



Acts 1:8 (NKJV) "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and all of Judea and Samaria, and even the remotest part of the earth"

Ephesians 4:7-8 & 11-12 (NKJV)

7 But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. 8 Therefore He says; When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.

...11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

(NLT)...v 12 Their responsibility is to <u>equip God's people to do his work</u> and <u>build up</u> <u>the church</u>, the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4:13 (NKJV)

13 till we all come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ Greek translates out - ...becoming more like Christ in EVERY aspect of our lives (individually and collectively)

1 Corinthians 1:10 (NKJV)

"Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment."

Mark 16:17-20 (NKJV)

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."

19 So then, after the Lord had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. 20 And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs.

Amen.

Colossians 2:8 (NASB) See to it that there is no one who takes you captive through philosophy (intellectualism and vain deceit (idle fancies and plain nonsense) and empty deception in accordance with human tradition, in accordance with the elementary principles of the world, rather than in accordance with Christ.

Ephesians 4:14-15 (NKJV) 14 That we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting 15 but speaking the truth in love (in all things, speaking truly, dealing truly, living truly), may grow up in all things into Him who is the head-Christ

Ephesians 4:16 (NKJV) 16 From whom the whole body **fitly joined together and compacted** by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, makes increase of the body to the edifying of itself in love.

#### 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 (NKJV):

4 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. 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.

Gifts of the Holy Spirit 1. Revelation gifts: word of wisdom, word of knowledge & discerning of spirits 2. Vocal gifts: tongues, interpretation of tongues & prophecy 3. Power gifts: faith, healing & working of miracles

## **Understanding the Gift of the Word of Wisdom:**

1 Corinthians 12:8a for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit....

#### 1. Supernatural Insight:

The word of wisdom involves receiving divine insight that goes beyond human reasoning or experience. This wisdom is imparted by the Holy Spirit and is intended to address particular circumstances or decisions.

#### 2. Purpose and Function:

- This gift can offer guidance and direction for individuals or the church. It can provide clarity in complex situations and help navigate challenges in a way that aligns with God's purposes.
- lt provides the practical application of that knowledge
- <sub>o</sub> It helps in making godly decisions and solving problems according to God's will.

## **Understanding the Gift of the Word of Wisdom:**

#### Matthew 4:3-4 NKJV

- <sup>3</sup> Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."
- <sup>4</sup> But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

#### Matthew 4:6

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.' "

#### Matthew 22:20-21

20 And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?"

21 They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

## Understanding the Gift of the Word of Knowledge:

- 1 Corinthians 12:8b ... to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit
- 1. Supernatural Revelation:
  - The word of knowledge is a supernatural revelation from the Holy Spirit. It involves receiving knowledge about a person, situation, or event that could not have been known naturally.
- 2. Purpose and Function:
  - This gift is often used to encourage, guide, or correct.
  - lt can bring awareness to hidden issues, confirm truths, or provide insight that leads to a deeper understanding of God's will.

# Understanding the Gift of the Word of Knowledge:

1 Corinthians 12:8b ... to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit

#### John 4:17-19 NKJV

<sup>17</sup> The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You have well said, 'I have no husband,' <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly." <sup>19</sup> The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

#### Acts 5:1-3 NKJV

1 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession. 2 And he kept back part of the proceeds, his wife also being aware of it, and brought a certain part and laid it at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back part of the price of the land for yourself?

## **Understanding the Gift of Discernment of Spirits:**

- 1 Corinthians 12:10b ...to another discerning of spirits
- 1. Supernatural Insight:
  - The gift of discernment of spirits provides supernatural insight into the spiritual realm. It enables a person to perceive the true nature of spiritual influences, whether they are divine, demonic, or human.
- 2. Purpose and Function:
  - This gift helps to protect the church from deception and false teachings.
  - <sub>o</sub> It aids in spiritual warfare by identifying demonic activity.
  - It assists in pastoral care and counselling by revealing the root causes of spiritual or emotional issues.

## **Understanding the Gift of Discernment of Spirits:**

1 Corinthians 12:10b ...to another discerning of spirits

Matthew 16:22-23 NKJV

<sup>22</sup> Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!" <sup>23</sup> But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."

Acts 8:19-20 NKJV

19 saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit." 20 But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!

Acts 16:17-18

17 This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." 18 And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly [a]annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour.

# RELEASE WHAT YOU HAVE

2 Timothy 1:6-7 (NKJV)

6 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.