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Gift of the Word of Knowledge

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The Lord Himself promised the Apostles that they would receive power (Jn. 14:12). God promised that they could do greater things than Him for the edification of the Church. The gifts are also given to us for free and irrevocable so that we can perform even more than God (Rom. 11:29). There are numerous gifts of the Holy Spirit which allow us to see and hear according to the Spirit. Particularly, the **gift of the word of knowledge** is one of the revelational gifts which demonstrates God's vision for men.

- 1. Twenty-seven (27) Gifts of the Holy Spirit** has different functions, and all are important to enable us to be used by the Lord in different ministries (1Cor. 12: 7-10). They are grouped into three (3) categories:
 - 1.1. Ministerial gifts:** teaching, evangelizing, prophesy, counselling, preaching, interceding, interpretation of tongues, exhortation, and gift of prophet.
 - 1.2. Power Gifts:** faith, healing, deliverance, and works of miracles.
 - 1.3. Revelational gifts:** word of wisdom, word of knowledge, discernment of spirits.
- 2. The Gift of the Word of knowledge** is a God-given ability to receive from God revelations that are humanly impossible.
 - 2.1.** The gift of the Word of knowledge is just a fragment regarding a particular circumstance or situation.
 - 2.2.** Revelation comes to us when we begin to seek the truth, driven by our desire for more of God in our lives.
 - 2.3.** The word of knowledge brings revelation about the past and present. Revelations can come in the form of a vision.

2.4 There are some who store the knowledge in their memory banks instead of sharing with others. (1Cor. 13).

- 3. Purposes of the Gift of the Word of Knowledge:**
 - 3.1. To lead people to believe Jesus (Jn. 4:16-20).
 - 3.2. To be used in healing (2Kgs.5).
 - 3.3. To build faith in someone.
 - 3.4. To provide encouragement.
 - 3.5. To be used for deliverance.
 - 3.6. To reveal God's plans (Si 6:33-36).
 - 3.7. To find a missing person (1 Sam.10:21-22)
 - 3.8. To expose sins.
 - 3.9. To warn about the enemies plans.
 - 3.10 To reveal the power of the Word.

CONCLUSION:

Word of Knowledge (receives revelation) is different from Word of Wisdom (enables understanding). If the Lord tells us something, we need to make sure we listen and discern (investigate) where it is coming from.

REFLECTION:

1. Why would you be afraid to face people with the gift of knowledge? Are you hiding something?
2. How would you develop your gift of word of knowledge?

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