

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

The Word of Knowledge

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We'll shift gears in this study and move over into the Revelation Gifts. These are Gifts that reveal something.

The first Revelation Gift we will study is the Word of Knowledge.

The Word of Knowledge is a Supernatural revelation from the mind of God. It is unrelated to natural, human knowledge. It always has to do with people, places, events or things. It always, and only, deals with the past or the present. It never has to do with future events.

This will become clearer to you as we go. Let's look at an example of the Word of Knowledge from Jesus' Ministry.

Jesus met a woman at a well one day. He wanted to prove to her who He was so He challenged her.

"Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet." (John 4:16-19)

Here Jesus supernaturally revealed part of this woman's past. He told her that she had been married five times. Then Jesus revealed something about her present life. He told her that she was presently shacking up with a man she hadn't even bothered to marry! The woman realized that she was encountering supernatural revelation knowledge.

This is an excellent example of the Word of Knowledge. It has to do with people and events. It also has to do with both the past and the present.

Notice something else in this narrative. Jesus only revealed certain parts of this woman's life. He didn't reveal everything about her life. That's why it's called a "Word" of Knowledge. A word is a fragmentary part of a sentence. A Word of Knowledge is only a fragmentary part of all that God knows.

Possibly the greatest Word of Knowledge in all the world is found in the Old Testament Book of Isaiah.

"I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside me..." (Isaiah 45:5)

Before God could speak such an all-inclusive word, even about Himself, He had to search all of Eternity, past and present, to be sure it was true. This is why I consider this to be the greatest Word of Knowledge of all.

Possibly the smallest Word of Knowledge I know is as follows. One day my dump truck refused to start. I said, "Father, what's wrong with that truck?" Immediately, on the inside of my spirit, I saw a picture. It was the coil on my dump truck. I could see right through it. There was a bead of water inside of it. It was hindering the proper flow of electricity.

I went outside and stuck the rolled up tip of a paper towel into the coil. It became saturated, wicking the water up into it. I jumped inside the truck, turned the key and the engine fired up immediately. I was a baby Christian and that completely "blew my mind." You can believe that I shouted praises. My dump truck mattered to God because my dump truck mattered to me and I matter to God.

Big or small, the Word of Knowledge is equally as supernatural! It brings fear and repentance to sinners and blessings to God's people. Most of all, it brings great glory to God. We're about to see more of it in the Earth, too. Just you wait and see.