

Gifts of the Spirit

Session 2: Revelation Gifts

Gifts must be preceded with love for the purpose of edification

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:1-3

Love is the more excellent way of operating in the gifts, compared to just coveting them.

1. Many businesses, ministries, families, and individuals want to operate with excellence. The key to true excellence in every area of life is love.
2. Excellence without love will become legalism and promote self-image.
3. Excellence without love places a higher value on image and profit than true service and benefit to others.

1 Corinthians 12:1 "Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant."

1. He wants us informed so we can use them properly.
2. He wants us using these gifts according to their intended design, so they will accomplish the purpose for which they were given.
3. Ignorance will cause either abuse or neglect.

1 Corinthians 12:2 "You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led."

1 Corinthians 12:3 "Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit."

1. The first test to apply to any gift of the Spirit is to ask, "Does it glorify Jesus?"
2. If it centers on, draws attention to, and magnifies you and me more than Jesus, it is a manifestation of our flesh, not the Spirit!
3. True gifts of the Spirit in operation through you and me will testify of and point people to Jesus.

4. They will reveal Jesus' heart, mind, and love toward people, or demonstrate His will in power on people's behalf.

John 16:13, 14 – “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.”

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Gifts of the Spirits

- 1) Word of Wisdom
- 2) Word of Knowledge
- 3) Discerning of Spirits
- 4) Gift of Faith
- 5) Gift of Healings
- 6) Working of Miracles
- 7) Prophecy
- 8) Different Kinds of Tongues
- 9) Interpretation of Tongues

What is **Word of Wisdom?** - Information about a future event

Acts 21:10-11

What is **Word of Knowledge?** - Information about a person's current or past situation that you could not know on your own

Luke 5:21-22

John 4:16-19, 28-30, 39-42

What is **Discerning of Spirits?** - Supernatural ability to see into the spirit realm and recognize what spirits are operating and exercising their influence in people's lives

1) Holy Spirit

Acts 21:10-11 "After we had been there a number of days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. Coming over to us, he took Paul's belt, tied his own hands and feet with it and said, "The Holy Spirit says, 'In this way the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and will hand him over to the Gentiles.'"

2) Heavenly Angels

2 Kings 6:15-17

3) Human spirit

Galatians 2:11-12 "But when Peter came to Antioch, I had to oppose him to his face, for what he did was very wrong. When he first arrived, he ate with the Gentile believers, who were not circumcised. But afterward, when some friends of James came, Peter wouldn't eat with the Gentiles anymore. He was afraid of criticism from these people who insisted on the necessity of circumcision."

4) Demonic spirits

Acts 16:16-18 "On one occasion, as we went to the place of prayer, a servant girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." She did this for many days. But becoming greatly troubled, Paul turned to the spirit and said, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out at that moment."

Luke 9:37-39, 42-43 "The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a great crowd met Him. Suddenly a man cried out from the crowd, saying, "Teacher, I beg You, look upon my son, for he is my only child. A spirit seizes him, and he suddenly cries out. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth, and bruises him, and scarcely leaves him...While he was coming, the demon threw him down and convulsed him. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the child, and returned him to his father. And they were all amazed at the mighty power of God."