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Foreword

Few subjects stir both hope and confusion among believers quite like the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Are they for everyone, or only for a select few? Have they ceased, or do they still operate today, exactly as they did in the book of Acts?

In this message, Pastor W.F. Kumuyi answers with characteristic clarity and structure, walking through all nine gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12 and organizing them — three by three — into three groups: the discerning gifts for the purified saint, the dynamic gifts for the passionate saint, and the declarative gifts for the perceptive saint.

What distinguishes this teaching is its insistence that these are not museum pieces from the early church, but living gifts, available now, to “earnest saints” — believers who are saved, sanctified, Spirit-filled, and genuinely desirous of being used by God. Drawing on the ministries of Christ, Peter, Paul, Elisha, Daniel, and others, the message moves methodically from definition to biblical demonstration to present-day application, never leaving the listener in doubt about what each gift is, why it matters, or how to earnestly seek it.

This transcript has been lightly edited for the page: timestamps, stray words lost in transcription, and the natural repetition of extemporaneous preaching have been trimmed for readability. A number of scripture references and names that were clearly garbled in the original transcription — book titles, verse numbers, biblical names — have been quietly corrected against the passages actually being quoted. The preacher’s own words, structure, and emphasis have been left fully intact.

Subheadings have been added throughout to make the message's careful three-part structure easy to follow and revisit.

We present it as it was preached: thorough, biblically anchored, and aimed at raising up believers who do not merely admire the gifts of the Spirit from a distance, but earnestly desire and receive them.

— ***Wisdom Epsi***

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Main Message

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Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, we bless You, honor You, adore You, and worship You. You're the God of all power, the God of all grace, the God of all possibilities. You can change, You can transform anyone — any man, any woman. And we're asking that You take hold of everyone, each one tonight, here, there, everywhere — and that You make of everyone what You can make of Your people, in Jesus's name.

You can use anything: the jawbone of an ass, the rod of a shepherd, the salt poured into the source of water in Jericho. You can use anything, and since You can use anything — use us, Lord. Use every brother, use every sister, and pour Your Spirit, with Your gifts, on the lives of everyone. Lord, help us; make us do things beyond our natural power. I thank You, because we know You have answered — we'll see the result, the manifestation, the divine demonstration, in every life. Thank You, Lord, in Jesus's name we pray.

Introduction

In 1 Corinthians 12, we're looking at verse 7: "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit thereby." The apostle is looking at the whole church, and as he looks at the whole church, he doesn't concentrate only on the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors, or the teachers. He sees everyone — because when the Spirit comes upon any man or woman, he or she becomes another person.

"Every man" — the one who presents himself to the Lord. That manifestation, that demonstration, that operation of the Spirit — the power, the insight, the revelation by the Spirit — is given to every man, every believer, to profit.

Verse 8: "For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit" — the same Holy Ghost. The same Holy Spirit gives to everyone who desires, who consecrates, who surrenders himself or herself to be used of God: first, a word of wisdom; second, a word of knowledge — by the same Spirit. The same Spirit that poured His power on those worthies of old — the same Spirit that demonstrated the operations of the Holy Ghost then, by that same Spirit, until the end of the world, grants the word of wisdom, and the word of knowledge.

Look at verse 9: “To another faith, by the same Spirit.” The same Spirit that granted Paul, Peter, and all those who manifested dynamic, life-changing, mountain-moving, world-transforming faith — that same Spirit that gave it to them also gives it to us today. Then it says, “to another the gifts of healing” — underline this — by the same Spirit; not by human constitution, not by divine selection, but to those who desire, to those who want it, to those who will give their lives, everything they’ve got and everything they will have. He grants the gifts — plural — of healing, by the same Spirit.

Look at verse 10: “To another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another diverse kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues.” Nine gifts, in particular, spelled out and highlighted:

1. The gift of the word of wisdom.
2. The gift of the word of knowledge.
3. The gift of faith.
4. The gifts of healing.
5. The gift of the working of miracles.
6. The gift of the discerning of spirits.
7. The gift of prophecy.
8. The gift of diverse kinds of tongues and languages.
9. The gift of the interpretation of those diverse tongues.

Verse 11: “But all these worketh” — worked in the past and is still working today — “that one and the self-same Spirit.” The Holy Ghost has not changed — just as God the Father has not changed, just as Jesus has not changed, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the Holy Ghost too: what He did then, He is still doing today. He

has not changed. “That one and self-same Spirit, dividing to every man” — every person, every believer, every real Christian — “severally as He will.”

Tonight we’re talking about the gifts, in plural, of the Holy Ghost for earnest saints in Christ. “Repent, and be baptized in the name of Jesus for the remission of your sins, and you shall receive the gift” — singular — “of the Holy Ghost.” That baptism in the Holy Ghost is the gateway into the gifts of the Spirit. That is the door opened for you to get into the possession, the manifestation, the demonstration, the operation of the gifts — the gifts of the Holy Ghost for earnest saints in Christ.

CHAPTER ONE

Who Are the Earnest Saints?

God does not give the gifts of the Holy Ghost to sinners, to do the devil's work. God does not give the gifts of the Holy Ghost to sinners, to do self-centered work. The man is saved. The woman is saved, and is now a real child of God — saved, sanctified, Spirit-filled. And he is now earnest. He is desirous. He is passionate. He is prayerful. He is important — and by “import,” I mean he prays, he desires, he asks with faith that he will receive.

Those earnest saints in Christ — the Lord gives them an answer to prayer, an answer to their desire. Whatever you desire, when you pray, your prayer must come out of earnest desire. Whatsoever you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive, and you shall find them, have them, possess them.

The gifts of the Holy Ghost for earnest saints in Christ — we're looking at three things here. Actually, the nine gifts are divided into three classifications, three by three: three times three makes nine.

Number one: Purified saints praying for the discerning gifts of the Spirit – the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, the discerning of spirits.

Number two: Passionate saints pursuing the dynamic gifts of the Spirit – the gift of faith, the gifts of healing, and the gift of the working of miracles.

Number three: Perceptive saints possessing the declarative gifts of the Spirit – prophecy, diverse kinds of tongues, and the interpretation of tongues.

CHAPTER TWO

Purified Saints and the Discerning Gifts

Purified saints — holy saints, honest saints, saintly believers — praying for the discerning gifts of the Spirit. Look again at 1 Corinthians 12:7: “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man” — that’s you now — “to profit withal.” Verse 8: “For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge, by the same Spirit.” And verse 10: “To another the working of miracles, and to another prophecy... and to another discerning of spirits, and to another diverse kinds of tongues, and to another interpretation of tongues.”

There are three things here:

1. The profound gift of the word of wisdom.
2. The perceptive gift of the word of knowledge.
3. The penetrating gift of the discerning of spirits.

Let’s look at them one by one.

The Word of Wisdom

1 Corinthians 12:8: “But to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom.” We see this manifested in the life and ministry of Christ. Matthew 22, reading from verse 16: “And they sent out unto Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master...” They came to tempt the Master, the Teacher, the Rabbi — to get words out of His mouth so they could put Him down and destroy His ministry. “Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men.”

Verse 17: “Tell us, therefore, what thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?” Such a question was meant to attract either a “yes” or a “no.” “We’re Israelites — the children of Abraham were free, and were not in bondage to any man. Caesar is not a Jew, not an Israelite — tell us now: should the children of the kingdom” (which is what they thought they were) “pay tax to a stranger?” Now He needed wisdom, or the ministry would be put to shame. If He said “yes, pay the tribute,” they would say, “You see — He wants us to bend and bow and submit to Caesar; He’s not the Christ, not the Son of God.” If He said “no,” they would run to the government and say, “Have you heard this man makes himself a king, and does not accept Caesar as ruler?” Either way, they thought they had Him in their net.

But look at the word of wisdom — verse 18: “But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye Me, ye hypocrites?” — He had the discerning of spirits too. They looked good; they stood upright; their faces were attractive and inviting. They had already prefaced their trap: “We know You, You are the Master; You are the truth-teller; You say nothing but the truth, and preach the way of God in truth.” It looked nice — but He had the gift of discerning of spirits.

Now the word of wisdom – verse 19: “Shew Me the tribute money. And they brought unto Him a penny.” Verse 20: “And He saith unto them, Whose is this image and inscription?” Verse 21: “They say unto Him, Caesar’s. Then saith He unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar’s, and unto God the things that are God’s.” Your heart belongs to God – render that to God. Your destiny is in the hand of God – recognize that. The word of God that lifts you up, breaks you, changes you, and turns your path to the path of righteousness – that’s what God demands. Render to God what belongs to God; as for tax, render unto Caesar the things that belong to Caesar. That was the word of wisdom.

Many times, you can be asked a question by people just to draw words out of your mouth. Sometimes the word of wisdom is a word of silence – just staying quiet. It’s a question they expect you must answer, that they think you will answer – and the word of silence may itself be the word of wisdom: a word that comes from His Spirit, not from your agitated spirit, not from your provoked spirit. No – a provoked spirit will not bring forth a word of wisdom. It comes from the Spirit of God.

Look at Luke 21:15: “For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay or resist.” That’s why we’re praying, as children of God: give me such a mouth. My natural mouth, my natural tongue, my natural lips, can only speak out of my human spirit. Grant me the gift of the Holy Spirit, beyond the human spirit – grant me the word that comes from the perceptive Spirit of God, rather than from the provoked spirit of man. We need – you need, I need – the gift of the word of wisdom.

CHAPTER THREE

The Word of Knowledge

1 Corinthians 12:8-9: “To one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom... to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit.” Just as God the Almighty, the Father, the God of all possibilities, and Jesus, the Son of God, our Savior, is the Savior from all iniquity and all sin — the Holy Ghost is also the giver of all gifts. He gives the gift of the word of wisdom; He gives the gift of the word of knowledge — the same Spirit.

And He doesn't allow us, if we give ourselves to Him, to always be speaking the word of suspicion. You know the word of suspicion — you see a man, or a woman, somehow, and you say, “I must speak.” Hold on — what word are you speaking? The word of suspicion. You say it in such a way: “I know this is his mind. I know this is what he's thinking. I've been with him a long time; I know what he has in mind” — and that is only your own word of suspicion. But when you yield yourself to the Holy Ghost, it brings the word of the Spirit instead.

Acts 5, look at verse 1: “But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession.” Verse 2: “And kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet.” Verse 3: Peter said, “Ananias” — when you have the gift of the Spirit, and you know this, the word of knowledge by the Spirit doesn't make you look down as if doubting, doesn't make

you look here and there, doesn't show timidity or a fear of man. You go straight, look them in the face, and call their name. "Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?"

Verse 4: "Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? And after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? Why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God." The man thought he was lying to Peter, a human being — no, he was lying to the Holy Ghost, and the Holy Ghost residing in Peter gave him the word of knowledge: "Is this the whole price?" "Yes, sir." How could he bring something partial, something not complete, and call it everything? He was lying, and it didn't show on his face — but the Holy Ghost revealed it. The early church would have been filled with hypocrites, were it not for the gift of the word of knowledge.

Verse 5: "And Ananias, hearing these words, fell down and gave up the ghost; and great fear came on all them that heard these things." Verse 6: "And the young men arose, wound him up, and carried him out, and buried him." Verse 7: "And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in." Verse 8: Peter answered her, "Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much." And she said, "Yes, for so much." She counted agreement in deception with her husband above her own eternal destiny.

There are people like that on earth — people like that in the church. They count agreement with their friends: "If they call us about this or that, this is what to say. If they call me first, this is what I will say; if they call you next, this is what you will say." So Peter asked the wife, "Tell me now, whether you sold the land for so much," and she said, "Yes, for so much." Verse 9: Peter said unto her, "How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord?"

This second person saying the same thing as the first did not confuse Peter. Seven liars may line up and say the same thing — the lies, the deception, the deliberate plan to derail and subdue the truth, will not deceive a believer who has the gift of the word of knowledge.

We see the same gift in the life of Elisha. Gehazi had gone out and told a lie to Naaman — “My master has just received some visitors, and now he needs a change of clothes, he needs this” — and Naaman gave it to him. He came back, hid it, and reported for duty, standing as he always stood, looking as though he were ready for the next instruction. Elisha said, “Gehazi, where have you been?” “Thy servant went nowhere.” And Elisha said, “Did not my heart go with you, when you went to Naaman and got this and that?” That was the word of knowledge.

And in Acts 5:9, Peter said to Sapphira, “How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? Behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and shall carry thee out also.” The gift of the word of knowledge.

The Discerning of Spirits

The third of the discerning gifts is the penetrating gift of the discerning of spirits — a gift that penetrates into every situation, into the kind of spirit moving or agitating a man, the kind of spirit speaking through a woman, so that you know the spirit behind words that may appear entirely believable. When you have the gift of the discerning of spirits, good words, nice words, will not deceive you.

We’re looking at 1 Corinthians 12:10: “To another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits.” If you don’t have that discernment, you can be drawn into all sorts of occult chases.

Acts 16, reading from verse 16: “And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying.” Verse 17: “The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation” — good words, but not from the Holy Ghost. Pleasant words, but not according to Scripture; great words, that a stranger who did not know Paul and Silas would say, “These are the men of the Most High God, showing us the way of salvation.”

Verse 18: “And this did she many days.” Paul, being grieved — the good words did not bring peace to his mind. A good introduction, “great men of God showing us the way of salvation,” did not bring confirmation to his heart. It was greed behind it — the spirit was profiting off her fortune-telling, and she was saying exactly what every apostle, every preacher, would want to hear. But “Paul, being grieved, turned, and said to the spirit” — not to the woman, to the spirit. He didn’t fight with the woman, disgrace her, or disrespect her — she was merely enslaved by an evil spirit of divination. When you have the discerning of spirits, you know who or what is speaking through a person, and you speak to the source of that evil: “I command thee, in the name of Jesus Christ, to come out of her.” And he — notice, “he,” though living inside the damsel, a male spirit manifesting through a woman’s voice, bold, courageous, powerful in its manner — that spirit came out that same hour.

We see the same principle in Revelation 16, reading from verse 13: “And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet” — that’s the gift of the discerning of spirits at work. Verse 14: “For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles.” Working miracles! If you don’t have the discerning of spirits, you’ll see a man working miracles and be swept along — “I don’t want to speak against a man of

God; look at all these miracles, look at the healings, look at the deliverances.” You need the discerning of spirits to recognize: those are the spirits of devils, working miracles.

They live in adultery and are working miracles. They live in covetousness and are working miracles. They live in false doctrine and are working miracles. They live in deception — family deception, deceiving their own households; church deception, deceiving the church; doctrinal deception, deceiving people about the truth; and the deception of false visions — “I saw this, I saw that.” Because of that deception and the working of miracles, someone will still say, “I respect every man of God” — and yes, every man of God who is not a worker of iniquity should be respected. But Scripture says these spirits go forth to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, and gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

CHAPTER FOUR

Passionate Saints and the Dynamic Gifts

We come now to point number two: passionate saints pursuing the dynamic gifts of the Spirit. What makes them passionate? They have heard the promise of Jesus: “He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also, and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto My Father” — and they say, “I want that promise, that prophecy, fulfilled in me.”

The passionate saints, the passionate seekers, have studied intimately these words: “These signs shall follow them that believe... they shall cast out devils.” It doesn’t say the signs shall follow the great apostles or the great evangelists — it says these signs shall follow *them that believe* in His name. “I present myself as a candidate” — that’s why they’re passionate.

Look at 1 Corinthians 12:7: “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man” — every person, every believer — “to profit withal.” Verse 9: “To another faith by the same Spirit” — that’s dynamic faith, like the faith Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego had, which made them stand before Nebuchadnezzar; a dynamic, living faith, like Daniel’s, which made him go into the lions’ den and come out unharmed. “To

another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit.”

Verse 10: “To another the working of miracles” — dynamic gifts of the Spirit.

You desire, you determine, you ask, you perceive, and you are passionate about it. I give you three things:

1. The possibilities of the gift of faith.
2. The performance through the gift of healing.
3. The power through the gift of the working of miracles.

The Possibilities of the Gift of Faith

Mark 11:20 — “And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.” The day before, the Lord had looked at that leafy but fruitless tree, expecting to find fruit, but there was none. Jesus simply spoke: “Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward forever.” The tree still looked green — it appeared nothing had happened. But the following day, as they passed by, the word of Jesus, the word of faith, had been carried out to the letter — it was dried up.

Verse 21: “And Peter, calling to remembrance, saith unto Him, Master, behold, the fig tree which Thou cursedst is withered away.” That’s why Jesus went on to speak about faith — dynamic faith, miracle-working faith, prayer-answering faith, solution-giving faith — as one of the dynamic gifts. Verse 22: “And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.” Verse 23: “For verily I say unto you...” — this is for “whosoever.” Not for one chosen, selected man; not for a few special, peculiar people — for every believer, every man believing, every woman believing. If this is for whosoever, this is for you — that’s why you’re passionate about it.

“For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.” Verse 24: “Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”

You — where is the “you”? The Lord confirm it to your life, in Jesus’s name. But you must stop thinking the way you used to think: “I am not this, I am not that.” You are who God has made you. You will do what God has said you will do. You will achieve what God said you will achieve. Look away from the past — “I am weak.” No, you are not weak; we are not talking about human strength, we’re talking about the strength and power of the Spirit of God. Let the weak say, believingly, “I am strong,” in Jesus’s name. The weaknesses of the past — close that door; they are not coming back, in Jesus’s name.

The Performance Through the Gift of Healing

1 Corinthians 12, reading from verse 7: “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given” — if it is given, I must receive; when I receive, I must confirm I have received. It is given to every believer to profit — whether the gift of God in your life will bring profit to you, to your family, to the church, to your neighbors, to your community. Verse 9: “To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit.”

Look at Luke 10, reading from verse 9. These were not apostles — these were the seventy believing disciples that Jesus sent out two by two. “Heal the sick.” What we need to understand is that the commandment came with the empowerment. When God says, “Do this,” that’s a command — and a commandment comes with

empowerment, ability, authority. If He commands, “Go, carry that chair, take it to another place,” He knows you can do it, because the commandment carries with it the charisma, the power to do it. That’s what He told them: “Heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.”

Verse 17: “And the seventy returned again with joy” — the joy of the manifestation of the gift of the Spirit, the joy of achieving what the Lord sent them to do, the joy of no failure in prayer. They went with authority, with assurance — “He said so; because He said it to me, I can, I will, I must.” “The seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name.” They hadn’t even expected to conquer disease, and now they had even conquered devils.

Verse 18: “And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven” — at your word, by the name of Jesus, it will be done. Verse 19: “Behold, I give unto you power...” He has not given us weakness — if you say, “I am weak,” who gave you that? He has not given you fear — if you confess fear, who gave that to you? He has not given us anxiety, worry, threatening — if you have that, where did you get it? He has not given us doubt or unbelief — if you have that, where did you get that? What He gives is what we should proclaim, what we confess. “Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”

Say it now: nothing shall by any means hurt me. Nothing from the devil, nothing from demons, nothing from disease, nothing from the powers of this world shall hurt you. By night He will protect and preserve you; by day He will preserve your life. You will not die before your time — only when you can say, “I have finished my course, I have run the race,” and there is prepared for you the crown of glory. Receive that, in Jesus’s name.

Acts 5, reading from verse 14: “And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.” Verse 15: “Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.” Verse 16: “There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.”

Every one — and they were healed. Tell me now, when you pray, must only one person out of ten be healed? I say, when you pray with your new understanding, your new faith, your new perception, the new manifestation of the gift of the Spirit in your life — when ten sick people are brought before you and you pray, can it be one out of ten? Ten out of ten! You get it — it will happen. They were all healed, every one.

Acts 14:7 — and there he preached the gospel, planting the seed of the Word in the hearts of the people who listened. Verse 8: “And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother’s womb, who never had walked.” Verse 9: “The same heard Paul speak: who steadfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed.” Verse 10: Paul “said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.” Paul the apostle is gone — you are the next person on the line.

The Power Through the Gift of Working Miracles

1 Corinthians 12:7: “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given” — you pray, He answers; you ask, He gives; you seek, you find; you knock, and the door into the gifts of the Spirit opens to you. “The manifestation of the Spirit is given to every

man to profit withal.” Verse 10: “To another the working of miracles” — we’re talking now of the gift of the working of miracles.

Acts 19, reading from verse 11: “And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul” — special, specific, supernatural miracles. Verse 12: “So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.” The working of miracles.

Elisha had gone with some of the sons of the prophets to the riverside. They wanted to cut down wood and build a wider place, and as they were cutting the trees, the axe head fell into the water. That son of the prophet said, “Alas, my master! For it was borrowed.” And Elisha said, “Where did it fall?” And he cast a stick in, and the iron axe head came up and floated. That’s a miracle — the working of miracles.

“Did we not cast three men into the furnace of fire?” “Yes, O king.” “But I see four men.” Those who threw Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego into the fire were themselves burned up by the flame and died — but these three, inside the furnace, were loosed, walking freely in the fire, four of them, and the fourth “like the Son of God” in appearance. And Nebuchadnezzar said, “Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the living God, come out” — and they came out with no sign of fire, flame, or smoke on them. The working of miracles.

“Daniel, is your God, whom you serve continually, able to deliver you from the mouth of the lions?” And Daniel replied, “O king, live forever” — as was the custom — “my God has sent His angel and has stopped the mouths of the lions, so they could not hurt me.” He came out, totally free from the bite of any lion.

And when the people were about to die of thirst, God said, “Moses, take the rod in your hand — see that dry rock, with no water in it? Strike that rock.” And when he

did, water came out to refresh them, to quench the thirst of millions of people. The working of miracles.

Christ walking on the water — and the disciples in the boat were frightened, and Jesus said, “Be not afraid, it is I.” Peter said, “Lord, if it is You, my Savior, my Lord, bid me come to You on the water.” “Come.” He stepped out of the boat and walked on the water. The working of miracles. And I pray any miracle your life demands, that your situation demands, the Lord will do it, in Jesus’s name.

CHAPTER FIVE

Perceptive Saints and the Declarative Gifts

Point number three: perceptive saints possessing the declarative gifts of the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12, reading from verse 7: “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given” — when you have the Spirit, you cannot just be a quiet, silent, insensitive, idle person. There will be manifestation, and a manifestation that is profitable — your ministry will be profitable, your prayer life will be profitable, in Jesus’s name.

Look at verse 10: “To another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another diverse kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues.” Verse 11: “But all these worketh that one and the self-same Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will.”

Three things here:

1. The perception of the gift of prophecy.
2. The purposefulness of the gift of diverse kinds of tongues.
3. The proper use of the gift of interpretation of tongues.

The Perception of the Gift of Prophecy

Perception — that you're not walking around as a blind person, an ignorant person, someone who has no idea what tomorrow holds. You have the perception of the gift of prophecy.

2 Peter 1:19: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place." The world is in darkness — many people don't know what will happen, and that's why they carry so much anxiety, watching the news, local or global. But we have a more sure word of prophecy, as a light shining in a dark place, "until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts."

Verse 20: "Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation." Verse 21: For a true prophecy is not something you reason out for yourself; it isn't looking at current events and making a probable calculation — "this has happened, that has happened, this is happening, so by this pattern, that will happen next." That kind of forecasting comes only from within a man. But real prophecy comes from the Spirit of God: "For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man" — not by man's calculation, projection, or probable possibilities — "but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." That's how true prophecy still comes today.

Revelation 19:10 — look at the last part of that verse: "For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy." He received it from the Father and sent it to us. Worship God — the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. You are tied to Jesus; you are in His image; you are Christlike, and you live the life of Jesus; you value, cherish, and honor the word of Jesus above your own thinking, above your own calculations — and the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

The Purposefulness of Diverse Kinds of Tongues

1 Corinthians 12:10: “To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another diverse kinds of tongues” — “diverse kinds” already tells you it is not one phrase in another tongue that you simply repeat every time. Diverse, different kinds of languages — not just one word you’ve stored in memory and repeat, the same one sentence you’ve been speaking for many years.

Pray that God will give you — not the one you’ve been speaking for years — but that when you open your mouth, God will fill it fresh. And if that old, familiar phrase tries to come forth again, shut it down; just open your mouth, and let the different kinds of tongues come, in Jesus’s name.

And those tongues have a purpose. 1 Corinthians 14:2: “For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God” — that is the purposefulness of diverse tongues: speaking unto God. “For no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.” Verse 4: “He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself.” You may not understand it, if you don’t have the accompanying gift of interpretation — but you are speaking mysteries to God, and you are edified by it. But he that prophesies edifies the church.

The Proper Use of the Gift of Interpretation of Tongues

The early church had this gift, and the Spirit of God has not changed — it's still the same today. If you desire it, if you ask, if you seek, if you knock, if you pray with importunity, He will give you all the desires of your heart, in Jesus's name.

1 Corinthians 12:10: "To another the working of miracles... to another prophecy... to another discerning of spirits... to another diverse kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues." Interpretation.

Think of Nebuchadnezzar's forgotten dream — it felt like another language entirely; how could anyone understand it? None of the magicians or sorcerers could interpret it, and he was so frustrated, because he knew the dream meant something, yet nobody could interpret it. He said, "Kill all of them — what good are the wise men of the land if I need this important interpretation and cannot get it?" And Daniel said, "Tell him not to kill anyone — the dream you have forgotten, we will remind you of it, and we will give you the interpretation." That's Daniel chapter 2.

In Daniel chapter 4, Nebuchadnezzar had another dream — a great and meaningful dream — and again called all the astrologers, magicians, and wise men. They were as perplexed and confused as he was. Again Daniel came in and gave the interpretation — a gift that Daniel had.

Then there was the writing on the wall — not even in the language of Babylon; nobody could read it. The educated could not read it, the refined could not read it, the high social class could not interpret it — and the king's knees were literally knocking together in fear. Then the queen came to him and said, "Don't be worried

— the interpreter is still alive; he has the Spirit of God, and he will give you the reading of the writing and the interpretation.” So Daniel was brought in, and the king began offering him rewards. Daniel said, “Keep what you want to give — my integrity is not for sale, my ministry is not for sale, my calling is not for sale. But I will read the writing to you, and I will give you the interpretation.” Daniel had the gift of interpretation. He read it, gave the meaning — and that same night, the interpretation was carried out, exactly as Daniel had said. It was not supposition, not something thought up from the heart — it was the gift of God.

And God Himself will give you all the gifts you need, in Jesus’s name. You will not walk through this life blind, deaf, dumb, insensitive, or ignorant — the Lord will fill your life with the gifts of the Spirit, in Jesus’s name.

Closing Ministration

It's for everyone. Sisters, where are you? Raise your hand — the gift will meet you there. Sons of the kingdom, brothers, men of God, people of God, where are you? The Lord bless your life. The Lord fill your life with the same good gifts you've seen in the lives of others — may the Lord pour it upon your life abundantly.

Stand to your feet — let the Spirit be abundantly manifested in your life, in Jesus's name: the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, the discerning of spirits, dynamic faith, the gift of healing, the gift of the working of miracles. Lord, clear every form of darkness out of the way, and bring the bright, shining light by the gifts of the Spirit into all our lives, in Jesus's name.

Open your mouth. Ask, and you receive. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened unto you. He is God — He changes not. What He has done for others, He will do in your life. What He has impacted others with, He will impact your life with too. Believe — everything you ask is yours.



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