

The New Testament Church
The Holy Spirit #9 – Word of Wisdom, Knowledge and Discernment
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I Review of John 14-17 – Jesus teaching on the Holy Spirit’s “job description”

- A. The Holy Spirit is God - the one (transcendant) and many (imminent) - Elohim
 - 1. Jn. 20:21-22 – Jesus appeared – *peace I give you, receive the Holy Spirit – regenerated*
 - 2. Acts 2:1-4 – The day of Pentecost – *be baptized in the Holy Spirit - empowerment*
- B. John 14-17 - Great Transition – Holy Spirit **comforts** and **convicts** – defending our position
- C. Christ can baptize you in the Holy Spirit (prayer in tongues) – Spirit having more of you
- D. The gifts and fruit of the Spirit – the gifts draw you in to surrender to forming His Image!
- E. Hearing the voice of the Lord – the *rhema* voice of God rests on the *logos* written Word

II The Revelation gifts: wisdom, knowledge and discernment – Dan. 2:14-19; 1st Cor. 12:1,4-10

- A. Daniel receives a word of knowledge and wisdom through a dream for Nebuchadnezzar
- B. The Trinity is involved in manifesting the work of the Spirit in the NT – v. 4-6
 - 1. Diversities of **gifts** (charismaton, ability) – the Spirit gives when they are needed
 - 2. Differences of **ministries** (diakonion, service)– our Lord Jesus develops ministries
 - 3. Diversities of **activities** (energy, power) – God the Father places us in the body
- C. Gifts, ministries and activities are for the “common good” – sympheron – v. 7
 - 1. There are not for you but for others and the advance of His Kingdom
 - 2. *Your gift, ministry and service will make room for you as you walk in submission!*
 - 3. “Everyone is given something, but no one is given everything” – we are a body
- D. The gifts (“divine gratuity” – grace) of the Holy Spirit
 - 1. They are given as the Spirit distributes them for a specific time, place and person
 - 2. Due to the nature of its impact, they are to be delivered cautiously and humbly
 - 3. If a “word” is given to you – don’t ignore or idolize it – evaluate it by the Logos!
- E. *To one is given by the Spirit a word of wisdom* – v. 8a
 - 1. Wisdom (logos) – *sophia* – the **application of knowledge** as to timing, with whom, etc.
 - 2. We are given “a” word of wisdom for a situation – not all wisdom
 - 3. There can be two or more choices that are Biblical – logos – so how do we choose?
 - 4. The “fear of the Lord” is the beginning (most important part) of wisdom (Pr. 9:10) – so this or any gift of this kind is not a “show off” or to bring recognition to ourselves
 - 5. Examples of moving in “a word of wisdom” – James 1:5; John 4:17-18
- F. *To another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit* – v. 8b
 - 1. Knowledge (logos) – *gnosis* – **truth and facts** – a balance
 - 2. We are given “a” word knowledge to demonstrate God’s care – not all knowledge
 - 3. Facts alone can be deceiving, it is the root premise that interprets the data
 - 4. The “fear of the Lord” – Pr. 1:7 - because knowledge puffs up – 1st Corinthians 8:1
 - 5. Examples of moving in “a word of knowledge” – Acts 5:1-11
- G. *To another discerning of spirits* – v. 10c
 - 1. Discernment (logos) – *diakrisis* – **distinguish in order to examine**
 - 2. We are given “discernment of spirits” – distinguishing motives and demonic spirits
 - 3. Selfish motives and demonic spirits can say the “right thing” with the wrong motive
 - 4. 1st John 4:1-3 - Discernment of a spirit of self or demonic deception – Christ-centered
 - 5. Examples of moving in “discerning of spirits” – Acts 16:16-20