
LESSON 15

THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

In this lesson, we will study one of the most powerful tools that has been given to the Church of Jesus.

We have “The Blood;” “The Name of Jesus;” and “The Keys of The Kingdom” but couple these with this awesome vehicle and power is released beyond comprehension. Namely: **“The Gifts of The Holy Spirit.”**

Through the manifestation of these Gifts, Holy Spirit reveals Himself and the Father’s will and purpose.

The Gifts of the Spirit enable the believer to minister by supernatural means to specific needs effectively and successfully.

We will answer many questions in this lesson which will equip you, the student, to be powerful and prolific in God’s calling on your life in such a way that He receives all the Glory.

Basic Foundation

1. What is meant by “Gifts of The Holy Spirit?”

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are specific endowments that God gives to His people, enabling them to minister supernaturally to specific needs at specific times in specific situations.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6

“Now there are diversities (varieties) of Gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are diversities (varieties) of operation or administration, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one.”

2. Why are the Gifts of Holy Spirit given?

These gifts are given so that we may receive supernatural ability, i.e. God putting His Super with our natural thereby equipping with Super-natural impartation (which is of Him and Him alone) for our good; our growth; edification, and strengthening of the Body of Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:7

3. What is the difference between: “The Gifts of the Spirit” and “The Fruit of the Spirit?”

The Gifts of Holy Spirit are a manifestation of God’s power for ministry. The Fruit of the Spirit is God’s nature and character revealed to and through one’s life.

4. What is the difference between “The Gifts of the Spirit” and “The Ministry Gifts?”

Read Ephesians 4:11-14

The Gifts of the Spirit are given and available to all born-again, Spirit-filled believers, as described above.

The “Ministry Gifts are given by God Himself to a chosen individual who has been from the beginning chosen for this specific call. It is an “office” as much as it is a “gift.”

One does not decide to be one or the other, but is Divinely directed and set apart.

5. How many Gifts of the Holy Spirit are there?

1 Corinthians 12:8-10 records NINE (9), *Romans 12:6-8* records SEVEN (7) more. However, the gifts mentioned in Romans differ in operation and purpose from *1 Corinthians 12:8-10*.

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-23

The Gifts: Word of Wisdom
 Word of Knowledge
 Faith
 Healings
 Working of Miracles
 Prophecy
 Discerning of Spirits (good and evil)
 Tongues
 Interpretation of Tongues

Read Romans 12:3-8

The Gifts here are defined as: “Motivational Gifts” or “Gifts that are in ones life in their make-up and personality and are motivated by Holy Spirit for God’s Glory.

Prophecy
 Service (Helps)
 Teaching
 Exhortation
 Giving
 Administration / Ruling / Leadership
 Mercy

We will be defining and discerning all of these “Gifts and Giftings.”

NOTE: There are other “Giftings” of Holy Spirit that may not be given in an illustrative list, but are active in the life of the Believer.

6. How does one receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit?

By being yielded to the Holy Spirit and having a desire for God to flow through them.

“Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them;”
Romans 12:6a

“Make love your aim and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts,” *1 Corinthians 14:1a*

NOTE: The gifts are given by God’s grace, thus are not badges of spiritual growth or maturity. The word for gift, “charisma,” from the Greek means an extra-special gift. A gift is not earned or deserved.

God’s children should desire the gifts, be submitted to the Lord so He can flow through them to others, and be willing to use the gifts in obedience to the Lord.

7. When and how should the Gifts be used?

Whenever the Spirit directs for the purpose of the common good. One should exercise the gifts for the welfare of all.

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.”
1 Corinthians 12:7

“What then, brethren? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification...but all things should be done decently and in order.” *1 Corinthians 14:26, 40*

NOTE: One should be yielded to the Holy Spirit and be available for God’s service, willing to minister by faith. This does not mean psyching one’s self up or straining to function. It is not a “do it yourself because you see a need,” but yielding yourself for His Will being worked out through you, that the need may be met.

First of all we’ll do a brief outline of the “Gifts of the Spirit,” then we’ll define each one.

Read 1 Corinthians chapter 12

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are given or expressed in three (3) categories for clearer understanding.

NOTE: In this portion of the Lesson we’re dealing with 9 Gifts. There are many “Giftings” which we will also see.

I. Three Gifts of Utterance (that speak).

1. Diverse Kinds of Tongues
2. Interpretation of Tongues
3. Prophecy

NOTE: These three are “What God Says.”

II. Three Gifts of Revelation

1. Word of Wisdom
2. Word of Knowledge
3. Discerning of Spirits

NOTE: These three are “What God Thinks.”

III. Three Gifts of Power

1. Faith
2. Healing
3. Working of Miracles

NOTE: These three are “What God Does.”

I. Three Gifts of Utterance: *(What God Says)*

A. Diverse Kinds of Tongues

This is a supernatural utterance in languages not known to the speaker; this has nothing to do with the mind or intellect. These languages may be existent in the world, revived from some past culture, or “unknown” in the sense that they are a means of communication inspired by the Holy Spirit. It is the mind of the Spirit using human speech organs. It is not limited to apostolic times past.

Isaiah 28:11

Mark 16:17

Acts 2:4

Acts 10:44-48

Acts 19:1-7

1 Corinthians 12:10, 28-31

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

1 Corinthians 14:2, 4-22, 26-32

These Diverse Tongues are a way of God communicating with His Church!

Do not confuse “Diverse Kinds of Tongues” with “Praying in Tongues”

Praying in “unknown tongue” (in the Spirit) is given to the yielded believer as: “Prayer Language.”

1 Corinthians 14:2 - "he that speaketh (prays, expresses) in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God; howbeit in the Spirit he speaketh mysteries.

Purpose of Tongues in Private

When one prays privately in tongues (prayer language given by God), he edifies or builds himself up on the Spirit.

Read Jude 20

Praying in the language of the Spirit builds or strengthens the "Inner-man." As you pray or Holy Spirit prays through you, mysteries are being spoken.

Read 1 Corinthians 14:2

Romans 8:26 says - "Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities (weaknesses): for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit maketh intercession for us."

This is also termed as: "Intercessory Prayer" and "Spiritual Warfare," but one must understand that praying in our Prayer Language does not always have to be boisterous or violent, but can be soft and gentle, depending on how He begins to move within.

Private prayer in the Spirit is a powerful weapon against our enemy. He cannot understand what we are praying, for it is not a language of man, but of God.

Read 1 Corinthians 14:2

1. Tongues are also an initial scriptural evidence of the baptism in and with the Holy Spirit. Some Bible teachers dispute this, but God has always confirmed it.
 - a. Jerusalem - *Acts 2:4*
 - b. Caesarea (8) - *Acts 10:46, Acts 11:15*
 - c. Ephesus (23) - *Acts 19:6*
 - d. Samaria - *Acts 8:17*

Simon was impressed, not just by the miracles, *Acts 8:6-7*, but by what he saw (v.18).
 - e. Paul - *Acts 9:17-18, 1 Corinthians 14:18*

No recorded evidence that Paul spoke in tongues immediately, but ample evidence follows his "Infilling and Baptism."

We should not feel inhibited to emphasize the importance of being persuaded on the initial evidence. Why would we not want all God has? Yet we find multitudes who would rather dispute than receive.

Praying in Tongues, (Prayer Language privately) continues!

2. Magnifies God - *Acts 10:46*
3. Enables believers to speak supernaturally to God - *1 Corinthians 14:2*
4. Edifies Ourselves - *1 Corinthians 14:4*
5. Praying in the Spirit vs. praying in the understanding - *1 Corinthians 14:15*

Purpose of Tongues in Public

This is the “Gift of Diverse Tongues” or as Paul said, the “manifestation of the Gift.”
1 Corinthians 12:7

This is God speaking to man in a language not understood by the speaker. As before stated, it can be a language currently spoken in another part of the world or an ancient language. However, the “tongue” without the “interpretation” does not fully edify.

Paul said, “Pray that you may interpret” *1 Corinthians 14:13*

1. That men may speak supernaturally to men. *Acts 2:6-8, 11-13.*
2. To edify the Church. *1 Corinthians 14:5, 12-13, 26-28.*

All Speak - v.15

All Interpret - v.13

All Prophecy - v.31

Paul told Timothy, “Stir up the Gift of God which is in thee.”

NOTE: This verse carries a “double meaning” or interpretation:

- a. “Stir up - the Gift of Holy Spirit”
 - b. “Stir up - the Ministry Gift” - *Ephesians 4:11*
3. In tongues (prayer language) you minister unto the Lord. In the Gifts of Diverse Tongues you minister to the congregation.

B. Interpretation of Tongues

This is not “prophecy,” but reveals what was spoken in tongues.

1. Supernatural power to reveal the meaning of the “Gift of Diverse Tongue.”
2. This Gift functions not as an operation of the mind of man but as the mind of the Spirit. It comes by revelation.
3. This does not serve as a translation as the interpreter never understands the tongue he is interpreting, but rather is a “declaration” of meaning.
4. It is exercised as a miraculous and supernatural phenomenon as are the Gift of Speaking in Tongues and the Gift of Prophecy.

Consider this:

- a. It is interpretation, not translation. It may be pictorial, parabolic, descriptive or literal, according to the urge of the Spirit, or the character of the Interpreter.

The interpreter need not always, unless the Spirit moves as such, give the interpretation with “eyes closed” and in a “shouting voice,” however, it can come that way.

The interpretation can be given also as the Spirit so moves on the interpreter as follows -

Examples:

“The Spirit of the Lord just said that there is one in the midst of the congregation who has been wounded deeply and He wants to bring healing.”

-or-

“The Spirit of the Lord says there is a mighty flow of His Spirit, step into the flow and be healed, be delivered, be set free.”

NOTE: These are only examples. For too long Believers who move in the Gifts have been made to feel it has to be a certain “form and format” to be God or Acceptable, but there is nothing further from the truth.

- b. The temperament, natural gifts and training, as well of course as the nationality of the ONE being used in the Gift will influence the delivery of the interpretation, but the Gift is no less supernatural if spoken by revealing pictures, loudly or a soft tender voice.

- c. Those who are used in the Gift of Diverse Tongues are expressly instructed to pray for this further gift. *1 Corinthians 14:13*
- d. Stir up the Gift - *2 Timothy 1:6*
Neglect not the Gift - *1 Timothy 4:14*

NOTE: We should always remember: The Gift belongs to the Holy Spirit and He chooses to whom He will bring the manifestation.

C. Prophecy

Let's first establish a principle here. Just because one is used in Prophecy does not make them a "Prophet."

A Prophet is ordained of God before birth to operate in this Ministry or Office.

Prophet is an "OFFICE." *Ephesians 4:11*

One does not decide to be a Prophet, but is Divinely separated by God Himself as such. The Prophet does not just prophesy. The ministry is far reaching. We will discuss this in another part of this lesson.

Prophecy came forth in the Old Testament but was mainly by the "Office of Prophet."

The Office of Prophet carries a greater responsibility than the Gift of Prophecy.

The Gift of Prophecy is for (1) Edification, (2) Exhortation and (3) Comfort

1 Corinthians 14:3

★ The Office of Prophet can do the following:

- 1) Provide direction (e.g. *1 Kings 22:7, 2 Kings 5:10*)
- 2) Correct (*Ezekiel 3:18*)
- 3) Pronounce judgment (major portions of O.T. writing prophets)
- 4) Move in revelation knowledge (*Isaiah 44:28-45*; 3 prophesied in 750 BC, fulfilled *Daniel 10:1* 650 BC 150 years later)
- 5) Lay a foundation in the Church (*Ephesians 2:20*)
- 6) Impart Spiritual Gifts, *1 Timothy 4:14* (Apostle Paul joined by Prophet Silas and possibly Prophet Judas to form presbytery)
- 7) Anoint ministries. The 3 ministries in the O.T. were anointed by prophets 1st King (Saul) was anointed by a prophet (Samuel) *1 Samuel 10:1* / 1st High Priest (Aaron), was anointed by a prophet (Moses) *Exodus 28:41, Psalm 133:2*

Prophets are anointed by other prophets (Elijah anointed Elisha) 1 Kings

8) Partake of the secrets of God, *Amos 3:7*

Prophecy is:

1. Supernatural proclamation in a known language - speaking the mind and Intention of God for that moment or that present time or people.

2. Prophecy is a "Manifestation" of the Gift

Philip had four daughters who moved in this Gift, but not proclaimed as Prophets. *Acts 21:9*

3. Prophecy is for: Edification, Exhortation, and Comfort. *1 Cor. 14:3*

4. Fore-tells, *Acts 11:27-28*

5. Declares judgment, *2 Samuel 12:7-14* (This prophecy came from prophet)

6. Forth-tells, *Luke 1:67-79*

7. Prophecy and Preaching:

Prophecy is Divinely inspired and anointed utterance. Preaching is knowledge gained from the Word and Experience, spoken in the Power of the Spirit. It is possible to move from Anointed Preaching into a flow of Prophetic Utterance, but All Preaching Is Not Prophecy.

Prophecy vs. Preaching

True prophecy will bring conviction, consolation, or challenge and fore-tell what is in the mind of God, while preaching fails to do all because prophecy carries a greater anointing and authority in the Spirit.

8. Prophecy vs. Interpretation of Tongues.

Interpretation of Tongues is as mentioned before, interpretation only, while Prophecy "Fore-Tells."

-However-

The Interpretation of Tongues can give the interpretation, the revelation of what was spoken by the Spirit, and then the "Flow of Prophetic Utterance" can come in and speak the Mind, Plan, and Purpose of God for an individual, a congregation, or a situation.

NOTE: Never try to second-guess Holy Spirit. He has His orders.

9. Prophecy in its simplest form is a Divinely inspired and anointed utterance.

It is entirely Supernatural. It is a manifestation of the Spirit of God, and not of the human mind. (That is true prophecy).

The human will and flesh are active in Prophecy, but it does not originate in the intellect. However, the message will ordinarily be given within the framework of the individual personality and training.

10. Prophecy reveals, utters, declares what God is going to do, not what He has done. It gives (Hope, Direction, and a "Reference Point" for our faith.

Who may Prophecy?

1 Corinthians 14:31

All Spirit-filled Believers can be used, as Holy Spirit chooses and the individual yields, in the Gift of Prophecy, but in order with His will.

It is the Holy Spirit who has the Gift and He gives or allows the manifestation of the Gift to whom He chooses. *1 Corinthians 12:11*

One does not just decide, "I'm going to Prophecy," but as the Gift of Holy Spirit is stirred up within, by praying in the Spirit, it is then easier to yield.

-However-

One whom the Spirit chooses can be totally silent and the unction of the Spirit begins within and the "Words of Prophecy" well-up and flow.

Prophecy can come to one in written form, i.e. the Holy Spirit moves in an individual and they begin to write what Holy Spirit is saying.

-But-

This IS NOT "Automatic Writing." Never confuse that. Automatic writing is not a Gift from God.

KEY (★) **NOTE:** Written or Spoken Prophecy will always agree and be in line with God's Word, your Bible.

D. The Nature of Prophecy

Let us take a closer look at "Prophecy."

Prophecy is defined as God communicating with man. True prophecy is discussed by outlining the ideal way to prophesy. Prophecy may be given vocally, as well as other ways. *2 Peter 1:21, 1 Samuel 3:48, 1 Kings 22, Rev. 22:10, Hab.2:3, 1 Cor.14:29-31, Hab.2:1-2.*

"True Prophecy" refers to the origin of the word (God), but more specifically it refers to the ideal way in which it should be given (pure, exact words of God, nothing added nor subtracted, given to the right person at the right time with the right attitude and motive).

⊗ With regard to timing:

Christ came at the appointed time (*Galatians 4:4, 1 Timothy 2:6*)
 There is a specific timing for gathering all things in Christ (*Ephesians 1:10*)
 God's word is manifested in due time through preaching (*Titus 1:3*)
 Time fulfilled for the kingdom of God to be manifest (*Mark 1:15*)

Prophecy is usually vocal, but it may have other elements as well. It may be acted out (Ezekiel), it may be a symbol or pictures (Daniel's visions), it may be accompanied by miracles (Elijah).

The Bible is Prophecy and Prophetic.

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There are many types of prophecy in the Bible. Your text has already classified all of Scripture as prophecy because it is God communicating with man.

Another type of prophecy in the Bible is Messianic Prophecy. These are prophecies about Jesus the Messiah, which may apply to either his first or second coming (*Micah 5:2, Isaiah 53*)

Passages about the end times, antichrist, tribulation, etc., are also classified as prophecy, and is most commonly known as Biblical Prophecy. The book of Daniel and Revelation are filled with End-time Prophecy.

Yet another type of prophecy in Scripture is Personal Prophecy. This consists of one person giving another a word from the Lord. This word applies only to the one

receiving it, not to anyone reading the Bible (Jonah prophesied to Ninivites, which does not apply to us today).

The Bible is God's Complete Revelation to Man.

The Bible contains all we need to know from God. Understanding why we need further communication from God (prophecy) even though we have all we need to know (Bible) depends on understanding the meaning of Logos and Rhema.

Deut. 4:2, 12:32

Prov. 30:5-6

Isa. 8:20

Isa. 61:1-3

Luke 4:16

John 5:39

Rev. 22:18-19

The Word "Canon" means 'standard' or 'rule,' we see this word often in Theology and History. The Bible is called the Canon because it is the standard by which all else is judged. It is the final authority.

After all the books of the Bible were written, they were collected together and, through a series of council by the church fathers, were deemed to be divinely inspired. They were bound as one book, which became the Bible. The final decision concerning the books to be included took place in the third century A.D. The canon is now closed (i.e. there are to be no additions or subtractions from the Bible).

The Bible contains all we need for life and godliness (*2 Peter 1:3-4*). We do not need additional information.

Any true prophetic word must be in full agreement with the Bible.

Prophecy is subordinate to the Bible, and is to be judged by this higher authority.

Revelation of the Word is needed. Each individual needs a revelation of Christ's work in their life (*Matt. 16:17*).

Logos – Rhema

The words Logos and Rhema are seen in an active role throughout Scripture. Though we do not necessarily see the word "Logos" or "Rhema", they define themselves.

Logos and Rhema are Greek terms translated into English as 'word'. The Logos refers to the Bible, and to Jesus'.

Prov. 23:23

2 Sam. 7:28

Psa. 119:89

Isa. 40:8

Isa. 14:27

Matt. 5:18

John 1:14

I Peter 1:23, 25

Eph. 3:11

Rom. 3:4

Isa. 40:8

Additional Information:

In translating, the first language may have several words that have only one equivalent in the second language. For example, when translating from Greek to English, there are at least four Greek words that mean love in the N.T., (Agape, Phileo, Storge, Eros), but have only one English equivalent (Love).

The term “Logos” is of uncertain origin (possibly Greek or Hebrew). Greeks knew it as a philosophical term meaning something like ‘world soul’ (The New International Commentary On The New Testament, The Gospel According To John, Morris, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., Grand Rapids, 1971, pgs. 74 & 116). John is the first to use this term in relationship with Jesus Christ. This is why precise definitions of logos and rhema, and how they might differ, can be difficult.

Concerning Jesus and the Word:

Jesus is the Word (*1 John 5:7*)

Jesus is the Word made flesh (*John 1:1, 1:14*)

Jesus is the Word of Life (*1 John 1:1*)

Jesus is the Word of God (*Rev.19:13*)

“Present Truth” is used to refer to truth God has thus far restored to the church. Present truth churches, then, are churches who are practicing all that God is doing today (for example, fundamentalists would not be present truth because they do not believe in the Pentecostal experience. They are not walking in all the truth God has made known to us).

A common definition of Logos includes the Bible, and God Himself (specifically Jesus - the Word made flesh, *John 1:1, 14*)

The Logos of God

As the Logos, both the Bible and Jesus are Eternal. The Bible and Jesus are one.

<i>Num.23:19</i>	<i>Psa.19:7</i>	<i>Psa.93:5</i>	<i>Psa.102:27</i>
<i>Psa.111:7</i>	<i>Psa.119:25</i>	<i>Psa.119:50</i>	<i>Psa.119:60</i>
<i>Psa. 119:89</i>	<i>Psa.119:152</i>	<i>Psa.119:154</i>	<i>Prov.4:22</i>
<i>Isa.40:8</i>	<i>Isa.55:11</i>	<i>Mal.3:6</i>	<i>Matt.24:35</i>
<i>John 1:1</i>	<i>John 1:14</i>	<i>John 17:17</i>	<i>Heb.1:12</i>
<i>Heb.4:12</i>	<i>Heb.11:3</i>	<i>Heb.13:8</i>	<i>Rev.21:5</i>

NOTE: The application of ‘Logos’ to both the Bible and to Jesus show their relationship to one another. They are inseparable. The Written Word is a Revelation of the Living Word. It has been said that the Bible is not simply

one book God could have written, it is the only book, because it is a revelation of himself, and there is only one revelation of God.

Apply the attributes of the Logos Word (Written Word) mentioned in the text to both Jesus and the Bible:

creative	inerrant	trustworthy
self-fulfilling	infallible	sure
powerful	complete	
true	life-giving	

Jesus is Creative:

Created the heavens and earth (*Gen. 1:1*)

Created man (*Gen. 1:26*)

Turned the water into wine (*John 2:6-10*)

Multiplied the loaves and fishes (*John 6:11-13*)

When the Logos Word is applied to our lives, if it does not do what it is suppose to do then there has been a failure. However, the failure is not on the part of the Logos Word, but on the part of life it is being applied to.

For example, the Logos Word (Written Word) says that Jesus paid the price on the cross for our physical healing. Yet many times people remain sick or infirm even after much prayer has been offered and great faith exercised. There are certainly no pat answers as to why some do not receive their healing, but one thing we do know is that it is not because of a failure on the part of the Logos Word of God.

There is a definite principle that the believer must act upon with the Logos Word. The Logos does not work without the cooperation of man (*John 3:16* says salvation is for all, but each individual must act upon that truth before it works for him. If there is a proper response and application on the part of the individual, then the Logos will bring about the results it promises.

The Logos Word - God's Eternal Standard

The Logos is the standard by which all else is judged. All revelations, doctrines, etc., regardless of their source, must line up with the Logos Word (Written Word).

<i>Lev. 19:35-36</i>	<i>Pro. 16:11</i>	<i>Isa. 5:26</i>	<i>Jer. 33:19-22</i>
<i>Mal. 3:8</i>	<i>John 1:8</i>	<i>John 12:48</i>	<i>Heb. 6:17</i>
<i>Heb. 13:8</i>	<i>James 2:12</i>	<i>Rev. 20:12</i>	

NOTE: The Logos judges everything, prophecy included. It can be used to evaluate other belief systems (cults), peoples lives (sanctification), ministries (true and false ministers), doctrine, and prophecy.

There is no power that can change the Logos Word, or keep it from coming to pass. Voltaire, a famous French infidel of the 1700's, once said that the Bible would be extinct within 100 years of his time. Ironically, Voltaire has passed into history, but his house and his printing press were used to produce Bibles (Evidence That Demands a Verdict, McDowell, Here's Life Publishers. Inc., San Bernadino, CA, 1972, pg.20)

The Rhema Word

The definition of Rhema is given as "...Holy Spirit-inspired Word from the Logos that brings life, power, and faith to perform and fulfill it." It is a word [personal] from the Word [Logos]. (The Speaking, Present, Current Word).

<i>2 Chron.20:20</i>	<i>Mark 4:24</i>	<i>John 14:26</i>	<i>Rom.14:23</i>
<i>Eph.6:17</i>	<i>Heb.2:1</i>	<i>Heb.4:12</i>	<i>Heb.11:1</i>
<i>2 Peter 1:19</i>			

Rhema is commonly pronounced Ray'-muh.

A Rhema Word must originate with God (just as the Logos did)

A Rhema Word is not a Logos Word applied to a situation by the human mind. The application must be given by God.

A Rhema Word may be wrongly applied, just as the Logos Word may be wrongly applied in preaching or study.

The Rhema Word is: The Revealed Word, the Speaking Word of God or What He's saying currently to an individual, a group, a nation, a ministry, and it will always, as previously stated "in line with the Logos (Written Word) of God."

Logos Prophecy vs. Rhema Prophecy

Rhema prophecy may fail in the same sense that the Logos prophecy may fail. Neither actually fail, but those receiving the Logos or Rhema may fail. This truth applies to Rhema just as it does to the Logos Word.

<i>Gen.3:15cf*</i>	<i>Num.20:7-12</i>	<i>1 Sam.13:8-14</i>	<i>1 Sam.15:1-35</i>
<i>1 Kings 8:56</i>	<i>Isa.1:19-20</i>	<i>Isa.7:14cf</i>	<i>Isa.9:7cf</i>
<i>Isa.34:16</i>	<i>Hos.4:6</i>	<i>Mat.1:1</i>	<i>Mat.1:18</i>
<i>Mark 9:23</i>	<i>Luke 21:33</i>	<i>Galations 4:4</i>	<i>1 Tim.4:14-15</i>
<i>2 Tim.2:7</i>	<i>Heb.6:18</i>		

NOTE: The Logos (Written Word) records many Rhemas given to people which failed to come to pass. The Rhema given in *Ex.6:5-8* to the Israelites leaving Egyptian bondage came to pass for only 2 (Joshua and Caleb) out of 600,000 soldier age men. This means it failed for 599,998 others.

Again, it was not the Rhema that failed, but those receiving it (due to doubt and unbelief, and in Moses' case because of disobedience when he smite the rock instead of speaking to it. (*Num.20:11*))

This principle should be taken into consideration with such passages as *Deut.18:22*, which says that if a prophet's words fail to come to pass is a false prophet (Moses prophesied the words in *Ex.6:5-8* but he was not a false prophet).

Let's Summarize

The Logos is all Scripture within the Bible. Rhema is a specific word from the Logos. We must esteem both the Logos and Rhema.

John 16:12, 2 1 Cor.13:12 2 Tim.2:14-16

The Logos has only two forms: The Written Word (Bible), and the Word made flesh (Jesus).

A Rhema may have any number of forms. It may be a scripture quickened by the Holy Spirit, it may be God speaking directly to an individual, it may be a personal prophecy, etc.

A Rhema Word must be evaluated by both the Spirit and the context of the Logos. It must agree not only with the letter of the Word, but also with the Spirit of it.

A Rhema Word given by a Prophet may be in agreement with the Logos Word, but the Prophet himself may not be.

For Example:

The Logos says that the wisdom from above is first gentle, etc. A prophet may give a Rhema which is in agreement with the Logos, but his presentation may be brash, harsh, rude, unkind, etc. This is not in agreement with the Spirit of the Logos (*James 3:17*). Hence, just because the Rhema agrees with the Logos does not mean the life and practices of the one giving the Rhema fully agrees with the Logos. Both the Rhema and the Rhema-bearer need to be evaluated.

LOGOS WORD

The Word of God
 General prophecies
 Unconditional prophecies
 Word, same for all eternity
 Unchangeable, unfailing
 The wisdom of God
 The knowledge of God

LOGOS ILLUSTRATIONS

The Whole human body
 The complete piano
 The ocean
 The sandy seashore
 A well of water
A tree

RHEMA WORD

A word from the Word
 Personal prophecies
 Conditional prophecies
 Word for a person, time
 Can fail or be changed
 A word of wisdom
 A word of knowledge

RHEMA

One member manifesting
 A note sounding forth
 A wave of ocean water
 A scoop of that sand
 Bucket of well water
Branches of the Tree

The Rhema is dependent upon the Logos just as the branch is dependent upon the vine.

Perhaps one of the best guards against deception is knowledge of the Logos. Some people are quick to launch into the things of the Spirit without a proper knowledge of the Word. They have overlooked the fact that the Rhema is dependent upon the Logos. The Pastor dealing with a saint that is always in the heavenlies getting revelations, dreams and visions beyond their knowledge or maturity might do well to get that saint into the Bible. They should study the book of Romans before the book of Revelation.

The saint that is more heavenly minded than earthly good, and who would rather have dreams and visions than study the Bible needs to learn to esteem the Logos. The individual who does not fully appreciate personal prophecy and the gifts of the spirit needs to esteem the Rhema (*1 Thess.5:20*).

Here's a rule to live by:

All Spirit and no Word - blow up!

All Word and no Spirit - dry up!

Word and Spirit in balance - Grow up!

Personal Prophecy Defined

Personal Prophecy is defined in response to the opening question of the chapter. Personal prophecy is God revealing his thoughts and intents to a particular person (or group).

NOTE: Personal prophecy including correction or direction is a function of the Office of the Prophet.

Saints ministering to a person through a gift of prophecy should stay within the "gift ministry" (edification, exhortation, comfort) *1 Cor.14*.

Refer back to the opening question of the chapter: "The Holy Bible...is complete...then, many will ask why we need prophecy at all in the twentieth-century church". Because the Logos does not give details for daily decisions, but it gives general guidelines and principles. It gives wisdom to choose between right and wrong, but not between two right things.

Biblical examples which fit in the category of "Personal Prophecies:"

1. God speaking to Adam concerning what he should and should not do in the garden of Eden, his ministry to all created beings and the taking of his rightful dominion as a mankind creature (*Gen.1, 2, 3*).
2. God prophetically telling Noah to build a boat with specific dimensions and shape and material and put two of each air and land creatures in it (*Gen.6:14-22*).
3. God personally giving Abraham a personal word concerning his present move to Canaan, his Isaac ministry and his seed ministry to the whole world (*Gen.12:24*).
4. God prophetically telling Abraham to take his promised son to a particular mountain and literally offer him as a sacrifice (which would include killing and burning) (*Gen.22*).
5. Jacob, by divine inspiration, giving a personal word of prophecy to each of his sons concerning their future ministry (*Gen.49*).
6. God's prophetic instructions to Moses to build a tabernacle including definite details relating the size, shape, material, furniture pieces to be made, where it is to be placed and how positioned, who to perform which activities and when (*Ex.25:9-30:38*).
7. God telling Joshua and the children of Israel to march around the walls of Jericho a specific amount of times, and to shout at the end of the march (*Josh 6:2-5*).
8. Samuel prophesying to Saul where to find his donkeys and that he was chosen to be the first king of Israel (*1 Sam.9:19-10:8*).
9. God speaking specific instructions to David the battle strategy for winning certain battles (*2 Sam.5:19-24*).
10. God speaking to a king of Judah or Israel through one of his prophets (throughout O.T. books of Kings and Chronicles).
11. An angel speaking to Mary concerning what was about to happen in her body and even the baby's name and future ministry (*Luke 1*).
12. Jesus speaking to Peter concerning his temperament, personality, mistakes, ministry and mode of death.
13. Jesus, in His resurrected body appearing and speaking to Paul on the road to Damascus (*Acts 9:4-6*).

14. Ananias laying hands on Paul and prophesying his ministry, and ministering to him healing, and the gift of the Holy Ghost (*Acts 9:17*).
15. Agabus speaking and acting out what was going to happen to Paul when he arrived in Jerusalem (*Acts 11:28, 21:10, 11*).
16. Prophets and prophetic presbytery prophesying Paul and Silas' appointment and release to an apostolic itinerant ministry (*Acts 13*).
17. Paul and the presbytery laying hands on Timothy and prophesying gifts, and revealing and confirming his ministry (*1 Tim. 4:4, 2 Tim. 1:6*).

Personal Prophecy and Rhema

Personal Prophecy is a Rhema, and may come in many forms.

John 4:17-19 Acts 13:2 Acts 2:16-21 Jud. 7:15-20

NOTE: Technically speaking, a personal prophecy may take the form of a word of knowledge, word of wisdom, etc., which we will discuss in Part 2 of this lesson on "Gifts of Revelation." It is not strictly a prophetic utterance (the emphasis in the term 'personal prophecy' is on personal, not on prophecy).

Personal Prophecy Spoken - Rhema is an Inward Revelation

Distinction is made between a Rhema and a personal prophecy.

Acts 27:10 Acts 27:22 2 Peter 1:21

When desiring to hear from God, it is perfectly acceptable to pray, seek Him, and listen for a reply (Rhema). However, it is quite inappropriate to give yourself a prophetic utterance.

One Man of God tells the humorous story about how he learned not to prophesy to himself. When seeking the mind of the Lord about land to buy for the ministry, and being unable to find anything satisfactory after many days and miles of looking, some people encouraged him to prophesy to himself (since he was a prophet and was accustomed to prophesying the mind of the Lord to others). He followed their advise and prophesied to himself. The word he prophesied said his property was at a certain address. He hurriedly jumped in the car and drove to that address, only to find that it was in the middle of the interstate in a poverty stricken area. (The moral to the story is, don't always depend on Prophesying to yourself without a confirmation). One who prophesies to himself fulfills the proverb "he who has himself for a lawyer has a conceited fool for a client"

A Personal Word of Holy Spirit - but - not a Personal Prophecy

Examples are given of Rhemas which are not personal prophecy.

John 6:44 John 12:32 John 16:8-9 John 16:13 John 16:15

NOTE: Again, the criteria for Personal Prophecy is that it must come through another vessel.

General Prophecy in the Bible

General prophecy is defined through Scripture.

Num. 14:18

Psa. 29:11

Isa. 7:14

Isa. 9:6

Isa. 53

Joel 2:28

Zeph. 3:12, 2

Zech. 12:10

Matt. 24:5-7, 11

John 3:16

2 Cor. 5:10

II Thess. 3:2, 3

1 John 4:8

NOTE: General Prophecy is recognized and taught by many denominations and groups that are not present truth, or could not be considered Spirit-filled (in the sense of having the experience of speaking in tongues). However, the present truth saint appreciates personal prophecy as well as general prophecy.

General prophecy is also known as Biblical Prophecy when it relates to the end-times.

Rhema Scriptures Give Truth by Illustration

The Logos contains Rhemas that are not applicable to anyone except to whom they are given.

Exodus 8:1

Judges 6:8-10

1 Kings 13

NOTE: A Rhema applies only to the one to whom it is given.

Often the person giving a personal prophecy does not fully understand it, because it is not for the one giving it, but for the one receiving it.

Because of the above, it is safest to give a personal prophecy just as you receive it from the Lord. Do not adjust it, add to it, or subtract from it in order to make more sense. Even if it doesn't make sense to the one giving it, it will make sense to the one receiving it.

The most common problem in personal prophecy being accurate or misunderstood is trying to give application and interpretation to words spoken.

Biblical prophetic statements that would only work for that particular situation such as: *(was never repeated again)*

...Throw a stick in the water and iron head will swim (*2 Kings 6:6*)

- ...Throw meal into a poisonous pot of food to make it nutritious (*2 Kings 4:41*)
- ...Solve your financial problems by filling numerous barrels with oil from one small bottle (*2 Kings 4:2-4*)
- ...Throw a stick in a lake to purify the water (*Ex. 15:25*)
- ...Point a wooden rod toward a sea to make it's water part (*Ex. 14:16*)
- ...Put figs on a boil to heal it (*Isa. 38:21*)
- ...Spit on eyes to heal blindness or put spit mud balls on eyes and go wash in the pool of Siloam (*Mark 8:23, John 9:6, 7*)

We Strongly suggest that Believers not try to do the above because it is Written! We could tell many Horror stories as well as Humorous stories.

Rhema - Personal Prophecy Scriptures Must Not Be Applied Personally Today

The Rhemas contained in scripture cannot be universally practiced because they were intended for a specific person (or group).

Ezekiel 4

Ezekiel 5

1 Corinthians 10:6

NOTE: Doctrine cannot be based on example alone, or we would all be casting demons into pigs.

Biblical Personal Prophecies not to be practices today: God telling prophets to demonstrate God's prophetic word by using such things as:

- ...lay on your left side 390 days and then on your right side 40 days (*Ez. 4:4, 5*)
- ...walk naked and barefoot for three years (*Isa. 20:3*)
- ...go marry a harlot (*Hosea 1:2*)
- ...cook your bread using cow dung as fuel and eat certain portion of that bread and drink one quart of water a certain time each day (*Ez. 4*)
- ...shave your head and beard and divide the hair into three parts (*Ez. 5*)

Doctrine or Christian practice cannot be established on Personal Prophecies. The personal word of the Lord to one person must not be established as the standard for all. The "Logos" is the standard not "Rhemas" or Personal Prophecies found within the Logos, nor upon visions and dreams people have today even if they say Jesus appeared to them and told them.

Don't make a church tradition, ritual or holiness standard from one person's "Rhema" (*Matt. 15:3, 6; Mark 7:3-13*).

Logos-Word (Written) reveals truth by factual statement. Rhema-Word reveals truth by illustration and divine principles portrayed from people fulfilling personal prophecies (*Rom.15:4; 1 Cor.10:1-11*).

Saints must rightly discern between Logos and Rhema (general prophecy and personal prophecy), and how to receive and recognize a true Rhema from the Lord. They must learn how to properly relate to personal prophecy (*Mal.3:16-18; Eph.1:18; 2 Tim.2:15, Heb.5:14*).

Study this last section on Prophecy and it's role in the Church and you'll become the effective Believer God has desired you to be.

PART 2

II. Three (3) Gifts of Revelation (*What God Thinks*)

Introduction:

In defining and describing these three (3) gifts, again we must establish that: “The Holy Spirit has the Gift and He gives the Manifestation of the Gift to who He wills.”
1 Cor.12:7, 11.

These three (3) Gifts - Bring ‘Revelation or Enlightenment in difficult and even Impossible Situations.

All too often, due to lack of teaching, which produces lack of understanding, precious Believers confuse the Operation of the individual Gifts.

The three (3) can work together in any one given situation or individually and separate. It is determined by Holy Spirit, not by the one being used in the Gift.

A. The Gift of the Word of Wisdom

1 Corinthians 12:8

Introduction to the Gift:

This is not “the Gift of Wisdom.” It is a Word of Wisdom. It is a part of God’s wisdom for the moment, the situation, the circumstance.

PURPOSE OF THE GIFT

- a. The supernatural perspective to ascertain the Divine means for accomplishing God’s will in given situations.
- b. Divinely given Power to appropriate spiritual intuition or discernment in problem solving.
- c. Gives a sense of or clarity of Divine Direction.
- d. Being led by the Holy Spirit to act appropriately in a given set of circumstances.
- e. When knowledge is rightly applied the Gift of the Word of Wisdom works interactively with Knowledge & Discernment.

NOTE: In the Natural life Wisdom is the good and proper application of knowledge.

In the Spirit, Supernatural Wisdom, Supernatural Knowledge Supernaturally and Divinely applied.

Supernatural Wisdom is not natural wisdom developed to a higher level, augmented, or intensified. It is; a direct revelation from God as to what is to be done in a given instance or situation.

Not only does God know all things, but He knows how to take care of all things and what to do in any given circumstance.

Remember this: “God is never surprised or caught off-guard by what happens.” He Is God!

When God gives a man a glimpse of His Eternal Purpose and shows him how to proceed and to fulfill it, or what to say regarding a future event, that is “The Gift of the Word of Wisdom. It is in fact: “a part of the Wisdom of God for the moment.”

The Word of Wisdom and the Word of Knowledge are often closely associated.

John: By the Word of Knowledge, on the Isle of Patmos, knew the condition of the 7 churches.

By the Word of Wisdom, he was able to give them the: Mind, Will and Commands of God.

The Gift Of The Word Of Wisdom IS NOT:

- a. A high degree of intellectual or moral efficiency.
- b. A deep Spiritual insight and unusual understanding of the more mystical parts of God's Word.
- c. Administrative Wisdom.
- d. Divine Wisdom (Supernatural wisdom is Divine but not all Divine Wisdom is supernatural). *1 Cor.1:21, 27; 1 Cor.2:4-8, 12-13*
- e. "Wisness;" prudence, or discretion in word or act.

Example of Word of Wisdom and Word of Knowledge working together:

King Solomon discovered by the Word of Knowledge who was the true mother of the child brought to him and by Word of Wisdom he knew what to do.

Examples of The Word of Wisdom:

Old Testament -

1. Joseph.....*Gen.4133:36*
2. Joshua.....*Joshua 8*
3. David.....*2 Samuel 5:22-25*
4. Hushai.....*2 Samuel 17:1-14*
5. Elisha.....*2 Kings 3:16-20*
6. Elisha.....*2 Kings 6:6*
7. Jahaziel.....*2 Chronicles 20:14-17*

New Testament -

1. Jesus.....*Matthew 21:23-27; Luke 20:19, 26*
2. James.....*Acts 15:13-22*
3. Paul.....*Acts 27:30-31*

Remember: The Gift of The Word of Wisdom IS NOT:

"The Gift of Wisdom" -but- "A part of the Wisdom of God for the moment or situation."

B. The Gift of The Word of Knowledge.

1 Corinthians 12:8

Introduction:

This is not: “The Gift of Knowledge.” But is in fact - Divine insight into situations and circumstances of the past and present. DO NOT confuse this with the modern dry Psychics. These are not God inspired. The devil can reveal things about one’s life, but it’s based on “familiarity.” I.E. Our enemy becomes familiar with our active, personality, habits, etc. so, he can give a revelation to someone based on that.

One who yields their self to a “familiar spirit” can receive a revelation, but it is not from God.

The Gift of The Word of Knowledge IS NOT:

- a. Sanctified human knowledge.
- b. An amplification of human knowledge.
- c. An increased capacity to learn.
- d. A gradual or sudden discovery or accumulation of facts.

IT IS NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH:

The Supernatural Revelation by the Holy Spirit of certain facts in the Mind of God, in the affairs of men and circumstances.

God at all times knows everything about all people, places and problems past and present. He has ALL knowledge.

When He gives information to us about a certain person or matter, that is: “A Word of Knowledge” - the Gift in operation.

He simply speaks to our mind, our understanding and we know at that moment what we did not have knowledge of before. I’ve often termed it this way: “It’s like I suddenly remember something I had forgotten, though I did not originally know it.”

When a “Word of Knowledge comes there may be other things about an individual that you already know, but this ONE THING is revealed by Holy Spirit.

The Word of Knowledge is not acquired. It is a revelation with no mixture of the natural.

Knowledge: is information of facts. It comes by study and a diligent exercise of the mind and intellectual effort. It CAN BE gained independently of fellowship with God.

Examples of The Word of Knowledge:**Old Testament -**

1. Joseph.....*Gen.40:13-19; Gen.41:25-32*
2. Samuel.....*1 Sam.8:10-18; 1 Sam.9:19-20*
3. Nathan.....*2 Sam.12:1-4; 2 Sam.12:7-14*
4. Ahijah.....*1 Kings 14:5-16*
5. Elijah.....*1 Kings 17:1; 1 Kings 21:17-19*
6. Elisha.....*2 Kings 5:25-27; 6:8-12; 6:31; 7:2*
7. Daniel.....*Daniel 2:19-45; Daniel 4:19-26*

New Testament -

1. John the Baptist.....*Luke 3:15-17*
2. Jesus.....*Matthew 12:25-30*
Luke 19:30-34
John 4:17-18
John 6:64
John 11:4
John 13:38
3. Peter.....*Acts 5:1-10*
4. Paul.....*Acts 20: 29-30*
5. Disciples.....*Acts 21:4*
6. Agabus.....*Acts 21:11*

Practical Example:

You, the person being used, are requested to pray for an individual; as the person stands before you, you begin to hear in your understanding that this person was abused, as a child. The year may even come to you. Some specific details may even come. This can also come in the form of a vision. This can also work with the Gifts of Helping whereby Holy Spirit reveals a specific condition in the person's body due to an accident, abuse, etc.

NOTE: This is not: "The Gift of Suspicion."

The Gift of the Word of Knowledge is a powerful key given to the Spirit-filled Believer.

C. The Gift of Discerning of Spirits.

Introduction:

Discerning of Spirits is not just directed toward demon or evil spirits, but, Angels of God.

Discern means: “To look into;” “to see;” “to understand;” “to perceive clearly;”

NOTE: We’re not advocating that with the operation of this Gift that one begins to see demon spirits on the walls and in chairs or on a continual basis, nor angles, but as the Holy Spirit reveals - for - when we do see, it’s because Holy Spirit made it possible.

By means of the three (3) Gifts of Revelation, namely: Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge and Discerning of Spirits; all that God knows, and there is nothing that he does not know, may be, and can be made known to man as the Holy Spirit wills, through the agency of one or more of these three (3) Gifts.

Discerning of Spirits reveals the source of a supernatural miracle or manifestation. It shows what kind of spirit is motivating the person who is expressing the supernatural.

The Gift of Discerning of Spirits IS NOT:

- a. A gift of discernment. There is no such gift. No Scripture ever indicated a “gift of discernment.” Discernment, so called, if true, is the Word of Knowledge or the Word of Wisdom in operation instead.
- b. A kind of “thought-reading.” It is not a revelation of men’s hearts, thoughts, or human spirit.
- c. Psychological insight. This deals with human character and mental phenomena. In so far as it is galvanized, so to speak, with a measure of the supernatural, as when a spiritualist, a palmist, or a crystal-ball gazer really reveals some secret of life; that measure of the supernatural has its source and it is not of God and will be judged. Clairvoyance, psychism, hypnotism, magic, occultism, witchcraft, sorcery, spiritism, and other such powers that perform miracles are Satanic in origin.
- d. Keen mental penetration, clever analyst like the modern day “Psychic Friends” (so called).
- e. Power to discern faults in others. *Matthew 7:16*

The Gift of Discerning Spirits IS:

- a. To help in delivering the afflicted, oppressed, obsessed, possessed. *Matt.12:22; Acts 5:16; Acts 10:38*
- b. To aid in checking plans of the adversary, namely, the devil. *Acts 16:16-18*
- c. To expose plausible (reasonable) error. *1 Tim.4:1-2; 2 Peter 2:1*
- d. To expose demonic activity and demonic miracle workers. *2 Thess.2:9-10; Revelation 16:14*
- e. To recognize what spirit is maturing a man's speech. *Matt.16:23; Luke 9:55*

The Function of Discerning of Spirits

- a. Direct Witness..... *Matthew 16:21-23; John 1:47-50*
- b. Doctrine..... *1 Corinthians 12:3; 1 John 4:1-6*
- c. Demonstration..... *Matthew 7:15-23; Luke 8:51-56; John 3:1-3; Acts 5:3; Acts 8:23*

Review:

The Gift belongs to Holy Spirit, and He "manifests" the Gift when and through whom He wills to the Glory of God.

The Gift of Discerning of Spirits is an insight given (to) by an individual from the Holy Spirit to determine whether an activity or even teaching is from the Holy Spirit, from the flesh, or from the enemy, the devil.

Read Acts 5:3-4.

PART 3

III. The Three (3) Gifts of Power (*What God Does*)

Introduction:

We've studied: "What God Says" - The 3 Gifts that speak -and- "What God Says - His Knowledge" - the Revelation Gifts.

These 6 Gifts are Power Weapons against the enemy of our souls and a tremendous Spiritual resource that strengthens our walk and relationship with the Lord. They are known as Power Gifts.

In this next step of our Lesson, we're going to look into; "What God Does." For it is He that does the work not the Believer. We are only a vehicle, a channel, an instrument.

He is the Gift and the Gift Giver. He manifests the Gift through whom He chooses.
1 Corinthians 12:11

A. Gifts of Healing

1 Corinthians 12:9, 30

When Healing is mentioned in our society today, automatically, there is a negative connotation that seems to accompany it because of what the world has seen, however, because there have been frauds, that doesn't make God's reality any less real..

1. Gifts of Healing first of all refers to: "Supernatural Healing without Human Aid."
2. Healing did not begin with the New Covenant, but we see it throughout the Old Covenant. "I am the Lord that Healeth Thee." (Jehovah Rafa) *Exodus 15:26*
3. On the night of Passover, when Israel was preparing to leave Egypt, they were instructed to: "Broil a lamb and eat all of it." The next day, when they marched out of the land of Egypt there was not one (1) sick or afflicted one among them. *Exodus 12*

NOTE: Numerous accounts are given throughout the Old Testament where God healed by Supernatural means

4. *Isaiah 53:4-5* declares a Prophetic Word of what God would do through His Son, Messiah Jesus.
5. At Jesus' trial, He was beaten just like Prophet Isaiah said, and when He was crucified, resurrected and ascended, that Prophetic Promise of Healing was sealed and released for all those who would believe. *Luke 23; John 19*

We must establish: "It is God's will to Heal by Supernatural means." The price was paid, there, Healing is the right of "All those who will believe." *1 Peter 2:24; 3 John 2*

6. *Matt.15:26* gives account of Jesus declaring - "Healing is the children's bread." What children? First of all - at that time, He was referring to the Jewish people; people of the Covenant. As He fulfilled the Law, that wall of partition was broken down and ALL who would believe had rights to this Covenant. *Acts 10; Gal.3:13-15; Eph.2:11-22.*

God wants to Heal for therein He is glorified.

A. Gifts of Healing

1 Corinthians 12:9

Healing can come in many ways.

1. May include divinely assisted application of human instrumentation and medical means of treatment. (We must never dispute that medical science has been used in Healing, but we must also remember, that ALL Healing still comes from God).

Gifts of Healing:

Notice the word is plural, which indicates more than one (1).

- a. The purpose is: to declare the sick and destroy the works of Satan in the body.

Read 1 John 3:8.

NOTE: We must re-establish this fact: "It is God's will to heal and for His people to walk in Divine Health."

- b. Gifts of Healing are: "A Manifestation or Impartation from the person praying, released into the recipient."

A miracle is instant - Healing is a process; it may come over a period of time; hours, days, etc.

- c. Example of a miracle: *Acts 3*
Peter and John giving to the temple to pray and they see the same man. Some call this act, healing, but in reality, it was a Miracle: "An interruption by supernatural means of natural course of events."

Gifts of Healing Defined

The word Gifts indicate: "More than one;" "Diverse;" to use an analogy, in Medical Science today, we have Physicians who specialize in a given field: "Heart;" "Internal;" "Eyes;" etc. That is their specialty. They can treat other illnesses, but this is their "gifting" (if we may use this word). By the same token, the manifestation of the Gifts of Healing operate. A Believer may be used by the Lord in one particular area of praying for the sick more than another.

- a. Example: A Believer, operating in the faith of God, may pray for people with "Cancer" and up to 90% of them are healed with positive results. The same Believer prays for people with "Back-Problems" and only 10% are healed with positive results. We could safely say, that the Manifestation of the Gifts of Healing works in the area of Healing Cancer through that Believer more than any other sickness.

The same would hold true for any other sickness where frequency of Healing happens.

- b. One may have special faith and Giftings in praying people who are badly Burned. Another has special faith and Gifting in praying for Fever; another for Diabetes, Blood Pressure, etc.
- c. We must be sensitive when praying for someone who has a condition: we pray, God heals, we give Him thanks. Later another, and yet another comes with the same condition. We pray, God heals, we give Him thanks. Be sensitive to faith rising within.

NOTE: Two (2) things must be stated and remembered here.

1. We're not advocating that you only pray for those who have specific conditions for which you've prayed for in the past with results.

In *Mark 16:18* Jesus declares, "They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover."

As a Faith-filled Believer, you should offer the “Prayer of Faith” for whoever and whatever stands in front of you. *James 5:15a*

Don't hang you “shingle” out declaring that YOU specialize in a specific area of healing. That's the easiest and fastest way to have the Anointing lift from your life.

2. YOU are not the Healer, NOR is it YOUR Gift. It is the “Manifestation” of the Gifts of Healing. Do not promote yourself.

We do not in any way advocate nor endorse starting “Healing Ministries.” Ministry, no matter what it is, is the ministry of Jesus Christ Himself.

- d. To be “Healed” is to “Be Set Free.” And as already stated, that is a process of time, whether brief or extended.

Read Acts 5:15-16a

This context reveals: “Gifts of Healing.” “Paul laid his hands on him and healed him.”

Correct translation is: “Through the laying on of Paul's hands there was a “Divine Impartation which set him free or delivered him.”

Read Acts 10:36-39.

Throughout the book of Acts we see “Healing” and “Miracles.” When it says “Healing,” we know that it was “a recovery in a process of time, whether brief or extended.”

Read Matthew 10:7-8.

Jesus commissioned the disciples to go forth on His Authority. “Heal The Sick.” I.E. “Bring and Impartation to them and declare to them that they just encountered the Kingdom of Heaven.”

B. Working of Miracles

“A miracle is a supernatural intervention in the ordinary course of nature or events;” “an interruption of the normal course of events by supernatural means,” “a suspension of the accustomed order through the Spirit of God.”

We often use the word “miracle” as a figure of speech, “That was a miracle that things worked out like they did” or, we consider the Sunrise, Sunset, Beautiful

Flowers, Mountains, etc. as “miracles.” They are in a matter of speaking, but they are doing what they are designed to do.

1 Corinthians 12:10 - “The Working of Miracles” is a specific act.

Everything God does is “miraculous,” but is not necessarily - “The Working of Miracles.”

NOTE: Let’s establish the Rule, the Principle, the Truth. We are not Miracle Workers. You nor I. Without God, there are no miracles. He is the Miracle Worker, He always has been and always will be and He will not give His job to Humanity.

However, He will “manifest” Himself through us with His Awesome Power to Work Miracles or to Interrupt the natural course of events or circumstances by Supernatural Means.

Read John 2:1-11.

- a. Jesus turns water into wine. He didn’t touch it. He didn’t throw powders in it, He simply said to His disciples, “Dip in and dip out (serve it).”

As you’ve studied the four (4) Gospels, you’ve read countless occasions of “The Working of Miracles.”

Jesus healed, but also worked “miracles,” but these were more than just to or for the physical body.

1. walked on water and enabled Peter to do the same.
2. multiplied the five (5) loaves and two (2) fish and fed over 10,000 people.
3. spoke the word and money came in a fish’s mouth to pay taxes.
4. calmed the storms.
5. raised the dead.

The record goes on and on. Jesus, by God’s Divine Power “Altered the present course of the event or circumstance.”

- b. Peter speaks judgment on Annanias and Saphira and they died. *Acts 5:15*

Philip preaching in Samaria. *Acts 8:6*

Elymas, the sorcerer is struck blind because of his opposition and interference with the Gospel. Paul spoke the word and the Miracles happened. *Acts 13:4-12*

NOTE: This Elymas was not smitten because of his sorcery, but because of “strife; rebellion; sowing discord, and talebearing.”

- c. Elijah - many miracles were worked through his life.
1. He spoke the word and shut up the heavens that it didn't rain for 3 years.
 2. He called fire down from heaven and it consumed a sacrifice that had been drenched in water.
 3. He spoke the Prophetic Word to the Widow of Zarapheth, she obeyed and her meal and oil were multiplied for over 2 years without any lack while there was a severe famine in the land.
 4. He spoke a Prophetic Word to the woman of Shuman, who was barren, she conceived of her husband, had a son. The son later died. Elijah raised him from the dead.

These are only a few of the “Miracle Manifestations” that flowed through Elijah.

- d. Elisha - It is recorded that, “a double portion of the anointing on Elijah came on Elisha which means; “twice as many miracles.” *2 Kings 2*.
1. Smote the River Jordan and the waters parted.
 2. He spoke the Prophetic Word and the Syrian army was smitten with blindness.
 3. He called the “she-bears” out of the woods to devour children who were mocking him and God.
 4. He threw a stick in the water and a borrowed ax-head that had fallen in swam to the surface (iron swam).

There are numerous other “Miracle Manifestations” in the life and ministry of Elisha.

- e. Throughout the Old Testament, there are many Patriarchs of Faith and great Prophets that the “Miracle Manifestations” came through.

Some spoke “The Prophetic Word” while others simply walked in an Anointing that Produced it.

- f. In the Book of Acts Church, the “Working of Miracles” was prominent. These walked in the Anointing that produced it. They realized it was God who did the work, they were just the channel.
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NOTE: The Gift of working of miracles is - "The actual manifestation of the gift through an individual by God's Spirit. Remember, it is God who chooses through whom He will Manifest this Gift.

g. The Gift of Working of Miracles can work by:

1. The spoken word - the prophetic word. *1 Kings 17:1; Matt. 11:23*
2. Through laying on of hands. *Acts 3:1-8*
3. Casting out demons. *Mt. 8:28; Mt. 12:22; Mk. 1:26; Mk. 16:20*

h. Miracles are used or done to Display the Magnificence of God and His Power.

"Explosions of Almightyness;" "Impelling, staggering wonders that produce astonishment."

- i. The lame walk - immediately
The blind see - immediately
The deaf hear - immediately
Backs are straightened - immediately
Limbs are made normal - immediately

FINAL NOTE: In these last times of the END, there is an Anointing being released upon the Body of Christ, that is, His Church, His People that will produce Miracles that will astonish and astound even the most sincere, committed Christian.

In *Luke 21:26* Jesus said, "Men's hearts would fail then for fear of what's coming upon the earth." That verse is not just referring to evil and calamity, but "The Awesomeness of God's Power."

Can you just imagine God's Miracle Manifestation of His Anointing causing "Limbs" that have been severed from ones body to instantly grow! Or "eye sockets" where eyes have been removed because of disease to be recreated. To many Christians, this would sound too far fetched and way out, but our God is "way out." He doesn't play by man's rules. He does what brings Him glory! If He can re-create an "internal organ" as a New Heart, Lungs, etc. why could he not do the same for the outer man. He can! He will!

C. The Gift of Faith

This Power Gift is a key to the other two (2) that we've just discussed, for healing and miracles come by faith. Of course, God retains the right of His sovereignty where He can and does work miracles without the aid of anyone.

The Gift of Faith IS NOT:

- A fruit of the Spirit - *Galatians 5:22-23*
- The measure of faith given to all - *Romans 12:3*
- General faith or action faith or seed faith - *Mark.11:23; Luke 17:6*
- Saving faith - *Hebrews 11:6*
- Something that everyone has
- A magic wand
- A tool to build one's own kingdom, etc.

The Gift of Faith IS:

Different from any other faith that we see in scripture, although there are those who say - there's only one (1) type of faith, using *Ephesians 4:5*.

Let's take a closer look at that verse.

Beginning with *verse 4*: "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called one hope of your calling. One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God, one Father of all, etc.

Paul is speaking here not of an "action faith" but of a "faith in God." Not of Baptist faith, Methodist, Lutheran, etc. We've heard it said, "what faith are you off?" In the secular world's view, it's either Catholic, Protestant or Jewish. Paul is referring here to, "a single minded, saving faith, that: Jesus Christ is Lord, He is the only way to Salvation and there is only one (1) Lord and one (1) Father who is God. So, this is not referring to "The Gift of Faith."

- a. The Gift of Faith is: "an Implosion of Almightyness;" "Extraordinary trust and belief;" "an Infusion of the same Almightyness that flows from God."
- b. One who walks in The Gift of Faith believes God in such a way that He honors their word as if He had spoken it Himself and miraculously brings it to pass.

Elijah - *1 Kings 17:1; 1 Kings 17:14; 1 Kings 18:38; 2 Kings 1:10;*
1 Kings 18:41; 2 Kings 2:8

NOTE: In the above Scripture references, we see: "Miracles" coming to pass, but we also see, "The Gift of Faith" working hand in hand.

Know this: God can and does work “Miracles without out faith, but, with the Gift of Faith, He also works and honors the Words Spoken and the Actions taken as if it were He Himself. And in fact it is He Himself Manifesting through another.

- c. Elisha - *2 Kings 2:14; 2 Kings 2:21; 2 Kings 3:16; 2 Kings 4:5; 2 Kings 4:41; 2 Kings 4:43; 2 Kings 4:35; 2 Kings 6:6 2 Kings 5:10* - This took the Gift of Faith to speak!
- d. Moses: there are too many to list that confusion “The Gift of Faith.” God honored Moses’ word when He spoke as if He (God) had said it Himself. And in fact, He gave Moses the words, but it took: “An Implosion of Almightyness to speak it out for it was always contrary to the normal course of events.

Throughout Old and New Testaments we find those who operated in this powerful: “Gift of Faith.” We must learn the difference in the aforementioned types of Faith and The Gift of Faith and speak it and expound it correctly when the subject is brought up.

- e. The Gift of Faith is often termed as:
- Miracle Faith
 - Reckless Faith
 - Unlimited Faith
 - Boundless Faith
- That is: Believing God for anything - expecting it and calling it done before you ever see the evidence.

- f. The Three Hebrew lads of Daniel 3:

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego operated in the “Gift of Faith.” This was not just A Miracle Faith (*Romans 12:3*) when they said, “We don’t have to even think about it whether or not we should bow down to you. Our God is able to deliver us.” And, He did!

Daniel and the Den of Lions in Daniel 6:
Daniel operated in this same “Gift of Faith.”

“An implosion of assurance and confidence which brought an explosion of almightyess.”

That’s the case with Sahdrach, Meshach and Abednego and Daniel.

g. Peter and John - *Acts 3*:

As we've already mentioned. "An implosion of assurance and confidence gripped Peter and John when they saw the lame man and it produced: "An explosion of almightiness" and Peter said, "Arise!"

The Faith Filled Stories go on and on!

h. The Gift of Faith will work in many areas:

"Finances" whereby one has prayed diligently for a breakthrough and still he doesn't feel confident, then, all of the sudden, there's an "Implosion within - an assurance" and he knows that he will receive.

"Vision" whereby one has a great desire and vision to be used of God and vision and plan comes together of how to do it or put it together, but waves of doubt and fear assail this Believer, then, unexpectedly, suddenly, "An Implosion within - an assurance" that what he is supposed to do can be done and now there's Strength and Faith to do it.

The list goes on...add you situation to it!

i. *Romans 4:17-21* gives us a powerful account of the faith of Abraham. (*v.17b*) says, "God calleth those things which be not as though they were." God calls them, not like they are, but like they're going to be.

This is exactly what He did with Abraham. *Genesis 12-18*. He (God) declared in advance what was going to be for Abraham and the promise of that word got down in Abraham's spirit and "The Gift of Faith" was imparted.

Remember, the promise must be in your heart before it can be effective in your mouth. *Romans 10:8*.

These three (3) Power Gifts work together. Where one may complete it's work and function, the other will begin there to complete it's function and they all - that is those three (3) as well as the other aforementioned six (6) work together to glorify God.

This Faith counts a thing DONE before it BEGINS. Pray that God may grant that the Manifestation of this Gift operates in you!