

Lesson 5

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

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VIDEO OUTLINE

Note: All scriptures used in this lesson are quoted from the *New King James Version*.

- I. The church was birthed in the supernatural power of God. So, where are the gifts today?

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

1 Corinthians 12:1

- A. Jesus gave a commission to the church to be a supernatural church.

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Mark 16:15

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Matthew 28:18-20

- B. Whatever Jesus did and was sent to do, He sent you and I to do. We're supposed to be doing what Jesus did.

So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you."

John 20:21

- C. We're supernatural people who need to be operating in the gifts that Paul listed in 1 Corinthians 12.

- D. I don't know a single principle of spiritual life that the church is more ignorant about than the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Here am I and the children whom the Lord has given me! We are for signs and wonders in Israel From the Lord of hosts, Who dwells in Mount Zion.

Isaiah 8:18

- II. Jesus—our Lord, our master, our model, the One who we follow, and the One by whom we model everything—operated in the gifts of the spirit frequently in His ministry.

- A. When Jesus healed the ten lepers, He used the gifts of the Spirit: a Word of Wisdom. So, you had a Word of Wisdom and the Gifts of Healings operating together.

Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. Then as He entered a certain village, there met Him ten men who were lepers, who stood afar off. And they lifted up their voices and said, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" So when He saw them, He said to them, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And so it was that as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine? Were there not any found who returned to give glory to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well."

Luke 17:11-19

- B. When Jesus healed the blind man, He spit on clay and put it on the man's eyes. Then He told him to go wash in the pool of Siloam and the man came back seeing. Jesus didn't preach, but He had a Word of Wisdom. Now, did that man need the Word of God? Absolutely, he needed the Word of God, and so does every person on the face of the earth.

When He had said these things, He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva; and He anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay. And He said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which is translated, Sent). So he went and washed, and came back seeing.

John 9:6-7

- C. When Jesus turned the water into wine at the wedding at Cana, again it was a Word of Wisdom. He didn't preach the Gospel to them at that time.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Now both Jesus and His disciples were invited to the wedding. And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Whatever He says to you, do it." Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of purification of the Jews, containing twenty or thirty gallons apiece. Jesus said to them, "Fill the waterpots with water." And they filled them up to the brim. And He said to them, "Draw some out now, and take it to the master of the feast." And they took it. When the master of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom. And he said to him, "Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!"

John 2:1-10

- D. To the woman at the well, Jesus spoke another Word of Knowledge, and it awakened her. She went to the whole city and preached, and they all came to hear Jesus minister the Word of God. They believed because of the woman's word, and she believed because Jesus operated in the gifts (John 4:3-42).
- E. Jesus also demonstrated the Word in power by the gifts of the Spirit.
- F. If you believe that you will do the works that Jesus did, you can't exempt yourself from the gifts of the Spirit. We can operate in these same gifts; we have the same Word, the same Spirit, the same power, and the same authority. Jesus is still confirming His Word, with signs following, through us.

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

John 14:12

- III. How can you begin to operate in the gifts?

- A. You must believe the gifts are for each of us today.

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

1 Corinthians 12:7

B. We have all these gifts, but we should only use them for the purpose of edification.

How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

1 Corinthians 14:26

C. You have to become familiar with these gifts. If you don't know what they are, read books on the gifts of the Spirit, read the book of Acts, read the Gospels, and then attend a church that believes in and models the gifts.

IV. There are three different groups of gifts. There are three revelation gifts: the Word of Wisdom, the Word of Knowledge, and the Discerning of Spirits. Then there are three power gifts: the Gift of Faith, Gifts of Healings, and the Working of Miracles. Then there are three vocal gifts: Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues, and Prophecy.

A. The Word of Wisdom is a word of revelation in the mind of God about what's going to take place in the future or how to resolve a difficult situation.

1. Biblical examples: God told Elijah go to King Ahab and tell him it would not rain, except at his word, for three years (1 Kgs. 17:1). An angel told Paul that he was going to be brought before Caesar, and all the men on the ship were going to be saved (Acts 27:24-25).

B. The Word of Knowledge is supernatural revelation by the Holy Spirit of certain facts in the mind of God relating to the past or present.

1. It's a Word of Knowledge; it's not a book. The purpose is to help people receive an understanding of God's love for them and to bring them peace, freedom, and healing.

2. Biblical examples: Samuel met Saul, or future King Saul, and he said, "*The donkeys which you went to look for have been found*" (1 Sam. 10:2). Jesus told the woman at the well that she had had five husbands (John 4:17-18).

3. The Word of Knowledge and Gifts of Healings work together. Many times, God will give a Word of Knowledge that someone's in faith, they're believing, and that disease or malady that's in their body is being healed.

- C. The Discerning of Spirits is a supernatural ability to see into the spirit realm and recognize which spirits are operating and exercising their influence in people's lives.
1. Biblical examples: Elisha prayed for his servant when he said, "I pray that you open his eyes that he might see." The Lord opened his eyes, and he saw that the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire (2 Kgs. 6:16-17). Peter said to Simon the Sorcerer, "*I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity*" (Acts 8:23).
 2. The gifts are not for you to judge and condemn people, but to help you see what kind of spirit they're yielding to so you can take authority over it.
- D. The Gift of Faith is a gift of power that totally anchors the soul in God and overwhelming confidence to operate in or receive Gifts of Healings or Working of Miracles. It's the gift that is predominantly used to raise the dead.
1. Biblical examples: Daniel operated in the Gift of Faith when he was thrown in the lion's den and escaped without harm (Dan. 6). Peter passed by a lame man day after day, but the Gift of Faith was in operation one day, and it caused him to fasten his eyes on that man, and it produced a miracle (Acts 3:1-10).
- E. There are Gifts of Healings, which is a supernatural power to deliver the sick and destroy the works of Satan in the human body.
1. Biblical examples: Elisha told Naaman to go wash in the Jordan River seven times for his flesh to be cleansed and restored (2 Kgs. 5:10). Jesus told the blind man to go wash in the pool of Siloam (John 9:7).
 2. Many demon-possessed, paralyzed, and lame were healed through Philip's ministry. It's not that he didn't pray for everyone, but he specialized in seeing people healed who were demon possessed, paralyzed, and lame.

For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed.

Acts 8:7

- F. The Working of Miracles is supernatural intervention into the ordinary course of nature that causes miracles or healings.

1. Biblical examples: Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding at Cana (John 2:1-10). Jesus multiplied the loaves and fishes (John 6:1-13). Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.

Then Jesus, again groaning in Himself, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of him who was dead, said to Him, "Lord, by this time there is a stench, for he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not say to you that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?" Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead man was lying. And Jesus lifted up His eyes and said, "Father, I thank You that You have heard Me. And I know that You always hear Me, but because of the people who are standing by I said this, that they may believe that You sent Me." Now when He had said these things, He cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth!" And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with grave clothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Loose him, and let him go."

John 11:38-44

2. A miracle usually starts by someone hearing God, and almost always involves someone else in the process. For example: Jesus told them to fill the water pots up and serve it to the governor of the feast (John 2:7-8); He told the disciples to make the people sit down in groups (John 6:10); Jesus instructed the people to roll away the stone, loose Lazarus, and let him go (John 11:39 and 44).
- V. One of the greatest ways to learn to hear God's voice accurately is to operate in the gifts of the Spirit.