take place depend on the level of the presence of God, and what God wants to do at that time
- Many people experience the supernatural power of God at the same time
- Often there are angels present as ministering spirits. They may be seen by some people

Example: Jesus' Ministry - Luke 5:17

“Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was present to heal them.”

- ✓ God's presence and glory rested upon Jesus
- ✓ The presence of God's sovereignty filled the atmosphere around Jesus
- ✓ All who were present in that atmosphere could receive a miracle

Example: Apostle Peter - Acts 5:14

“ And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, 15 so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least **the shadow of Peter passing by** might fall on some of them. 16 Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and **they were all healed.**”

- ✓ God's presence and glory rested upon Peter
- ✓ The presence of God sovereignly filled the atmosphere around Peter
- ✓ There was high expectation for miracles to take place
- ✓ All who were present in that atmosphere could receive a miracle

Example: Benny Hinn

- ✓ The presence of God fills his meetings and people receive miracles without anyone praying for them
- ✓ As testimonies of these miracles are given, faith is released for others to receive miracles

Additional Insights:

- Often those used to move in this level of operation have experienced a deep personal encounter with the Lord.
- This may have come by:
 - by extended and the persistent pursuit of the Lord
 - by a sovereign experience of him (The Grace of God)
- If the person has had as sovereign experience of the Lord , it may be:
 - a one-of special experience for that time, or situation
 - to launch the person into a ministry God has called him or her to

7. How Miracles are Released

7.1 Keys to Operating in the Realm of the Supernatural

Key Verse: Gal 3:2

"This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the **Hearing of faith?** 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? 4 Have you suffered so many things in vain — if indeed it was in vain? 5 Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?"

Insights:

- There are three simple keys to operating in the Realm of the Supernatural
 - i) **Hearing**.....hearing and recognizing the Voice of God
 - ii) **Faith**.....an inner conviction based upon Hearing the Voice of God
 - iii) **Obedience**.....prompt response to speak and act on what you have heard

7.2 Bible Examples of the Keys

a) Jesus - John 5:19-20

"Then Jesus answered and said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but **what He sees the Father do**; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. (v20) For the Father loves the Son, and **shows Him all things** that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel."

Insights:

- Jesus continually heard the Voice of God
- Jesus saw into the Realm of the Supernatural
- Jesus was committed to the Will of the Father (**John 6:38**)
- We must learn how to Hear and See in the Spirit

b) Peter - Acts 3:4-8

"And fixing his eyes on Him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." 5 So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. 6 Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." 7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. 8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them -- walking, leaping, and praising God."

Insights:

- 'Fixed his eyes' - NT:816 - to gaze intently: behold earnestly, to fasten the eyes, look earnestly or intently steadfastly, set eyes
- Peter **focused his attention** and **perceived** in his spirit the intention of God to heal this man now
- Peter **spoke and acted** upon what he sensed, and a miracle occurred
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c) Paul – Acts 14:8-10

“And in Lystra a certain man without strength in his feet was sitting, a cripple from his mother's womb, who had never walked. 9 This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, **observing him intently** and seeing that he had faith to be healed, 10 said with a loud voice, " Stand up straight on your feet" And he leaped and walked.”

Insights:

- **‘Observe intently’** - NT:816 - to gaze intently, behold earnestly, to fasten the eyes, look earnestly or intently steadfastly, set eyes
- Paul **focused his attention** and **perceived** in his Spirit the man had faith to be healed.
- Paul **spoke and acted** upon what he sensed and a miracle occurred
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8. How to Hear the Voice of God

8.1 The Holy Spirit Desires to Communicate with us

Key Verse: John 16:13

“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, **He will guide you into all truth**; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but **whatever He hears He will speak**; and **He will tell you things** to come. (v14) “He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you. (v15) “All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare *it* to you.

8.2 We Must Want to Hear God Speak

Key Verse: Mark 4:23-25

“If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.” 24 Then He said to them, “Take heed what you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given. 25 “For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.”

8.3 The Holy Spirit Speaks from Within Us

Key Verse: 1 John 2:27

“But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him”

Insights:

- The Anointing is a person. He is the Holy Spirit dwelling within us
- The Holy Spirit can be grieved (**Eph.4:29-32**)
- The Holy Spirit can be quenched (**1 Thess.5:19**)
- Your spirit is joined to the Holy Spirit (**1Cor.6:17**)
- The Holy Spirit speaks spirit to spirit

8.4 Bible Examples of Direct Spirit to Spirit Communication

a) Habakkuk 2:1

"I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, And **watch to see** what He **will say** to me, and what I will answer when I am corrected."

- ✓ He positioned himself to be still and quiet
- ✓ He took time to wait for God to speak
- ✓ He was able to discern the Voice of the Lord Speaking
- ✓ God spoke to him by way of a vision, an inner picture

b) 1Sam.3:10

"The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (NIV)

- ✓ He positioned himself to be still and quiet.
- ✓ He took time to wait for God to Speak
- ✓ He needed instruction on how to recognize the Voice of the Lord

c) Mark 2:8

"But immediately, when Jesus **perceived in His spirit** that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, "Why do you reason about these things in your hearts?"

- ✓ Jesus continually listened to the voice of the Holy Spirit
- ✓ He perceived in His spirit what the Pharisees were thinking
- ✓ The Holy Spirit communicated with Him spirit to spirit

d) Acts 14:9

"This man heard Paul speaking. Paul, **observing him intently and seeing** that he had faith to be healed, 10 said with a loud voice, "Stand up straight on your feet!" And he leaped and walked"

- ✓ As Paul fixed his attention on the man the Holy Spirit spoke into his spirit
- ✓ He realized the man had faith for a miracle, and acted to bring it about

8.5 Common Ways The Holy Spirit Communicates Directly

a) Seeing

- A spontaneous mental picture or image prompted by the Holy Spirit
- It may come as a **still or moving picture** displayed within the mind
- It may come as a **written word or group of words** displayed within the mind
- It may be instantaneous, or it may develop slowly, like a Polaroid photo
- It may take practice with a brief period of trial and error learning to determine which images are from Holy Spirit

b) Hearing

- God may speak with an **outer audible voice** heard physically by your ears
(1 Sam 3: 4-10)
- God may speak through an **inner audible voice** that seems very clear and seems to come from within you
- God will most often speak with a **still small voice** in our thoughts **(1Kings 19:11-1)**
- His voice comes from within as a **spontaneous thought** that interrupts our thoughts
- It may be just a single word indicating some need
- Many people struggle with this ie "was that my thought or was that from the Lord?"

c) Feeling

- God may speak to you through inner impressions

- The impression may come as an **inner ‘knowing’**
- The impression may come as an **inner peace or as an agitation**
- **Colossians 3:15** – “And let the peace of God **rule** in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.”
- **‘Rule’** - NT:1018 -to be an umpire in a game and blow the whistle; to decide, determine what should happen; to direct, control, rule
- The impression or feeling may be ‘release’ or ‘restraint’

d) Inspired Writing

1 Chr 28:19 "All this," said David, "the LORD made me **understand in writing**, by His hand upon me, all the works of these plans."

- The Spirit of God gave revelation to David concerning the Temple design
- God did it by **guiding his hand** as he wrote ie inspired writing

8.6 Other Ways Revelation is Received

a) Visions

- **Acts 16:9-10** “And a vision appeared to Paul in the night. A man of Macedonia stood and pleaded with him, saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us”
- **Open Vision** - like watching a scene open up before your eyes. Your eyes are open and you can still see the natural surroundings, but a spiritual vision is superimposed upon it. It may be still or moving
- **Closed Vision** - your eyes are closed, and you receive a mental picture on the screen of your imagination

b) Trances

- **Acts 10:9-13** “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”
- See also: **Acts 22:17** - Paul

c) Dreams

- **Matt 2:13** “Now when they had departed, behold, **an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream**, saying, "Arise, take the young Child and His mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I bring you word; for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him."
- See also: **Gen 37:5** - Joseph; **Matt 27:19** - Pilate’s wife

d) Angelic Visitations

- **Acts 8:26-27** “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.”
- See also: **Luke 1:28** - Mary; **Acts 5:19** - Peter

e) Visitations

- **Rev 1:12-15** “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”
- See also: **Gen 18:1** – Abraham; **Josh 5:13-15** - Joshua

f) Translated in the Spirit

- **2 Cor 12:1-4** “It is doubtless not profitable for me to boast. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord: 2 I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago — whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows — such a one was caught up to the third heaven. 3 And I know such a man — whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows — 4 how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.”
- See also: **2 Kings 5:26** - Elijah

g) Transported in the Spirit

- **Ezek 8:2-4** “Then I looked, and there was a likeness, like the appearance of fire — from the appearance of His waist and downward, fire; and from His waist and upward, like the appearance of brightness, like the color of amber. 3 He stretched out the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my hair; **and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven, and brought me in visions of God to Jerusalem**, to the door of the north gate of the inner court, where the seat of the image of jealousy was, which provokes to jealousy. 4 And behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, like the vision that I saw in the plain.”
- See also: **1 Kings 18:11-12** - Elijah; **Acts 8:39** - Philip

9. Why Some People Struggle to Receive

9.1 Spiritual Sensitivity can be Developed

Key Verse: Heb 5:14

“But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use **have their senses exercised to discern** both good and evil.”

Insights:

- ‘Use’ - NT:1838 - a habit, something practiced constantly
- ‘Exercised’ - NT:1128 – to train or practice for an Olympic competition
 - This requires that people **remove** anything that would hinder them performing their best

9.2 Natural Senses

- Every person has five natural senses - sight, hearing, taste, touch, and smell
- With our five senses we connect with the natural world
- Information from our five senses is communicated into our brain where the information is stored in the memory bank of experiences we recall
- As we build up a range of experiences we can quickly identify what our five senses are picking up
- Eg a mother easily recognizes the voice of her child crying in a room full of crying children

9.3 Spirit Sensations

- Human beings are spirit beings living in a body
 - Every person has spiritual senses which enable us to be aware of the spirit world around us
- Our spiritual senses can extend beyond the body and can become aware of spiritual atmospheres created by people by demons or by the Spirit of God
- Unsaved people call this the 'sixth sense' - it is really your spirit man

9.4 How You Process Sensations

- Information from your natural senses enters your soul and is processed by your mind through comparing with previous experiences, and by reasoning
- Information from your spiritual senses enters your soul as a spontaneous picture, thought, or impression, and is processed by your mind
- Until the mind has been trained to recognize and yield to spiritual impressions from the Holy Spirit, it tends to reason them away and/or ignore them
- As the mind is renewed by the Word of God it can be trained to be sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and obey His voice in simple faith
- We need to learn
 - i) to receive impressions
 - ii) to identify and evaluate them
 - iii) to enquire of the Holy Spirit for more detail
 - iv) to take a risk, and speak or act on the impression

9.5 Extreme Responses

- **Extreme # 1:** Highly logical people may reason away all spiritual impressions
 - The left side of the brain dominates their mind, and reject all intuitive thoughts
 - They may be in bondage to spirits of unbelief, control, and fear

- **Extreme # 2:** Intuitive people may respond to every impression without discerning what is God and what is not
 - People who have experienced rejection, abuse, or have been involved in occult practices are often deeply sensitive to impressions
 - They may lack discipline in evaluating their thinking processes
 - They may hide behind a false spirituality, constantly declaring that “God told me”
 - They may be resistant to feedback, and view it as a further rejection

10. How to Activate the Gifts of the Spirit

10.1 Gifts of the Spirit Can Be Activated

Key Verse: 2 Tim 1:6-7

“Therefore I remind you to **stir up the gift of God** which is in you through the laying on of my hands. 7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

Insights:

- ‘**Stir Up**’ - NT:325 - to rekindle a fire that was once burning brightly
- ‘To activate’ means to take practical steps that stir your faith and energize your spirit to be responsive to the Holy Spirit

10.2 Bible Examples of Activation of the Gifts

- a) **2 Kings 3:15** - Elisha stirred his gift with the help of a **musician**
- b) **Judges 16:20** - Samson stirred his gift by **shaking himself**

10.3 Gifts of the Spirit can Become Dormant for Five Reasons

- i) Fear / Intimidation **(2Tim 1:6)**
- ii) Unbelief **(Matt 17:19-20)**
- iii) Controlling spirits **(Acts 4:15-18)**
- iv) Passivity **(Matt 11:12)**
- v) Neglect **(1Tim 4:14)**

10.4 Feed Your Spirit Man

Key Verse: 1 Tim 4:14-15

“**Do not neglect** the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership. 15 **Meditate** on these things; **give yourself entirely** to them, that your progress may be evident to all.”

Insights:

- An important foundation for operating in the Gifts of the Spirit is to cultivate a strong spirit life through
 - worship
 - waiting on God
 - meditation
 - reading the Word of God
 - pursuing intimacy with God
 - obedience to the promptings of the Holy Spirit

10.5 Practical Keys to Activating the Gifts

✓ Free up your Spirit

- i) Pray strongly in tongues to energize your Spirit
- ii) Pray strongly and fluently until you feel your spirit stirred
- iii) As you pray in tongues you are praying with your Spirit (**1Cor 14:14**)
- iv) As you pray in tongues the Spirit of God is moving through you (**Acts 2:4**)

✓ Faith Expectation

- i) Expect the Spirit of God to speak to you
- ii) **John 10:27** – “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”
- iii) Expectation draws the presence of the Holy Spirit

✓ Focus

- i) Focus your attention on listening for the voice of God
- ii) See Him speaking to you, working through you
- iii) Don't let your mind be distracted or wander

✓ Feel

- i) Identify the impressions that the Holy Spirit gives to you
- ii) Was it a word, a picture, or an impression within?
- iii) Focus your attention on it
- iv) Look at it; ask the Holy Spirit for more detail

✓ Faith Action

- i) Speak out what it is that God has been revealing to you
- ii) Step out and act on what God has been showing you
- iii) The miracle does not take place until you put yourself in the place of risk
- iv) As you speak and act on what you have received, the Holy Spirit will give
you more, or will act in a supernatural way
- v) At some point you have to take the risk and act upon what you feel the Holy Spirit is showing you

Examples:

- **Matt 14:29** - Peter stepped out of the boat and he walked on water
- **Luke 17:14** - As the lepers went they were cleansed
- **Mark 6:42** As they distributed the food it multiplied
- **John 2:7** Once the water-pots were filled the water changed into wine

11. How to Test Revelation

11.1 Does It Agree With the Written Word of God?

Key Verse: Gal 1:8

“But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.”

Insights:

- Whatever revelation is received must not contradict Scripture

- The Holy Spirit who inspired the Word of God will not contradict himself

11.2 Does It Agree With the Character of God?

Key Verse: Matt 4:5-7

“Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, 'If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.' 7 Jesus said to him, 'It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the LORD your God.'”

Insights:

- Evil spirits are able to quote the word of God
- God will never tell you to do something that is out of harmony with his character
- God grows us step by step, not by sudden dramatic changes (**2Cor.3:18**)
- The supernatural is not necessarily spectacular

11.3 Does It Produce Good Fruit?

Key Verse: James 3:17-18

“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. 18 Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”

Insights:

- A tree is known by its fruit (**Luke 6:43-44**)
- ‘Pure’ - NT:53 - no hidden or selfish motives
- ‘Peaceable’ - NT:1516 - brings healing and harmony into relationships
- ‘Gentle’ - NT:1933 - not pushy ,demanding, harsh, or contentious
- ‘Yielded’ - NT:2138 - open to reason,, not stubborn, hard, or dogmatic
- ‘Mercy’ - NT:1656 - compassionate, kind to people, sensitive to people
- ‘Good Fruit’ - NT:2590 - results in right living before God
- ‘Partiality’ - NT:87- no favorites, treats people as being of equal value
- ‘Hypocrisy’ - NT:505 - not acting, no pretence; authentic or genuine

11.4 Does It Bear Witness With Your Spirit?

Key Verse: 1 John 2:27

“But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.”

Insights:

- The Holy Spirit dwelling within you is the Spirit of truth (**John 14:16-17**)
- The Holy Spirit gives a witness in your spirit, an inner joy or peace (**Col.3:15**)
- As you gain experience in listening to the inner witness within your spirit,

it becomes easier to recognize 'revelation' which is not true, or has a demonic, or human, source

12. Gift of Prophecy

12.1 What Prophecy Is

Key Verse: 2 Peter 1:21

"for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."

Insights:

- Prophecy is a spontaneous message given by the Holy Spirit to a believer to speak to a specific person or group of people at a specific time
- **'Prophecy'** - NT:4391 - to spontaneously speak forth the mind and counsel of God; to speak under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit
- **'Moved'** - NT:5342 - to bring forth a burden; to be carried by a wind

12.2 The Purpose of the Gift

Key Verse: 1 Cor 14:3

"But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men."

Insights:

- The purpose of the prophetic message is for
 - a) **'Edification'** NT:3619 - to build up; promoting another's growth
 - b) **'Exhortation'** NT:3874 – to come along side and strengthen
 - c) **'Comfort'** - NT:3889 - to come near and give hope and/or support in time of grief or pain
- When the Gift of prophecy flows, there is often a change in the spiritual atmosphere, and a release of other Gifts of the Spirit
- The Gift of prophecy can also be used in spiritual warfare (**Ezek 21:14**)

12.3 General Guidelines

- All believers are encouraged to prophesy (**1Cor 14:1**)
- All believers are encouraged to desire the Gift (**1Cor 14:39**)
- All believers are encouraged not to despise the Gift (**1Thess 5:20**)
- Believers filled with the Holy Spirit can immediately prophesy (**Acts 19:6**)
- Often the Gift of prophecy combines with word of knowledge to give revelation about an individual or entire congregation

12.4 Judging Prophecy

Key Verse: 1 Cor 14:29

"Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge. 30 But if anything is revealed to another who sits by, let the first keep silent. 31 For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged. 32 And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. 33 For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints."

Insights:

- Since prophecy is an utterance that can be understood, it must be judged
- **'Judge'** - NT:1252 - to distinguish, to separate out what is good

- Judging prophecy includes evaluating
 - a) the content of the message
 - b) the spirit in which it is given
 - c) the reliability of the individual giving the message
- Key Questions to ask
 - a) Does it agree with Scripture? (**Gal1:8**)
 - b) Is there an inner witness of the Spirit? (**1 John2:20**)
 - c) Does it lift your spirit or bring heaviness? (**2 Cor 3:17**)
 - d) Does it agree with the Character of God? (**Matt4:6-7**)
 - e) Does it bring honour to God? (**John16:13-14**)
 - f) Does the prophecy come to pass? (**Deut18:18-21**)

12.5 Cautions in Operating

- **Don't Use Prophecy**
 - ✗ As a Christian fortune telling
 - ✗ To scold or rebuke people
 - ✗ To correct leaders
 - ✗ To bring forth your pet ideas
 - ✗ To give direction to business dealings
 - ✗ To give direction to male-female relationships
 - ✗ To prophesy healing out of your own compassion
- **Some Do's**
 - ✓ Speak forth clearly and boldly
 - ✓ Stop when the anointing lifts
 - ✓ Use normal tone of voice
 - ✓ Speak in simple everyday language
 - ✓ Stay within the boundaries of edification, exhortation and comfort

12.6 Feed Back

- Welcome feedback on the quality of your prophecy
- Feedback enables you to recognize how the Lord has worked through you
- Feedback enables you to improve your sensitivity and flow of prophecy

12.7 Practical Points

- Free up your spirit (praying in tongues, praising)
- Faith - **expect** God to give you something
- Focus – concentrate your attention, listening for promptings of the Holy Spirit
- Faith Action
 - step out and share simply what you have received
 - start with what you have been given expecting to receive more

- example: box of tissues
- example: TV newsreader
- get feedback from the person you ministered to

13. Diverse Kinds of Tongues

13.1 What is the Gift of Tongues?

- It is a supernatural utterance given by the Holy Spirit spontaneously in a language the believer has not learned
- It is not the prayer language of the believer, but it is an anointed message that should be accompanied by an interpretation (**1Cor.14:13**)

13.2 The Twofold Ministry of The Holy Spirit

Key Verse: John 14:17

“The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for **He dwells with you** and **will be in you.**”

Insights:

- The Holy Spirit empowers believers in one of two ways
 - i) the anointing coming and remaining **within**
 - ii) the anointing coming **upon** for a period of time
- The Spirit was **with** them because he would come **upon** them from time to time to work miracles
- Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would come and dwell **within** them

13.3 The Anointing ‘In’ - Empowers Praying in a Tongue

Key Verse #1: 2 Cor 1:21

“Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us is God, 22 who also has sealed us and given us the **Spirit in our hearts** as a guarantee.”

Insights:

- There is an anointing that comes into the believer and abides
- The anointing that abides within gives constant contact with Heaven

Key Verse #2: 1 Cor 14:14

“For if I pray in a tongue, **my spirit prays**, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 What is the conclusion then? I will **pray with the spirit**, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding. 16 Otherwise, if you **bless with the spirit**, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed say "Amen" at your giving of thanks, since he does not understand what you say? 17 For you indeed **give thanks well**, but the other is not edified.”

Insights:

- When you pray in a tongue your spirit is praying
- Praying in a Tongue = Praying in the Spirit (**Eph.6:18**)
- Usually one distinct language is involved
- The language is given by the Holy Spirit
- The person must speak forth
- It requires you to exercise your will
- It is a flow of communication from man to God (**1Cor 14:2**)

- **Some Benefits**
 - ✓ Strengthen your spirit man (**Eph 3:16**)
 - ✓ Energise your spirit man (**1Cor 14:2**)
 - ✓ Praise and worship (**1Cor 14:15-16**)
 - ✓ Intercession (**Rom 8:26**)
 - ✓ Decree the will of God for your life (**1Cor 14:2**)
 - ✓ Sensitise your spirit (**Heb5:14**)

13.4 The Anointing 'Upon'- Empowers Diverse Kinds of Tongues

Key Verse: 1 Cor 12:7

"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 **diverse 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.**"

Insights:

- **'Diverse kinds of tongues'** are energized by the Holy Spirit
- It is a divinely given message spoken into the world, straight from the throne of God
- It is dependent on the Holy Spirit **coming upon someone** and empowering them to operate that way
- The Holy Spirit must will it, and energize it.
- It is the responsibility of the individual to speak out when the Holy Spirit comes upon them.
- Paul spoke in tongues (diverse) more than anyone (**1Cor 14:18**)

13.5 Tongues of Men or Angels

Key Verse: 1 Cor 13:1

"Though I speak with the **tongues of men and of angels**, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal."

Insights:

- **'Tongues'** means different kinds of languages, not just one language
- **'Tongues'** could be a distinct language understood and spoken by a particular cultural group of **people**
- **'Tongues'** could be a distinct language understood and spoken by **angels**
- Speaking in tongues is speaking in a language that is understood and spoken either by men or angels

a) Example: Tongues of Men - Acts 2:1-8

“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and **began to speak with other tongues**, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because **everyone heard them speak in his own language**. 7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, “Look are not all these who speak Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us in our own language in which we were born?”

Insight:

- People of many different cultures understood what they were saying.
- They heard their own language spoken, and were amazed
- This was a manifestation of diverse kinds of tongues energized by the Holy Spirit
- They were speaking the wonderful works of God - not praying but proclaiming!

b) Example: Tongues of Angels - Ps 103:19-21

“The LORD has established His throne in heaven, And His kingdom rules over all. 20 Bless the LORD, you His angels, Who **excel in strength**, who do His word, **Heeding the voice of His word**. 21 Bless the LORD, all you His hosts, You ministers of His, who do His pleasure.”

Insights:

- Angels respond to the voice of God’s Word ie the voicing aloud in the earth of the Word of God, by God’s representative, Man
- The Holy Spirit comes upon a man to give utterance in diverse kinds of tongues
- The diverse kinds of tongues is a language that angels understand
- God speaks his mind and will through a man. and uses his voice to activate angels to perform a task
- Diverse tongues bypass the soul and understanding of man and enable a direct command to be given to the Angels through God’s yielded authority on the earth
- Angels excel in strength (vs.19) and are able to subdue and bind wicked spirits

c) The Purpose of the Gift

- ✓ A sign to the unbeliever (**Acts 2:6; 1Cor 14:22**)
- ✓ Prophetic proclamations in the earth (**Acts 2:11**)
- ✓ Releasing Angels in spiritual warfare (**1Cor13:1**)
- ✓ Empowering the Ministry of the Intercession (**1Cor 12:28**)
- ✓ Supernaturally communicate across language barriers (**Acts 2:6**)

d) Practical Points

- ✓ Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit coming upon you as you pray
- ✓ Ask for the gift of diverse tongues
- ✓ Practice speaking out in a new tongue
- ✓ Be aware of changes in the spiritual atmosphere as you speak
- ✓ Listen to the flow of the Spirit that comes forth
- ✓ Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the interpretation

14. Interpretation of Tongues

14.1 What it is

- The interpretation of tongues is a supernatural ability given by the Holy Spirit, to enable the believer to understand a language being spoken, earthly or heavenly, without having first learned it

14.2 Interpretation is a Gift

Key Verse 1 Cor 12:10

“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.**”

Insights:

- It is not a translation ie not an exact word by word explanation of the message
- It is an interpretation - it catches the spirit and intent of the message
- Used in private and public worship, and public ministry, as led by the Holy Spirit (**1Cor.15:5**)

14.3 Purpose of the Gift

- ✓ Tongues (with interpretation) is a sign to the unsaved (1Cor 14:22)
- ✓ It energises the spiritual atmosphere
- ✓ It reveals the mind of the Holy Spirit at that particular time
- ✓ It can facilitate the release of angelic activity

14.4 Practical Points

- ✓ Interpretation of tongues is a companion to speaking in tongues
- ✓ It can help you develop sensitivity to the Holy Spirit coming upon you in private worship
- ✓ It can bring understanding of the mind of the Spirit
- ✓ Can reveal what you are praying about in the spirit
- ✓ In public worship, the gift of tongues and interpretation can bring the church into a flow of the Holy Spirit, not unlike the Gift of prophecy

15. Word of Wisdom

15.1 What it is

- It is an impression, a thought, a mental picture, or a still small voice of the Holy Spirit showing what to do or how to deal with a specific situation. It is wisdom about that one matter at that one time

15.2 The Purpose of the Gift

Key Verse: 1 Cor 12:7

“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.”

Insights:

- The Word of Wisdom is listed first in **1Cor.12:8**
- It is often included in the operation of all the other gifts
- We need wisdom from the Holy Spirit to know how to carry out what God has revealed to us
- The Word of Wisdom reveals to us
 - how to do something God has shown you to do
 - how to resolve situations
 - how to pray for a person
 - how to avoid dangers
 - how to speak the right words into situations

15.3 Bible Examples

- **2 Sam 5:22-25** David received a word of wisdom, how to fight a battle
- **1 Kings 3:16-28** King Solomon handled the two mothers in conflict over a child with a word of wisdom
- **Hebrews 11:7** Noah received a word of wisdom to build an ark
- **Acts 15:13-21** James received a word of wisdom on how to resolve a church conflict that threatened to divide the church
- **Acts 5:1-11** Peter received a word of wisdom, how to deal with dishonesty
- **John 8:4-7** Jesus received a word of wisdom, how to deal with the accusers of the woman caught in adultery

15.4 Practical Points

- ✓ Don't be impulsive in making decisions or giving advice.
- ✓ Don't act under pressure of people or circumstances
- ✓ Ask the Holy Spirit for insight, for a word of wisdom and what to do.
- ✓ It may come as a spontaneous picture, an impression or a flow of thoughts

- ✓ You may “see” a picture of how an event will unfold in the future. This gives you confidence as to what steps you should take
- ✓ Be prepared to wait on the Lord for wisdom (**Prov.2:6: Prov.4:7**)

16. Word of Knowledge

16.1 What it is

- An impression, a thought, a mental picture or the still voice of the Holy Spirit giving knowledge of facts about a person, or situation, that one could not possibly have known naturally
- It is not accumulated or acquired knowledge, it is **revealed** knowledge
- It is knowledge about past situations and experiences, or about current situations. It uncovers what is happening

16.2 The Purpose of the Gift

Key Verse: 1 Cor 12:7-11

“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.”

Insights:

- It uncovers important unknown facts concerning a person or situation
- It uncovers the ‘true’ situation as seen from God’s perspective
- It enables you to minister more effectively to the needs of people

16.3 Bible Examples:

- **2 Kings 6:8-10** Elijah received details about the enemy strategy
- **1 Samuel 9:15-20** Samuel received knowledge about Saul. (16 specific details)
- **2 Kings 5:20-27** Elisha received knowledge about Gehazi’s secret sin.
- **John 4:18** Jesus received knowledge about the woman’s marriage failures.
- **Acts 5:1-11** Peter receive knowledge about the financial dealings of an Ananias and Sapphira
- **Acts 9:10-16** Ananias received knowledge about Saul, what was wrong where he was living, what needed to be done

16.4 Practical Points

- ✓ It may come as a spontaneous picture, an image in your imagination, an impression or flow of thoughts, or an inner ‘knowing’
- ✓ A word of knowledge may come as a dream or vision
- ✓ It may give you sudden insight about sickness, bondage, problems
- ✓ To operate effectively in the word of knowledge you must separate your own knowledge from that which the Holy Spirit gives
- ✓ As you “see” a picture or feel an impression, focus on it, and identify it clearly
- ✓ Ask the Lord for specific details
- ✓ Ask the Lord how to wisely use what you know (Word of wisdom)
- ✓ It may mean little to you but have dramatic impact as you speak it

- ✓ Wait on the Lord daily
 - ask for words of knowledge for family, work, soul winning
 - expect to receive

- ✓ When giving a Word of Knowledge consider:
 - Is this word of knowledge for prayer only?
 - Should I share this with a local church leader first?
 - Is this public or private information?
 - How d I give the word of knowledge in such a way that the person is able to receive it eg Jesus drew the woman in **(John.4:16)**

17. Discerning of Spirits

17.1 What it is

- It is knowledge given by the Holy Spirit that reveals what spirit power is operating in or behind a person or situation

17.2 The Purpose of the Gift

Key Verse: 1 Cor 12:7

“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 will.”

Insights:

- It is a supernatural gift of revelation given by the Holy Spirit and received by faith into your spirit
- **‘Discernment’** - NT:1253 - a clear discrimination, seeing through to the root causes
- It enables a believer to have essential information about
 - The activity of the Holy Spirit or Angels
 - The nature and activity of demonic spirits
 - The motivations of a person’s words and actions
- it is **not** the same as natural discernment with the mind or senses which depends solely upon the person’s feelings and interpretation of the situation
- The Gift of discerning of spirits can
 - Reveal the presence and nature of spirits inhabiting a person’s body **(Acts 16:16)**
 - Reveal the geographical location and activity of evil spirits
 - Facilitate deliverance and release for those who are bound by spiritual oppression
 - Give understanding of what is happening in the spirit realm around your life and ministry
 - Identify whether a ‘revelation’ is from God or not

17.3 Bible Examples

- **Luke 2:25-27** Simeon discerned the timing and activity of the Holy Spirit
- **Luke 13:10-13** Jesus discerned the demonic source of the sickness
- **Matt 16:23** Jesus discerned in demonic source of Peter's words
- **Acts 8:18-23** Peter discerned the motives of Simon the sorcerer
- **Acts 16:16-17** Paul discerned the spirit of divination

17.4 Understanding Your Senses

Key Verse: Heb 5:14

"But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their **senses exercised** to discern both good and evil."

Insight:

- **'Exercised'** - NT:1128 – to train or practice for an Olympic competition

a) Natural Senses

- Every person has five natural senses: sight-taste-touch-smell-hearing
- As a child grows these senses are developed or trained
- A memory bank of all these experiences is formed in the mind

b) Spiritual Senses

- Man who was formed as a spirit being in the image of God has spiritual senses
- These senses are energized and quickened by the Holy Spirit
 - i) Sight - seeing in the Holy Spirit
 - ii) Hearing - hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit
 - iii) Knowledge - revelation knowledge
 - iv) Understanding - insights into the spirit realm
 - v) Perception - sensing the various activities of spirits
 - vi) Discernment - identifying different spirits
- Each of these senses can be developed or trained by practice
- Each time you become aware of a spirit sensation, the memory of this experience is recorded in your mind **for future reference**

c) The Processing Ability of the Mind

- Your mind has the ability to recall a number of similar events, sensations and feelings, and to draw conclusions all similarity and difference between them
- This comparative ability of the mind includes
 - Information and details about events
 - Senses e.g. different kinds of smells and tastes
 - Emotional Feelings associated with different events
 - Triggers or prompts that recall information and feelings
- Each time you have a spiritual experience, your mind will process the information and compare it with previous experiences

17.5 Developing Sensitivity

Key Verse: Heb 5:14

“ But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by **reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**”

- Spiritual sensitivity can be developed through
 - i) Fasting - food, visual media
 - ii) Worship - engaging the presence of God consistently
 - iii) Renewing the Mind - thoughts , images
 - iv) Personal Honesty - motives, words, attitudes

17.5 Practical Points

- ✓ Practice identifying spiritual impressions of ‘release’ or ‘restraint ‘
- ✓ Identify the first impressions you have as you meet people, enter a room, participate in meetings
- ✓ Put a name to what you feel, or to the impression you felt
- ✓ Ask the Holy Spirit what He wants you to do about what you discern
- ✓ Practice repeatedly. Build up a memory bank of spiritual experiences
- ✓ Learn to distinguish what comes from your spirit, and what comes from your soul, which may be rooted in insecurity and distrust of people
- ✓ Practice repeatedly until you become more sensitive to spiritual impressions and atmospheres

18. Gift of Faith

18.1 What it is

- It is not the normal measure of faith for daily walking with the Lord
- It is a gift that comes in a moment of time that enables you to get the job done
- It is an impartation of ability to **confidently know** God’s provision is sure
- How can you know? - there is an inner knowing that faith gives
- It is the gift of power enabling a believer to obtain supernatural results
- An impossible situation exists. A gift of faith is given. A solution is seen / known and power is released for the person to accomplish the task
- A person with a gift of faith for a specific action will have a boldness and confidence about the outcome that is completely unreasonable
- Different Kinds of Faith we steadily grow and increase in:
 - Saving Faith (**Ephesians 2:8**)
 - Walk of Faith (**Hebrews 11:6**)
 - Faith – Fruit of the Spirit (**Galatians 5:22**)
 - Gift of Faith – a Gift of the Spirit (**1Cor 12:9**)

18.2 The Purpose of the Gift

Key Verse: 1 Cor. 12:7-11

“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.”

Insights:

- It releases power for supernatural acts to be done
- It imparts boldness and confidence that impacts people

18.3 Bible Examples

- **1 Kings 17:13-14** Elijah **boldly declares** miracle provision of food.
- **John 9:1-7** Jesus knew the man born blind would be healed.
- **Acts 3:1-7** Peter **boldly proclaims** the crippled man’s healing.
- **Acts 27:20-26** - Paul **boldly declares** that none on the ship will perish.
- **Acts 14:9** - Paul and the cripple. Paul **knew** he would be healed

18.4 Practical Points

- ✓ Maintain regular time in the Word of God – the source of faith
- ✓ **(Romans 10:17)**
- ✓ Choose to believe the Word of God and to trust it completely
- ✓ **(Romans 4:20)**
- ✓ Practice speaking the Word of God boldly **(2 Corinthians 4:13)**
- ✓ Expect God to honor and keep His Word **(Isaiah 55:11)**
- ✓ Learn to take authority over the atmosphere, and dominion over evil spirits present so that the heavens open
- ✓ Learn to step out in faith in your own personal gifting to start a flow
- ✓ of the anointing that alters the atmosphere and makes room for the gift
- ✓ of faith to flow

19. Gifts of Healings

19.1 What it is

- It is a supernatural ability imparted by the Holy Spirit to bring about healing in a person without any natural means ie medicine, doctor
- The healing may be immediate (a miracle) or it may be progressive ie the person recovers in a way that cannot be explained naturally **(Mark 16:18)**

19.2 The Purpose of the Gift

Key Verse: 1 Cor 12:7

“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.”

Insights:

- It releases power to bring healing to body, soul and spirit
- **Gifts** of healing, not **the Gift** of healing
- One person may have a high rate of success in one particular area eg seeing deaf ears opened, or blind eyes healed, or cancers healed
- There are many various forms of Gifts of healing, but it is the one Holy Spirit that empowers them

Bible Examples

- **2 Chronicles 30:20** Multitudes of people healed when Hezekiah prayed
- **Luke 4:40** All that were sick with diverse diseases were healed
- **Mark 5:25-34** The woman with an issue of blood was healed
- **Matt 10:5** “These twelve Jesus **sent out and commanded them**, saying: “Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans. 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ 8 **Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons.** Freely you have received, freely give”
- Jesus did not tell the disciples to **pray** for the sick!
- Jesus commanded his disciples **‘Heal the Sick’**

19.3 Practical Points

a) Lay hands on the Person

Mark 16:17 “And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; **they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover”**

- Always ask permission before praying for someone or laying hands upon them
- Do not push or shake them as you pray for him

b) Cast Out any Spirit of Infirmity

Luke 13:11 “And behold, there was a woman who had a **spirit of infirmity** eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. 12 But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, **“Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity.”** 13 And He **laid His hands on her**, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.”

- Some sicknesses are caused by the presence of an evil spirit

- Speak directly to the spirit and commanded it to leave

c) Command the Sickness!

Acts 3:1 “Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. 2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; 3 who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. 4 And **fixing his eyes on him**, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." 5 So he gave them his attention, **expecting to receive** something from them. 6 Then **Peter said**, "Silver and gold I do not have, but **what I do have I give you**: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, **rise up and walk**." 7 And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. 8 So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them — walking, leaping, and praising God “

Mark 11:22 “So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. 23 For assuredly, I say to you, whoever **says to this mountain**, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does **not doubt in his heart**, but **believes that those things he says** will be done, he will have whatever he says. 24 Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and **you will have them**.”

- Speak to the mountain (sickness)
- Don't doubt in your heart
- Believe what you say will come to pass

d) Anoint with Oil

Mark 6:12 “So they went out and preached that people should repent. 13 And they cast out any demons, and **anointed with oil many who were sick**, and healed them”

- Anoint with oil only as the Holy Spirit leads
- The type of oil used is of no consequence
- It is **faith in the power of God to heal** that causes the healing to take place
- Apply a small amount of oil on the tip of a finger and apply to the forehead of the sick person
- The oil acts as a focal point for their faith

e) Encourage a Faith Action

Matt 12:13 “Then He said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." And he stretched it out, and it was restored as whole as the other.”

- Where possible encourage people to take some action of faith
- Encourage them to try to do what they could not do before you prayed
- Some miracles begin to operate when the person acts in faith.

f) Important Safeguard

- Do not encourage people to stop using medicine
- Do not encourage them no longer to see a doctor
- In an **emergency situation** where medical attention is urgently required
 - Pray very briefly
 - Call the doctor
 - Give whatever assistance you can and keep praying

g) Important Tips

- The gifts operate by faith and not by long prayers
- Keep your thoughts centered on Christ and His Power to heal
- Don't allow unbelief to fill your heart (by focusing on the sickness)
- The person being prayed for must repent of sins and have their heart free from unforgiveness or bitterness
- Low self-esteem, coupled with unbelief and passivity, can hinder the flow of healing

20. The Working of Miracles

20.1 What it is

- A miracle occurs when natural laws are broken by supernatural intervention
- The working of miracles is a specific effect that comes when the Gifts of the Holy Spirit work together to override or invade natural laws; to do something that was impossible naturally
- The working of miracles operates alongside the Gift of Faith and Gifts of Healing

20.2 Bible Examples

- **1 Kings 18:37-39** Elijah calls down fire from heaven
- **2 Kings 4:1-7** The pot of oil keeps refilling – creative miracle
- **Matt 14:25** Jesus walks on water
- **Matt 14:19-21** The five loaves and two fishes feed 5000 people
- **Matt 15:30-31** Crippled people are totally healed
- **Acts 8:6** Deliverance is a working of miracles
- In each of these miracles there is a similar pattern:

Revelation + Words Spoken + Active Faith = Manifestation of Holy Spirit

20.3 Practical Points

- ✓ Desire to be used in this way by the Holy Spirit
- ✓ Pursue the presence of God and sensitivity to hearing His voice
- ✓ Meditate in the word of God, particularly on the nature of God and His mighty acts
- ✓ Listen to testimonies of miracles taking place. These build your faith
- ✓ Practice speaking the word of God from your spirit into your circumstances
- ✓ Maintain strong devotional life in the Bible – the source of faith
- ✓ Be willing to take risks
- ✓ **Expect** God to do the Supernatural

21. Keys to Ministering in the Spirit

21.1 Identity

- God has made you a Minister of The Spirit **(2 Cor 3:6)**
- You are joined to the Holy Spirit **(1 Cor 6:17)**
- You are not there to pray 'nice' empty prayers, but to release the Kingdom of God into the earth to bring about a miracle
- That Kingdom is outside you - it is also within you
- "Look on us...such as I have I give to you." **(Acts 3:4-6)**

21.2 Connection

- Connect with the person
- Don't withdraw because of feelings of inadequacy
- Take hold of the person's hand **(Mark 1:31; 8:23; 9:27)**
- Relax - Don't 'try' to make something happen
- Look them in the eye - connect with your heart **(Mark 1: 41)**
- Meditate...become conscious of the presence of God
- Notice what you are feeling? Thinking? Conscious of?
- Keep your mind directed towards God **(Luke 9:16)**
- Be aware of the presence of God **within** you - and the presence of God **coming upon** the person

21.3 Attitude

- Your spirit responds to your thoughts and attitude
- Whatever you direct your mind to your spirit opens up to
- Fear and self consciousness will close up your spirit
- As you minister keep directing your thoughts toward the Lord in expectation
- Be yourself - don't try to 'perform' or be 'spiritual'
- God gives Grace to the humble ie those who are dependent on Him

21.4 Verbal Command

- Power is released by Command
- Assert spiritual authority by verbal command **(Luke 10:19)**
- You must put your inner man into the words you speak **(Mark 11.23)**
- Command demons to go **(Acts 16:18)**
- Command sickness to leave **(Acts 3: 6)**
- Break bondages by verbal **command** **(Mark 11:23)**
- **Speak words of life** (Acts 9:40)

21.5 Impartation

- Power is released by Impartation
- Paul desired to impart spiritual Gifts **(Rom 1:11)**
- Impart = to share something you possess **(2 Tim 1:6)**
- Impartation occurs as a flow from within you **(Luke 6:19)**
- You must give from within your spirit **(1 Cor 6:17)**
- Lay hands on their head and release what you have
eg by speaking and/or by breathing on them **(John 20:22)**

22. Practical Guidelines for Ministering to People

22.1 Personal

- Personal hygiene, make sure to use deodorant
- Breath Fresheners. Keep your breath fresh
- Wear light loose modest clothing

22.2 Connect and Relate

- Be honest with them
- Be willing to take time
- Keep confidences shared (unless you need to refer their situation on)
- Treat people with respect
- Where possible, woman pray with women, and men with men

22.3 Prepare people to receive

- Encourage people with words
- Explain their part in cooperating with ministry
- Be willing to confront root sin issues
- Build expectation that God will move
- Ask permission to minister to people - don't presume
- Ask permission to lay hands upon them - don't presume
- Keep your hands in view and ensure touch is appropriate
- Be cautious about where you lay hands eg head, shoulders

22.4 Possible Experiences as you Minister

The person you are praying for may experience some of the following sensations

- Shaking
- Body or hands stiffen
- Eyelids flutter
- Sensation of heat
- Tears /Grief
- **Falling** - make sure a catcher is positioned to catch safely
 - place one hand behind the person's neck to help prevent them suddenly falling backwards and possibly hurting themselves
- Demons manifest
- Don't focus on or require manifestations

22.5 Be aware of 'Blocks' to Ministry

a) Personal Blocks

- Fear - focus attention on the Lord. 'See' Him blessing
- Self Consciousness - focus attention on the Lord
- Pressure to perform - relax and stop 'trying'
- Unresolved issues - deal with these quickly
- Lack of Prayer - expect His Grace - and change!

b) Ministry Blocks

- Unforgiveness - lead them to forgive
- Lack of repentance - lead them to repent
- Unbelief - rebuke demonic spirits
- Control- Rebuke demonic spirits

22.6 Stay sensitive to the Holy Spirit

- Don't lean on methods or experience
- Lean on The Holy Spirit to direct you
- Listen for Holy Spirit promptings
- Respond to impressions the Holy Spirit gives you
eg a word, a picture or a sensation
- Ensure a 'Catcher' is standing behind them, and is alert
- Avoid 'pushing' or 'rocking' them, as you minister
- Speak and release the power of God

22.7 Get Feedback

- Where possible get feedback from the person you ministered to.
- Ask what they have experienced, or what they thought took place
- Be willing to pray again
- **Never** instruct anyone to stop taking any prescribed medicine -
the occurrence of a **miracle should be verified by their doctor**, who is
responsible to determine whether medication should be stopped or not
