

PARTICIPANT'S GUIDE COURSE SIXTY ONE

THE 9 GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT A WORD OF WISDOM A WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

How to Use This Guide

This self-study guide is a companion document to the video course “The 9 Gifts of the Spirit: A Word of Wisdom and A Word of Knowledge”

This guide will help you understand the spiritual gifts of A Word of Wisdom and A Word of Knowledge.

Each Glory to Glory Study guide is organized around five areas of learning:

1. **Synopsis of Key Learning** - The synopsis will provide summaries of key points from the video that are important for you to understand and serve as foundational knowledge for the next course in the learning series.
2. **Important Vocabulary and Concepts** - This study guide will provide explanation of important words or ideas that are critical to understanding biblical truth.
3. **Deeper Learning** - The more you know and understand about who God is and how He works, the deeper in love you fall. God wants to have a deep and abiding relationship with you. He desires for you to know Him. This section of guide will give you additional insights into the teaching from the video for you to study on your own. If you have questions, there will be mentoring moments in the online school for you to get your questions answered.
4. **Life Application** - God calls for us to not just be a hearer of His word, but a doer also. (James 1:22). This means that God expects for us to apply what we learn about Him in our everyday lives. This section of the study is to help you think about the ways to apply what you learn from the course to your everyday life.
5. **Memory Scriptures** - Scriptures that support key concepts in the course will be highlighted. We encourage you to memorize these scriptures by meditating on them until they are hidden in your heart. When you hide God's word in your heart, it makes it hard for the enemy to deceive you. In this way, you are less likely to sin against God. (Psalm 119:11)

Introduction to Course Sixty One

There are nine gifts of the Spirit as outlined in 1 Corinthians 12:7-10 and two mentioned are A Word of Wisdom and a Word of Knowledge.

In this teaching you will learn how to differentiate them and get some examples of what this

looks like in the bible as well as in your own life.

These gifts were given to the believers to help with building up the church and to protect the believers from falsehood - false prophets and false teachers.

The Gifts of A Word of Wisdom and A Word of Knowledge

Synopsis

In the NLT Version of 1 Corinthians 12:8 it says this:

To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge.

This is the simplified way to describe the gifts when it is in operation. There are no goosebumps or feelings attached to it. There are just words spoken that when we harken to them we see movement in our lives in a direction that says the words came directly from God.

The bible also defines in James 3:17 how the wisdom from God should appear. We also know that the knowledge that comes from God should be from a foundation of love and humility. Otherwise, we will become puffed up and prideful.

Key Vocabulary/ Concepts

Greek Strong's Concordance - 3056

Logos: Word, speech, message, account, reason, doctrine

3056 *lógos* (from **3004** /*légō*, "speaking to a conclusion") – a *word*, being the expression of a *thought*; a saying. **3056** /*lógos* ("word") is preeminently used of *Christ* (Jn 1:1), expressing the *thoughts* of the Father through the Spirit.

[**3056** (*lógos*) is a common term (used 330 times in the NT) with regards to a person sharing a message (discourse, "communication-speech"). **3056** (*lógos*) is a broad term meaning "*reasoning expressed by words*."]]

Deeper Learning	<p>Using the principles of these gifts it is very easy to determine if you are in the presence of a false teacher and/or a false prophet. We can test everything using the wisdom principle outlined in James 3:17</p> <p>Is the message:</p> <p>pure;</p> <p>peace-loving;</p> <p>considerate;</p> <p>submissive(to Christ);</p> <p>full of mercy:</p> <p>good fruit;</p> <p>impartial;</p> <p>sincere?</p> <p>We can also test the knowledge given in the message:</p> <p>Is it loving?</p> <p>Does it come with humility?</p> <p>If you could take all the prophetic messages you receive and run them through this filter, it will be easy for you to identify the signature of God in them.</p>
Life Application	<p>I remember one day as I was driving in my car and praying a random thought (word) popped into my head and this thought gave me “insight” to the thoughts and intentions that someone else at church had towards me.</p>

They were not good. My immediate *feelings* was that of anger, especially realizing that I've never wished that person bad and that I do pray for them. I started thinking I'll never pray for them again and all my thought patterns towards that person suddenly turned negative.

Those feelings lingered for about a minute and then the thought came to me...would Jesus ever tell me something about someone that would cause me to be angry with that person? Would Jesus ever give me the thought that I should stop praying for this person? Would Jesus ever want me to start treating this person badly? Would Jesus turn my thought life from positive to negative while I was praying?

NO!!!!

It was at that very moment I realized that the random "word" was not from God but from the devil. You see, he can give you words too!

How are you going to know the difference? Watch what happens to your thought patterns after you get this special wisdom and knowledge.

Are you being led to be more like Christ or are you now ready to take control and do something that can only feed your flesh?

This is how you know the difference.

So what did I do? I rejected it immediately, well about 1 minute after the thought rolled around in my head. I didn't care if the information was true, what I cared about was my emotional state and how I was going to treat this person based on the information. At that moment, I decided to pretend like I never heard that. I continued to treat them the same, pray for them, show them the same love as I did before I found that out. I wiped it clean from my mind.

Whenever the Lord shares something with you that is not good about someone, I promise you, you are not going to want to hurt or injure that person in any way. Instead you will look at them with the love of Christ as the Lord Himself counsels you through how you interact with them moving forward.

	<p>Look at the juxtaposition of Christ knowing who Judas was and that He was about to be betrayed and crucified because of Judas compared to how Peter responded when the soldier came to arrest Jesus, by cutting his ear off(John 18:10-11). Two completely different responses to basically the same thing.</p> <p>When Jesus gives you the message, even if it is not the best news, there is a grace that is given to you to handle the information and it will always come with love and humility.</p> <p>The next time you come into some knowledge or wisdom, check how you are feeling after you receive the information and that will let you know the source of the information.</p>
Memory Scriptures	<p><i>(Colossians 2:2-3) "My goal is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."</i></p>
Prayer	
<p><i>Holy Spirit,</i></p> <p><i>Thank you for giving us the 9 Gifts of the Spirit. Thank you for a word of wisdom and a word of knowledge. Help me to grow more and more in love and humility so that I may glorify You in using these gifts, In the name of Jesus, Amen.</i></p>	