

# The Gifts Of The Spirit - Discernment & Words of Wisdom

## Small Group Discussion Guide

### "The Gifts of the Spirit -- Discernment & Words of Wisdom"

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#### 1. SERMON RECAP

In this teaching, I walked us through the final stretch of our series on the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit, focusing on the Word of Wisdom, the Word of Knowledge, and the Discerning of Spirits. I showed from 1 Corinthians 12 that these revelation gifts aren't just for the church platform -- they're for your personal life, your business decisions, your mission trips, and your everyday walk with God. My big push was this: stop treating the gifts as optional extras and start claiming them, because the body of Christ needs every one of them flowing freely.

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#### 2. KEY SCRIPTURE

##### 1 Corinthians 12:7-10 (NKJV)

"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues."

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#### 3. ICE BREAKER

Think of a time when you had a strong gut feeling about a decision -- a person, a direction, or an opportunity -- and it turned out to be exactly right. What happened, and did you follow it?

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#### 4. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

##### Question 1 -- Opening the Word

In 1 Corinthians 12, I pointed out that the gifts are given "for the profit of all," not just for the individual. How does that change the way you think about pursuing spiritual gifts? Does it feel more like a personal blessing

or a shared responsibility -- and why?

### **Question 2 -- Word of Wisdom**

I described the Word of Wisdom as "a tiny bit of God's wisdom about the future that you don't have on your own." I shared how this gift shaped the direction of my life and this church. Can you think of a moment -- in Scripture or in your own experience -- where someone received clear direction about their future that could only have come from God? What did that look like in practice?

### **Question 3 -- Going Deeper**

In Acts 23, Paul kept pressing forward even with forty men plotting to kill him, because he had a word from God: "You will also bear witness of me in Rome." Have you ever held onto a word from God when circumstances pushed hard against it? What kept you standing -- or what made it hard to hold on?

### **Question 4 -- Discerning of Spirits**

I was careful to distinguish the discerning of spirits from what people casually call "the gift of discernment" -- which can sometimes just be judgment or fault-finding. What's the difference, in your own words? Why do you think it matters that this gift is specifically about spirits -- human, angelic, demonic, and divine -- rather than a general ability to size people up?

### **Question 5 -- Acts 13 and Real-World Application**

When Paul confronted Elymas the sorcerer in Acts 13, he didn't hesitate -- he named what he saw operating in that man spiritually. I mentioned that this gift is especially useful when you're in a new environment, hearing a new voice, or making a significant decision about who to trust. Where in your life right now -- relationships, workplace, ministry -- do you feel like you most need this kind of spiritual insight? What would it look like to actually ask God for it?

### **Question 6 -- Claiming the Gifts**

I said several times throughout this teaching: "You have to claim the gifts." That's not a passive posture -- it's an active, faith-filled ask. What's held you back from claiming spiritual gifts more boldly? Is it theology, fear, past experience, or something else? How might your group encourage one another to step into this more intentionally?

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## **5. APPLICATION CHALLENGE**

This week, choose one specific situation -- a decision you're facing, a relationship you're uncertain about, or a next step in ministry -- and set aside at least 20 minutes in quiet prayer, asking God specifically for either a Word of Wisdom or discernment about that situation. Write down anything you sense, see, or hear during that time. Come back next week ready to share what happened -- even if it was silence, even if it was surprising.

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## **6. PRAYER POINTS**

1. Pray for a hunger for the gifts -- Ask God to stir up a genuine desire in every group member to pursue the

revelation gifts not out of curiosity but out of love for God and love for the people around them.

2. Pray for protection and clarity -- Ask the Holy Spirit to give each person discernment this week -- especially in relationships, decisions, and any situation where spiritual deception could be at work.

3. Pray for the body as a whole -- Agree together that the gifts of the Spirit would flow freely through this church -- in corporate gatherings, in one-to-one conversations, in mission, and in everyday life -- for the glory of Jesus and the harvest of souls.

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## **7. MEMORY VERSE**

### **1 Corinthians 12:7 (NKJV)**

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

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Leader's Note: Don't feel pressure to get through every question. Let the conversation breathe. If your group gets stuck on one question and goes deep -- that's exactly where the Holy Spirit may be working. Trust the room.