

MANIFESTATION GIFTS - PART 1

WISDOM, KNOWLEDGE, & FAITH

Manifestation Gifts: | 1 Corinthians 12:7-9a

7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of **wisdom**, to another a message of **knowledge** by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another **faith** by the same Spirit...

GIFT DESCRIPTIONS

Wisdom

The gift of wisdom is the divine strength or ability to apply the truths of Scripture in a practical way, producing the fruitful outcome and character of Jesus Christ.

Knowledge

The gift of knowledge is the divine strength or ability to understand and to bring clarity to situations and circumstances often accompanied by a word from God.

Faith

The gift of faith is the divine strength or ability to believe in God for unseen supernatural results in every arena of life.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

There is a difference between growing daily in godly wisdom, knowledge, and faith...and the *Spiritual Gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and faith*.

For examples of the gifts in action, read the following stories:

Gift of Wisdom: 1 Kings 3:16-28

Gift of Knowledge: John 4:16-18

Gift of Faith: 1 Kings 18

LET'S OBSERVE THE TEXT...

Gift of Wisdom - Read the following: Acts 6:3-10 and 1 Corinthians 2:6-13

Observe *Wisdom* in Acts 6:3-10 and 1 Corinthians 2:6-13

- The apostles chose men “full of the Spirit and wisdom” to solve a community conflict with fairness and unity.
- Stephen demonstrated spiritual wisdom far beyond natural reasoning, speaking with divine clarity and authority, so Spirit-empowered that his opponents “could not stand up against” it.
- This wisdom guided leadership decisions and brought peace where division was forming.
- Spirit given wisdom carries supernatural discernment that unites people and advances God’s purpose.
- Paul contrasts human wisdom with wisdom revealed by the Holy Spirit. Not intellect, ideology or philosophy.
- The Spirit reveals the “deep things of God,” showing that divine insight cannot be taught by human reasoning. The gift operates through revelation and spiritual understanding, not worldly cleverness.
- **What are you observing in these bible passages regarding the *Gift of Wisdom* in action?**



CONCORDANCE



Wisdom (sophia)

Strong's G4678

Found in 1 Corinthians 12:8



Knowledge (gnósis)

Strong's G1108

Found in 1 Corinthians 12:8



Faith (pistis)

Strong's G4102

Found in 1 Corinthians 12:9

Gift of Knowledge - Read the following: Acts 5:1-11 and Colossians 2:2-3

Observe *Knowledge* in Acts 5:1-11 and Colossians 2:2-3

- Peter knew supernaturally that Ananias and Sapphira lied about their offering without anyone telling him. The Holy Spirit revealed hidden truth to expose deception within the church.
- The knowledge protected the purity of the early believers and brought reverence for God’s holiness. This was not learned or observed, it was directly revealed knowledge from the Spirit.
- Paul teaches the gift of knowledge flows from intimacy with Christ, not mere study or information. This knowledge uncovers spiritual truth that brings encouragement, unity, and understanding of God’s mysteries.
- It emphasizes revelation that deepens faith and relationship, not just awareness of facts.
- **What are you observing in these bible passages regarding the *Gift of Knowledge* in action?**

Gift of Faith - Read the following: Acts 11:22-24, Romans 4:18-21, and Hebrews 11

Observe *Faith* in Acts 11:22-24, Romans 4:18-21, and Hebrews 11

- Barnabas, “a good man full of the Holy Spirit and faith,” strengthened new believers in Antioch. His faith produced visible growth of fruit, encouragement, and expansion of the church.
- The gift brought confidence and spiritual courage to others, not just personal belief. As well as a contagious faith that stirred others to trust God more deeply.
- Abraham’s faith remained strong despite impossible circumstances, believing God’s promise beyond physical evidence, giving glory to God. A supernatural endurance that keeps believing until God’s promise is fulfilled.
- The *gift of faith* enables unshakable confidence in God’s word when logic says otherwise.
- The “Hall of Faith chapter” shows faith as active trust that results in bold action.
- Every example demonstrates obedience rooted in confidence that God would keep His word.
- This faith often goes against fear, logic, and human limitation.
- The gift of faith empowers believers to accomplish the impossible through divine assurance.
- **What are you observing in these bible passages regarding the *Gift of Faith* in action?**



LET'S INTERPRET...

- What do you believe all of these verses mean?
- What is God speaking to you personally through this study?
- Read a trusted commentary and compare to your interpretation.



LET'S READ THE AFTER-SUMMARY TOGETHER

The manifestation gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and faith described in 1 Corinthians 12:7-9 are among the most powerful ways the Holy Spirit moves through believers for the good of others. Each gift reveals something about how God chooses to partner with His people. These are not natural abilities or personality traits, but spiritual endowments that demonstrate God's presence in real time. When Paul said that these gifts are given "for the common good," he reminded us that spiritual gifts aren't about status or skill, but service. They are meant to bless others, build up the church, and reveal Jesus through our words and actions.

The gift of wisdom, as seen in Acts 6:3-10 and 1 Corinthians 2:6-13, is more than clever thinking or problem solving. It is divine insight that cuts through confusion and offers solutions that reflect the heart of God. Stephen, full of the Spirit and wisdom, didn't rely on his own understanding to defend the gospel. His wisdom was Spirit-powered, and it brought unity where conflict threatened to divide. Paul also described this wisdom as something revealed by the Spirit, not by human reasoning. It's the kind of wisdom that recognizes truth in tension, peace in pressure, and God's purpose in the middle of human problems.

The gift of knowledge, illustrated in Acts 5:1-11 and Colossians 2:2-3, operates as supernatural awareness. When Peter confronted Ananias and Sapphira, he knew something that no one had told him. The Holy Spirit revealed hidden motives, not to embarrass, but to protect the holiness of the church. Paul later explained that true knowledge flows from intimacy with Christ, not from books or logic. This gift uncovers what is unseen so that truth can set people free. It is divine revelation that brings clarity to confusion and restores trust where deceit once lived.

The gift of faith, revealed in Acts 11:22-24, Romans 4:18-21, and Hebrews 11, is not simply strong belief or optimism. It's an unshakable trust in God that endures beyond reason. Barnabas displayed this when he inspired new believers in Antioch to stay strong in the Lord. Abraham lived it when he believed God's promise despite being too old to see how it could happen. The heroes of Hebrews 11 lived by this kind of faith, acting on God's word even when the outcome was unseen. This gift strengthens the church by inspiring courage, hope, and endurance when circumstances look impossible.

While every believer is called to grow in wisdom, knowledge, and faith through daily relationship with God, these manifestation gifts are different. They come as moments of divine empowerment, where the Spirit steps in to do what natural ability cannot. When these gifts operate, people see evidence of God's active presence. They turn hearts toward Him and strengthen the church's witness in the world. The beauty of these gifts is that they remind us we are never left to serve God in our own strength...the Spirit is with us, speaking, guiding, and empowering for the good of all.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Applying 1 Corinthians 12:7-9

- How can you recognize when the Holy Spirit is working through you to benefit others rather than just relying on your own natural abilities?

Applying Acts 6:3-10

- When facing conflict or hard decisions, how can you invite the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom that brings peace and unity instead of division?

Applying 1 Corinthians 2:6-13

- What does it look like in your life to rely on spiritual wisdom from God rather than human reasoning or popular opinion?

Applying Acts 5:1-11

- How can you stay sensitive to the Holy Spirit's voice when truth needs to be spoken, even when it may be uncomfortable or confrontational?

Applying Colossians 2:2-3

- In what ways can growing closer to Christ help you gain deeper spiritual understanding instead of just collecting information about God?

Applying Acts 11:22-24

- How can your faith encourage and strengthen others in their walk with God, especially when they are feeling unsure or weak?

Applying Romans 4:18-21

- What is one area of your life right now where you need to trust God's promise even when you can't see how it will happen?

Applying Hebrews 11

- Which story of faith in this chapter inspires you most, and how can you apply that kind of active trust in your daily life?

CLOSING PRAYER

Holy Spirit, thank You for revealing Your gifts to us and reminding us that they are given for the good of others. We ask that You open our hearts to recognize when You are speaking and moving through us. Teach us to walk in wisdom that brings peace, knowledge that reveals truth, and faith that stands firm no matter the situation. Help us to be humble vessels, willing to listen, obey, and love in the way Jesus did. Let Your presence guide our thoughts, our words, and our decisions so that everything we do points back to You.

Lord, we pray that You would awaken these gifts in our lives, not for attention or recognition, but to strengthen Your church and reach those who don't yet know You. Fill us with courage to step out when You lead and grace to stay patient when You are teaching us. May our lives overflow with the fruit of Your Spirit, showing the world that Your wisdom is real, Your truth is alive, and Your power still works through ordinary people who trust in You. We ask this in Jesus' name, amen.



WHAT'S AHEAD...

Next Session

Manifestation Gifts - Part 2

Homework

Read Romans 12