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Lesson 1:

Gifts Of The Holy Spirit 1:

Introduction

“For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit; To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing(s) by the same Spirit; To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues.” (1 Corinthians 12:8-10)

There are nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit. We see them all in the above Scripture. The nine Gifts are separated into three groups.

The first group is commonly referred to as the Power Gifts. They are called the Power Gifts because they DO something. They are: The Gift of Faith, the Gifts of Healings and the Working of Miracles.

The second group is commonly referred to as the Revelation Gifts. These are Gifts that REVEAL something. They are: The Word of Wisdom, the Word of Knowledge and the Discerning of Spirits.

The third group is commonly referred to as the Utterance Gifts. This is because they SAY something. They are: The Gift of Prophecy, the Gift of Tongues and the Gift of Interpretation of Tongues.

It is not possible to study each Gift in great detail in these short studies. These studies are simply brief overviews. For greater detail, see my book, “The Person of The Holy Spirit: 65 Study Outlines.”

We will define each Gift in this brief series. We will also see a Biblical example of each Gift in operation. Whenever possible, I will share with you how each of these Gifts have operated in my own life. That way you will recognize them when you see them in your Bible. You will also recognize them when they operate through you or around you.

Everyone operates in at least two Gifts occasionally. The Holy Spirit alone decides which two those are. We cannot choose our Gifts. (1 Corinthians 12:11)

It would be good for you to memorize the name of each Gift as well as its

definition. This was the first thing I did when I discovered them well over 30 years ago. The Holy Spirit's Gifts operate best through those who recognize and understand them most.

Please keep in mind that each of these Gifts is a Supernatural Gift. They operate by the supernatural power of God. They have nothing to do with man's natural abilities. Our job is to have faith in these Gifts and just allow the Holy Spirit to operate them in the way He sees best.

Soon you will recognize which of the Gifts the Holy Spirit has imparted to you. Please keep in mind that you cannot turn your Gifts on and off at will. The Holy Spirit decides when and how your Gifts will operate. The best thing you can do is to spend time worshipping God and reading His Word. This always leads to greater manifestations of your Gifts.

In our next lesson we will study the first of the three Power Gifts, the Gift of Faith.

Lesson 2: Gifts Of The Holy Spirit 2: The Gift Of Faith

We will begin our study with the three Power Gifts. The three Power Gifts do something.

This first study will cover the Gift of Faith.

The Gift of Faith is a supernatural power that comes only from the God of the Bible.

It is the supernatural ability to believe God to protect and to provide during times of extreme crisis or danger.

The Gift of Faith is over and above what I call general faith.

When people accept Jesus as Lord, they do that by general faith.

Once they are Born Again, God imparts to them the “measure of faith.” As they grow in knowledge of God’s Word, the measure of faith develops. They are now able to believe things they were unable to believe before. As the measure of faith grows, God is able to bless them more and more.

Then there is the Gift of Faith.

Again, the Gift of Faith is over and above general faith.

This Gift brings into operation the powers of the world to come.

By this Gift, God works FOR you and not just THROUGH you.

Frequently when this Gift is operating, it results in angelic assistance going into operation on your behalf.

The Apostle Peter & The Gift Of Faith

The Apostle Peter was acquainted with the Gift of Faith and angelic protection. He was in prison for preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. King Herod had decreed the removal of his head. This supernatural Gift of Faith

came upon Peter. The night before his scheduled execution he became so supernaturally confident as a result of this Gift coming into manifestation, he simply went to sleep. From that point God's angel went to work for him.

“And when Herod would have brought him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. And, behold, the angel of the Lord came upon him, and a light shined in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, Arise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And so he did. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed him; and wist not that it was true which was done by the angel; but thought he saw a vision.”

“When they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth unto the city; which opened to them of his own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and forthwith the angel departed from him. And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a surety, that the Lord hath sent His angel, and hath delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews.” (Acts 12:6-11)

God sent His angel to deliver Peter through the operation of the Gift of Faith.

Peter did not have much to do with this at all. He simply fell asleep, woke up, got dressed, put on his sandals and followed the angel as instructed. The angel released Peter's chains, led him through the prison labyrinth, automatically opening every locked gate before them and leading Peter to freedom.

This was the Gift of Faith in operation.

Pretty much all Peter had to do was cooperate with the Gift of Faith while it was in operation.

Pretty much that is all anyone has to do when this Gift is in operation.

By this Gift God worked for Peter and not just through Peter.

By this Gift God works for an individual and not just through an individual.

Frequently, when this Gift is operating, it is the result of angels working on

your behalf.

The Gift of Faith is a supernatural power that comes only from the God of the Bible. It is for the express purpose of protecting and providing during times of extreme crisis and danger.

The Gift of Faith brings into operation the powers of the world to come.

The Gift of Faith is over and above general faith.

To see how this Gift operated in my life, go to “The Albuquerque Fire Pit” and read how God sent His angel to deliver me from my personal prison, as well.

This very same Gift that operated for Peter and for me can operate for you, as well.

The Holy Spirit can be trusted to help you in your hour of need.

If this is the Gift you will need at that time, this is the Gift that will automatically come into manifestation.

The Apostle Paul said, “But covet earnestly the best gifts.” (1 Corinthians 12:31)

What Are The Best Gifts?

The best Gifts are the ones that are needed most at the moment.

Pray now that God’s Gifts will manifest in the Earth. When you need them, they will be there.

In our next lesson we will study the second of the three Power Gifts, the Gifts of Healings.

Lesson 3:

Gifts Of The Holy Spirit 3:

Gifts Of Healings

We are studying the three Power Gifts. The three Power Gifts do something.

This study will cover the Power Gift called the Gifts of Healings.

The Gifts of Healings is a Supernatural power that comes only from the God of the Bible.

This Gift supernaturally removes sickness, disease and even injury without the help of the medical field.

Modern medicine and doctors are wonderful. Their wisdom comes from God. Christians who are sick should make good use of them while they are building their faith for Divine Healing.

However, medicine and doctors are unrelated to the Gifts of Healings.

Modern medicine and doctors operate in the natural realm.

The Gifts of Healings are entirely Supernatural.

Notice also that this Power Gift is called the Gifts of Healings – plural, not singular.

“And God hath set some in the Church...gifts of healings...” (1 Corinthians 12:28)

Some say there are thirty-nine Gifts of Healings. They believe that all human disease falls into thirty-nine categories.

Others believe that there are twelve Gifts of Healings. They believe that all human disease falls into only twelve categories.

However, the Bible does not say how many Gifts of Healings there are. Therefore, we should not say how many Gifts of Healings there are.

What we can say is as follows. There is absolutely no sickness, no disease

and no injury that God is unable to heal.

We also know that one person may be used more specifically than another with Gifts of Healings.

For example, one might have great success praying only for growths and tumors. Another might have great success praying only for blindness, etc. Only Jesus had a 100% success rate in praying for all sickness, disease and injury when people believed. (Mark 6:1-6) This is because He had the power of God on His life without measure. (John 3:34)

No one has power like Jesus had healing power. Individuals of the past such as John Alexander Dowie, John G. Lake, Lillian B. Yeomans, Kathryn Kuhlman, William Branham, Jack Coe, Oral Roberts and others, certainly tapped into the power of God and saw astounding healing miracles. But no one ever had or ever will have healing power available to them in the way that Jesus did.

This is because no one can handle the world throwing themselves at their feet in the way that only Jesus could.

However, the Body of Christ worldwide and corporately share the power of Jesus, I believe.

By this I mean that the power that was on Jesus when He walked in the Earth is now upon His entire Body as they walk in the Earth.

This would be the reason why one person operates in certain Gifts while another operates in completely different Gifts.

A New Testament Example Of The Gifts Of Healings

“Now Peter and John went up together into the temple ... A certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple ... Who seeing Peter and John ... asked an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him with John, said, Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something of them. Then Peter said ... In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and anklebones received strength. And he leaping up stood ... walking, and leaping, and praising God.” (Acts 3:1-8)

This is the Gifts of Healings in operation. This healing was entirely supernatural and instantaneous. It had nothing to do with doctors, medicine or human means.

It is not wrong for Christians to use doctors, medicine or technology. However, when the Gifts of Healings are in operation, it is not a natural manifestation. It is an entirely supernatural manifestation.

Peter and John did not heal this man. The Holy Spirit came upon Peter to heal this man.

Also, when the Gifts of Healings are in operation, the healing is always instant or at least near instant.

The end result of this man's healing was the salvation of thousands of individuals. You will discover that by reading the whole chapter.

Normally the Gifts of Healings operate on behalf of the lost people of the world, not the saved people of the world, for just this reason. The Gifts of Healings draw people to salvation in Christ like moths to a flame.

Not one human being healed under the Ministry of Jesus, through the Gifts of Healings, was Born Again in the sense that they had made Jesus the Lord of their lives by believing God had raised Him from the dead and confessing His Lordship. (Romans 10:9-13)

Jesus had neither died nor risen yet.

The Gifts of Healings were, and are, frequently used by God to draw attention to Christ so that people will accept Him as their Savior. This is confirmed by the Ministry of Jesus.

"And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. And His fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto Him all sick people that were taken with diverse diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and He healed them. And there followed Him great multitudes of people from Galilee, and from Decapolis, and from Jerusalem, and from Judea, and from beyond Jordan." (Matthew 4:23-25)

Notice how when the Gifts of Healings went into operation in Jesus' Ministry, the end result was great multitudes following Him from all the

regions round about.

This is why Gifts of Healings are often referred to as “the dinner bell to salvation.”

A Present Day Example Of The Gifts Of Healings

Although the Gifts of Healings commonly operate on behalf of the lost people of the world to get their attention, this is not to say that the Gifts of Healings never operate amongst the saved.

The Gifts of Healings do occasionally operate on behalf of God's children, but not nearly as frequently.

This is because once a person is Born Again, God expects them to seek healing by getting into His Word, discovering and personally believing all of His Bible promises concerning healing. God wants His children to develop personal faith in His Word and not live simply by faith in miracles or the Gifts of Healings.

God wants His children to develop the habit of studying His Word and going to it for everything, as opposed to putting all their confidence only in spectacular manifestations.

However, again, the Gifts of Healings can occasionally operate on behalf of God's children. I will share a few examples below from my own life and Ministry.

My wife once had an internal problem that caused her great pain at certain times. Many times I would awake in the night and put my hand on her, praying for her to be healed.

Month after month after month I would frequently wake up and do this. We knew from the Bible it was not God's will for her to be ill. I was not going to let the devil talk us out of it.

Though it seemed senseless at times, I persisted.

One night as I laid my hand upon her once again as she slept, there was a literal explosion as the power of God shot out of my hand like rifle fire. At that same instant my hand and arm were forcefully propelled back and away from her body, landing behind me on the bed.

Such an overwhelmingly bright flash came out of my hand it actually lit up the darkened room to where I could see the flash of light through my closed eyelids. It was the Glory of God in manifestation.

The explosion was so loud, I had the thought of the neighbors hearing it and possibly calling the police.

My wife, Barbara, never even woke up.

I was acquainted with God's power flowing out of my hands into the sick, but never like this. This was a literal explosion as I finally connected with God's power through the power of persistence and the Laws of Contact and Transmission.

God's power in the natural world is called "electricity." God's power in the spirit realm is called the "anointing." (Isaiah 10:27; Acts 10:38)

Having finally connected with the anointing, the next morning I explained to my wife what occurred and said to her, "Watch what happens in the next two to three days." Those words just seemed to come right out of my spirit.

Lo and behold, two days later she showed me a large tumor. It was approximately three inches long, an inch and a half wide, a half an inch thick with hundreds of tentacles attached all around it.

The tumor had been supernaturally dislodged by the explosive anointing of God, causing it to literally fall right out of her body.

The painful problem my wife had experienced for so long was finally over.

She had been set free by the anointing of God in manifestation through the Gifts of Healings.

Additional Present Day Examples Of The Gifts Of Healings

I was once conducting a series of services for a Pastor in Virginia. Hundreds of people were being prayed for and set free from sexual addictions, demonic manifestations, suicide spirits, emotional afflictions and physical sickness and disease. There were many operations and demonstrations of the Holy Spirit in manifestation.

One night as I moved down the prayer line praying for people, there was a woman with her hands lifted. I laid my hand on her head to pray for her when suddenly she began to fall under the power of God.

As the woman began to fall I noticed there was no usher behind her. I grabbed her wrist to keep her from hitting the floor too hard. Having done so, I realized I had apparently grabbed her bracelet as I felt it break into pieces under my grip. She fell to the floor and I took a moment to look for the pieces of the heavy broken bracelet. Because there were other people lying on the floor around her I was unable to locate the broken bracelet. I moved on to the next person who was awaiting prayer.

Later, once the service had ended, the woman came walking up to me in the lobby as we were saying good night to the congregation. I recognized her and immediately apologized for breaking her bracelet. I explained how I tried to take a moment to see if I could locate it but it was just impossible to find.

She then said to me as she held up her wrist, "I didn't have a bracelet on. But I did have a walnut-sized tumor that had been growing on my wrist for quite sometime now. When I regained consciousness I noticed it was gone. Praise the Lord!"

What I thought was her bracelet breaking under my grip, was the tumor being supernaturally shattered and dissolved. When that occurred it felt to me as if I had shattered a heavy bracelet.

Through an operation of the Gifts of Healings the Holy Spirit had shattered and instantly dissolved the walnut-sized tumor on her wrist.

In that same series of services another woman came into the healing line. She was a heavyset woman who later told me she had been in our prayer line many times before but was unable to receive. She was afraid the power of God might knock her down and she would be unable to stand up again.

Each time I would pray for her she would resist the power of God coming upon her for fear of falling and shaming herself.

She also explained to me that she had finally made the decision to stop resisting the power of God and hindering her healing.

Once she had made that decision, the next time she came into the healing line I prayed for her and the power of God hit her, rendering her unconscious. She later told me that when she was falling it was like a feather floating to the

floor. She lay on the floor having been rendered unconscious by the Holy Spirit for a few moments. I then laid hands on her husband and he fell on the floor beside her.

The woman explained to me that when she regained consciousness, she put her hand on her throat without thinking. At that moment she discovered that four goiters hanging on the front of her neck for over forty years had instantly disappeared. She grabbed her husband's hand as he lay beside her on the floor, placing it on her neck, exclaiming to him, "They're gone. All four goiters are gone."

He responded, "I know. I can feel it. They're gone."

My wife, Barbara, the woman with the walnut-sized growth on her wrist and the woman with the four goiters on her neck had all been instantly or near instantly healed by a manifestation of the Gifts of Healings.

So we see that the Gifts of Healings can still occasionally operate amongst God's children.

However, God's children are required to meditate on His healing Word and allow God to decide how they will be healed.

This will happen either through the recovery process, as they expose themselves to the healing Word (Mark 16:17,18), or through instantaneous Gifts of Healings.

But again, God decides how His children will be healed. Either way, if the child of God will keep the healing Word before their eyes, healing is guaranteed to come. (Proverbs 4:20-22)

Jesus is alive and these Gifts of Healings still operate today. I have witnessed them in manifestation many times.

I also once prayed for a man who was instantly healed from radiator explosion burns on his entire front upper body and face. Read "Peculiar Ways Jesus Heals" for more details of this additional supernatural testimony concerning Gifts of Healings in operation today.

We need to see these Gifts more in the world as well as in the Church.

It is my personal belief that we are soon to see a tremendous manifestation of all the Power Gifts in our midst.

In these last days God will use these demonstrations to turn millions of people worldwide to His Son, Jesus Christ.

Remember, God is the Blessor. Satan is the damner.

God never makes people sick. Satan does that and blames God for it.

In our next lesson we will study the third of the three Power Gifts, the Working of Miracles.

Lesson 4:

Gifts Of The Holy Spirit 4: The Working Of Miracles

We are studying the three Power Gifts. The three Power Gifts do something.

This study will cover the Power Gift called the Working of Miracles.

The Working of Miracles is a Supernatural power that comes from the God of the Bible producing signs, wonders and miracles.

This Gift was more in demonstration in the Old Testament than in the New Testament. But don't let that throw you. It still operates today and yes, I have seen it in manifestation.

Let's go back to the definition. I told you this Gift produces signs, wonders and miracles. This is accomplished as God suspends or overrides the laws of nature.

Once the laws of nature are adjusted to suit His needs, God moves according to the laws of the Spirit realm through a human or angelic vessel.

Actually, when the Working of Miracles is in manifestation, God is allowing the human or angelic vessel to perform the miracle.

This is when the Supernatural occurs.

Notice that this Gift is not called the "Gift of Miracles." It is called the Working of Miracles.

This is because God actually uses a human being or an angel to "work" the miracle.

The Gift of Faith is when God moves FOR a human being.

With the Gifts of Healings, God moves THROUGH a human being or through an angel.

However, with the Working of Miracles, God actually allows the human vessel or an angel to actually work the miracle utilizing His borrowed power

for the moment.

By clicking on “The Albuquerque Fire Pit” you can read how God sent His angel to deliver me miraculously from drug and alcohol addiction. In the Bible, angels frequently worked deliverances, healings and miracles. (John 5:4; Acts 12:1-11)

The Working Of Miracles Performed Through A Human Vessel

“[Elisha] took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan; And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the Lord God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.” (2Kings 2:13-14)

Here God actually allowed Elisha to perform this miraculous feat. The laws of nature were suspended as Elisha called upon the Lord. Elisha hit the waters with his cloak and the waters supernaturally jumped back and away to either side of him. Elisha walked across on the river bottom. This was no tiny brook, mind you. This was the mighty River Jordan.

The Old and New Testaments are filled with the Working of Miracles.

A Present Day Plastic Eye Miracle

I have a friend who has now traveled on to Heaven. His name is Roscoe Ronald Coyne. You can find Brother Ronald's testimony on the Internet.

As a result of an accident, Brother Ronald had his eye surgically removed as a 7-year-old boy.

Approximately one year later a tent Evangelist, named Daisy Gillock, older sister of T.L. Osborn, prayed for him during a tent crusade. The Evangelist did not know that Ronald's eye was missing. Ronald once told me that the Evangelist thought she was praying for “a chest cold or something.”

As a result of that woman releasing her faith through prayer, God suspended the laws of nature and Ronald actually began to see through his empty eye socket.

Over the course of his remaining 43 years on Earth, Brother Ronald traveled millions of miles demonstrating this startling miracle to millions of individuals. Untold millions turned to Christ as a result.

Brother Ronald demonstrated this miracle in my Church pulpit on two occasions. I personally blocked his existing eye with a handkerchief folded six or eight times. I held it in place with a half roll of adhesive tape. I did a really good job, too. Like you, I wanted to know that he could not see through his existing eye.

Brother Ronald then removed his plastic eye and proceeded to read anything and everything brought to him by nearly everyone in those services – all through an empty eye socket. He read drivers licenses, Bibles, magazines, newspapers, certificates - anything that was placed before him he read with precision.

Not one person could say he missed a single word or letter.

Brother Ronald once told me that he could see through that empty eye socket 24 and 7. This was both with and without the plastic eyeball in place.

Almighty God was allowing him to see supernaturally with his “spirit” eye.

You may have seen Rev. Coyne on one of his multiple television appearances with Oprah Winfrey, Phil Donahue, Geraldo Rivera, Sally Jesse Raphael, as well as on That's Incredible and other popular television talk shows. They all clamored for his appearances.

Ronald once told me that he told them all, “I’ll come on your program but you must allow me the privilege of telling people that Jesus Christ has done this for me. Otherwise, I will not come.” They always agreed to allow him to freely speak of Jesus Christ.

This precious Gift called the Working of Miracles, which manifested through Sister Gillock on behalf of Ronald Coyne, is about to be demonstrated in the Earth unlike any other time in all of human history.

When it is, the multitudes will come running to Christ for salvation.

The Working Of Miracles Versus Miracles Of God

As I told you in the introduction to this lesson, when the Working of Miracles is in manifestation God is allowing a human being or an angel to work a miracle through a temporary use of His power.

However, when God Himself works a miracle, it is simply referred to as a "Miracle" or a "Miracle of God."

For example, God Himself performed sixteen miracles in the presence of Moses. On the other hand, God allowed Moses to personally perform forty-four miracles through the borrowed use of His power.

One night my wife, Barbara, and I were driving along in our automobile in Vermont. It was the middle of winter. Everything was covered with snow and ice, including the floor of our vehicle. Barbara was driving because I was still recovering from the effects a growth which had been supernaturally removed from my inner ear.

Barbara wears contact lenses and is unable to see without them.

As we drove along one of her lenses slipped and she needed to pull over in order to readjust it. We pulled to the side of the snowy road and parked the car. Turning on the interior light she attempted to readjust her lens as I watched.

Suddenly the hard plastic lens literally popped out of her eye, bouncing off the palm of her hand and falling down onto the snow-covered floor.

The interior light was on and I personally witnessed the contact lens pop out of her eye, bouncing off her hand and falling to the floor.

Barbara exclaimed, "My lens just fell out."

I said, "I know. I saw it bounce off your hand and fall to the floor."

She responded, "And I felt it bounce off my hand."

We tried and tried to locate the lens to no avail.

She could not see properly with only one lens to search for the other one. I could not get down to search for it myself for the same reason I could not yet drive - I was still recovering from the effects of a growth that had been in my inner ear for two months.

We were in a quandary. Barbara did not have a spare lens with her and I could not drive.

We prayed, "Father, we need You to help us in Jesus' Name. Please show us where that lens is."

Suddenly Barbara exclaimed, "John, my lens is back in my eye! I can see. My lens is back in my eye."

Almighty God, had not only placed the lens back in Barbara's eye supernaturally, but it was obvious that He had also carefully cleaned it before doing so!

Neither Barbara nor I performed this miracle through the Working of Miracles.

To our knowledge an angel did not perform this miracle.

We believe that Almighty God personally performed the miracle of locating Barbara's lost lens, cleaning it and placing it back in her eye so she could safely drive us home.

This is the difference between the Working of Miracles and a Miracle of God.

Satan's power is mighty. But our God's power is Almighty.

In our next lesson we will study the first of the three Revelation Gifts, the Word of Knowledge.

Lesson 5: Gifts Of The Holy Spirit 5: The Word Of Knowledge

We'll shift gears in this study and move over into the three Revelation Gifts.

The three Revelation Gifts reveal something.

The first Revelation Gift we will study is the Word of Knowledge.

The Word of Knowledge is a Supernatural revelation from the mind of God. It is unrelated to natural, human knowledge. It always has to do with people, places, events or things.

It always, and only, deals with the past or the present. It never has to do with future events.

This will become clearer to you as we go.

The Word Of Knowledge In Jesus' Ministry

Let's look at an example of just one Word of Knowledge from the Ministry of Jesus, the Master.

Jesus met a woman at a well in Samaria one day. He wanted to prove to her who He was, so He challenged her.

“Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said unto her, Thou hast well said, I have no husband: For thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: in that saidst thou truly. The woman saith unto him, Sir, I perceive that thou art a Prophet.” (John 4:16-19)

Here Jesus supernaturally revealed part of this woman's past. He told her that she had been married five times. Then Jesus revealed something about her

present life. He told her that she was presently shacking up with a man she hadn't even bothered to marry!

The woman realized that she was encountering supernatural revelation knowledge straight out of the mind of God.

This is an excellent example of the Word of Knowledge. It has to do with people and events. It also has to do with both the past and the present.

Notice something else in this narrative. Jesus only revealed certain parts of this woman's life. He didn't reveal everything about her life.

That's why it's called a "Word" of Knowledge. A word is a fragmentary part of a sentence.

A Word of Knowledge is only a fragmentary part of all that God knows.

Possibly The Greatest Word Of Knowledge Ever

Possibly the greatest Word of Knowledge in all the world is found in the Old Testament Book of Isaiah.

"I am the Lord, and there is none else, there is no God beside Me..."
(Isaiah 45:5)

Before God could speak such an all-inclusive word, even about Himself, He had to search all of Eternity, past and present, to be sure it was true.

This is why I consider this to be the greatest Word of Knowledge of all.

A Small, Yet Supernatural Personal Word Of Knowledge

Possibly the smallest Word of Knowledge I know is as follows.

One day, when I was just a baby Christian, my dump truck refused to start. I stood in my living room and said, "Father, what's wrong with that truck?"

Immediately, on the inside of my spirit, I saw a picture. I was seeing the coil on my dump truck. I could actually see right through the coil supernaturally.

Inside the coil there was a bead of water hindering the proper flow of electricity. This was preventing the power flow which was needed to turn the starter.

I went outside and removed the wire from the top of the coil. I rolled up a piece of paper towel, sticking it down inside the coil. The paper towel became saturated, wicking the water up into itself.

I was stunned! The Lord had shown me what my problem was through a Word of Knowledge.

I jumped inside the truck, turned the key and the engine turned over immediately.

Being a baby Christian, that completely “blew my mind.”

I began shouting praises to God.

My dump truck mattered to God because my dump truck mattered to me and I matter to God.

An Astounding Word Of Knowledge In My Ministry

Since the time of receiving the Word of Knowledge concerning my dump truck over thirty years ago, I have received so many Words of Knowledge that it is just not possible to remember them all. I do my best to record them all in our Spiritual Journal, but sometimes that it just not possible.

However, I will share one with you here, which is one of the most astounding Words of Knowledge I have yet to receive on behalf of another.

I was once praying about an upcoming five-day Miracle Healing Revival I had agreed to conduct in Virginia. It was approximately three o'clock in the morning. The Holy Spirit often awakens me at this time to pray in the Spirit. Suddenly, I was caught up in the Spirit even as the Apostle John was caught up in the Spirit on the Lord's Day. (Revelation 1:10-11) I found myself in a trance

like Peter went into a trance (Acts 10:5-12) and like Paul went into a trance. (Acts 22:17-21)

In the trance I realized I was standing in the sanctuary of the very Church in which I was to conduct the revival meetings. I had never been there before. I was standing in the pulpit looking out over hundreds of people in attendance. As I looked to my left, I noticed an angled aisle. I looked up the burgundy-carpeted aisle and noticed a woman sitting in the aisle seat exactly two rows from the back wall. She was in her late forties or early fifties. She had brown hair with bangs. She was wearing a red, ribbed-turtleneck sweater, a light jacket and either a denim skirt or jeans.

As I looked at her sitting there, I heard the voice of the Lord speak from behind me, even as John the Apostle heard the voice of the Lord speak from behind him. The Lord said, "She is struggling and suffering terribly concerning her finances. Tell her I said, 'It's over.'" I stood staring at her, pondering what the Lord had just revealed to me. Just as suddenly as I went into the Spirit, I came out of the Spirit and was back in my place of prayer.

Later that morning I shared the details of the vision with my wife. I told her, "When we arrive at the church she will be sitting where the Lord showed me she will be sitting. She will be wearing what the Lord showed me she will be wearing. I am going to call her out and tell her what the Lord told me to tell her. He will take on my obedience and confirm it to her. Somehow she will experience a miracle in her finances."

Weeks later we arrived at the Church in Virginia and it was exactly as I had seen in the trance, right down to the angled aisle and the burgundy carpeting on the floor. As the service was beginning my wife and I were standing in the front row. I looked back and I saw the woman with the brown hair, red ribbed-turtleneck, light jacket and denim skirt. She was seated on the angled aisle, two rows from the back and in the very seat which the Lord had shown me in the trance.

I said, "There she is Lord, just like You showed me. I am going to obey You. I am going to call her out as You told me and You will confirm the vision."

When I stepped into the pulpit I immediately called her out. I asked her if she knew me. She answered, "No, not personally. Although I did know you were coming." I asked if we had ever spoken or even met before. She answered, "No." I then asked if she had been struggling financially. She and her husband both publicly confirmed that she had been so burdened by financial trouble that she was actually physically sick.

I told her, "The Lord showed you to me in a vision. He told me to tell you that your financial struggles are over. He said to tell you, 'It's over.'"

At the end of the service her husband came to thank me and literally burst into tears and cried uncontrollably.

They both later came to me asking if I knew how the Lord was going to bring the word to pass. I told them that I did not know but that He would do it in a way that would bring great glory to Himself. I reminded them that they didn't have to try to figure anything out, even as Moses didn't have to try to figure out how he was going to deliver Israel from Egypt.

I said, "Moses didn't have to figure a thing out. If he tried to do so Moses would have messed it all up. He just had to trust God to take him through the Exodus supernaturally, one step at a time. You don't have to figure anything out either. If you try to do so you'll mess it all up. Trust the Lord to take you through this supernaturally, one step at a time. Somehow He is going to supernaturally reverse your financial situation and glorify Himself in it. All I can tell you is I know what I saw in a vision before coming here. Even as the vision has proved out here today, the fulfillment of the vision will prove out according to God's plan and purpose."

I spoke to the woman's husband on the telephone about two months after I had called her out during the service to give her that Word of Knowledge. He called to relay the following.

"At the time of you calling her out, my wife was getting her house in order because she was planning her own suicide. That is how bad things were concerning our finances. I want to thank you for obeying God, standing up there and giving her that word. I don't know what I would do without her had she taken her life.

"Once you gave her that word, everything changed in our lives. Everything. Our marriage relationship was under tremendous pressure but that has changed as well. We are free to love one another again. We have peace in our home again. Everything has changed for the good. We were able to believe God again and to just trust Him as Moses trusted Him like you said.

"Less than two weeks after you called her out from the pulpit and gave her that word from the Lord, someone who knew nothing at all of our situation gave her (a very substantial amount of money). Our whole lives have changed as of that word being given. Thank you, Pastor, thank you. I don't know how I could have lived without her."

I reminded him that all the glory for what occurred belonged to the Lord, not to me, although I did indeed understand his thanking me.

Before hanging up he said, "Oh, yes, Pastor, by the way. My wife wanted me to tell you that as she was preparing her clothes for the service the day you gave her that word, she had a black turtleneck laid out to wear. At the last minute she said to me, 'I think I need to wear my red turtleneck sweater and not my black one today.' I thought you might find that interesting. It really adds to the testimony, doesn't it?"

This man and his wife were greatly exhorted, edified and comforted by both the Word of Knowledge which the Lord had given me for them in a trance, as well as the supernatural fulfillment of the Word of Knowledge.

Of course, we know this to be a Word of Knowledge because it dealt with the woman's past and present. In the trance the Lord told me that she had been and was presently struggling concerning her finances.

He also told me to tell her, in the present tense, "It is over."

An Astounding Word Of Knowledge In My Personal Life

I would like to share with you another astounding example of the Word of Knowledge. This one has to do with my personal life and was revealed to me through a dream.

Any of the Revelation Gifts can come to an individual through a dream, a vision, the inward witness of the Holy Spirit, one of the two voices of God, prophecy or even through an angelic visitation.

My wife, Barbara, and I were once on the way out to conduct a Sunday morning Church service. Suddenly I was overcome with vertigo, falling over backwards and landing on the floor.

As the room spun around me, I realized I was in serious trouble.

Barbara went ahead and preached the service for me. I went to lie down on the bed and to seek the Lord as to what was wrong with me.

For the next two months I lay on that bed on my right side, unable to change positions without being overcome by the most extreme vertigo. Barbara continued to preach and teach every service for me over the next two months as

I was completely incapacitated.

As I lay there on my right side day after day, I would listen to healing messages, stirring up my faith for supernatural healing.

Barbara and I both believe very strongly that Christians should always utilize the services of doctors and medicine, particularly when they do not have faith for Divine healing. However, I was strongly impressed in my heart that in this particular case, I was not to do so. Barbara had complete peace about my not seeking medical attention as well.

One day while Barbara was away from home, I had a dream of revelation.

In the dream I was looking directly at my own face, close-up, in a mirror. As I wondered why I might be looking at myself in that mirror, my face began to swing open as if it were hinged on the left side of my head. It actually appeared to open like a door.

As my face swung open on the side of my head, I was able to see the backside of my face and the inside of my head in two sections, side-by-side.

I was looking at a cross-cut dissection of the inside of my head and face. It was like looking at a full-color medical illustration.

As I looked around the inside of my head I noticed there was a tumor or a growth of some sort at the very top of my Eustachian tube, directly behind my left inner ear. It was the size of a pea.

As I stared at the growth behind my inner ear, I said to myself, "There's some sort of a tumor or a growth at the top of my Eustachian tube behind my inner ear!"

As soon as I said that to myself, my face immediately closed again on its imaginary hinge and I was again looking directly at my face in the mirror.

As I continued looking at my face in the mirror the dream suddenly ended.

I realized I had been dreaming.

When one has a dream or a vision, they don't normally realize they're having a dream or a vision until they come out of the dream or the vision.

I realized immediately that the Holy Spirit had just shown me, through a Word of Knowledge, contained in a dream of revelation, what my problem was.

I had a tumor or a growth of some sort which had developed behind my inner ear at the top of my Eustachian tube. This is what was causing such extreme vertigo, incapacitating me.

Barbara arrived home shortly after that and I explained to her what the Holy Spirit had just shown me through a Word of Knowledge in a dream.

Knowing that sickness, tumors and growths don't come from God because they destroy life, we knew exactly what to do. (John 10:10; James 1:17) Barbara had a similar problem previously and when we addressed it by faith we saw amazing, supernatural results.

Barbara and I agreed together in prayer, cursing the tumor, addressing it by faith, commanding it to come out of my body in Jesus' Strong Name.

Over the next two days I felt the mass moving down the Eustachian tube, ultimately working its way into my mouth. On the third day I woke up realizing it was about to come into my mouth. I jumped up, went into the bathroom and spit it into the sink. It was the same bloody mass that I had seen in the dream of revelation three days prior.

The vertigo left nearly immediately, however, it was two weeks before I could confidently drive an automobile again. I was well on my way to a quick and a full recovery and back in the pulpit again all because of a Word of Knowledge given in a supernatural dream of revelation. To God be the glory!

Big or small, the Word of Knowledge is always supernatural! It has nothing to do with natural knowledge. It is information concerning the past or the present that could only be imparted supernaturally by the Spirit of the living God.

The Word of Knowledge brings fear and repentance to sinners and great blessings to God's people. The Word of Knowledge can reveal lost things. (1 Samuel 9:1-20) It can comfort and assure one of God's promised protection. (2 Kings 6:1-17) It can also bring supernatural guidance. (Matthew 2:19-23)

Most of all, the supernatural Word of Knowledge brings great glory to God.

We are about to see more supernatural manifestations of the Word of Knowledge and all of the Gifts of the Spirit than in any other time in all of human history.

Just you wait and see.

In our next lesson we will study the second of the three Revelation Gifts, the Word of Wisdom.

Lesson 6: Gifts Of The Holy Spirit 6: The Word Of Wisdom

We are studying the three Revelation Gifts. The three Revelation Gifts reveal something.

We have seen the Word of Knowledge. We have learned that it has to do with the past and/or the present, only.

In this study we will look at the Word of Wisdom.

The Word of Wisdom is a Supernatural revelation from the mind of God. It is unrelated to human wisdom. It has to do with people, places, events or things. It always, and only, deals with the future, never the past or the present.

Let's look at an example of the Word of Wisdom from the Ministry of Jesus. Here Jesus is instructing Peter as to how they were going to pay their taxes. Jesus is doing the talking.

“Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them [the tax collectors], go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.” (Matthew 17:27)

Peter did as he was instructed. Lo and behold, it was exactly as Jesus said it would be. The very first fish that Peter caught had a coin in its mouth. Jesus knew that it would be the first fish. He said so. He knew it would have a coin in its mouth. He said so. Actually, the word Jesus used for coin is “stater.” That is a coin that is equivalent to approximately \$4.00 plus, today. That was exactly enough money to pay both Jesus' and Peter's taxes.

Jesus knew that this was going to happen just ahead of Peter. That is why what Jesus predicted would be classified as a Word of Wisdom. The Word of Wisdom always, and only, has to do with the immediate or distant future.

The Word of Wisdom is considered by many to be the greatest of all nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit. Greatest because it reveals what God would have someone to do and oftentimes how it will turn out. Greatest because it actually

reveals future events. What could be greater than God revealing His future plans to someone?

What could possibly be greater than Almighty God actually giving someone direction right from His Throne Room in Heaven? Now that's GPS. And I don't mean Global Positioning Satellite. I mean God Positioning Saints. God Positioning Saints for success.

Suddenly I Was In The Presence Of Jesus Again

In 1984 I was making plans to move immediately from Las Vegas, Nevada to Broken Arrow, Oklahoma to attend Bible School.

One morning an individual approached me and offered to write me a check for ten thousand dollars to foot the entire bill. The moment that offer was made, down in my gut I knew something was wrong. I went to the Lord about it and while on my knees in prayer, I was suddenly caught up in a trance.

Once again I was being allowed by Almighty God to see into the spirit realm.

While in the trance I found myself standing on an ocean dock in what appeared to be a tropical environment. It appeared to be some sort of paradise. There were palm trees everywhere, a blue cloudless sky, bright sunshine and a cool ocean breeze.

Looming before me was a giant white sea-going vessel in dry dock. It was a bit of a "rust bucket" actually. There were many men seated in captain's chairs hanging over the sides from ropes, scraping and painting all over the massive white, rusted vessel.

I'm not sure how long I stood there watching in fascination as the men worked diligently to prepare this vessel for its voyage. I had no idea in the world where I was.

All I knew was I was experiencing great joy standing there in the sun of this unfamiliar paradise.

Suddenly I was aware of the Master, Jesus, standing directly beside me.

I looked down at His hands and He was holding what appeared to be some sort of small pad and a pen-like device as if He were taking notes about

something. What He was holding could even have been Heaven's equivalent of an electronic device and a stylus. After all, everything in Earth is just a replica of something in Heaven. (Romans 1:20)

Looking back at the men working I then asked Jesus regarding the rusty, unprepared vessel, "What is it?"

He answered, "It's you."

I knew immediately Jesus was speaking analogously. He was telling me that the huge ship represented me being prepared for something He had in store.

I knew when He said that to me, whatever I was being prepared for, I was simply not yet ready for it!

So I just asked Jesus outright, "When will it be ready?"

Jesus answered very kindly, "In nine months."

I should have been disappointed but somehow disappointment just never seems to be an option when you're in the presence of Jesus. Unless you're being rebuked.

I felt pretty good standing there beside Him in the sun looking at that giant vessel symbolizing me in my rusty, unready condition.

Suddenly I came out of the trance as quickly as I had entered into it.

I was still on my knees just as I had been prior to the trance. I may only have been caught up in that paradise for a matter of earthly minutes but it sure felt much longer while I was there.

I now knew that Jesus had just personally told me that I would not be going to Bible School until the next year. This, of course, was a Word of Wisdom because it concerned the future.

In the trance it was also revealed to me that I was presently an unready vessel for His purpose. This was a Word of Knowledge. It is not unusual for the Word of Wisdom and the Word of Knowledge to operate together.

As I stood beside Him in this paradise, Jesus was telling me to not go to Bible School immediately as I had planned. His plan and purpose for me was to wait and go the following year. I was not to leave Nevada and go to Oklahoma for another nine months. He needed to do further work in me before

I would be ready to fully benefit from the Bible School experience.

I obeyed Him and the metaphorical rust scraping and painting continued over the next nine months.

I also knew in my heart that I was to refuse the ten thousand dollars offered. In the natural this might have been a very difficult thing to do. But having been in the presence of Jesus and realizing it was not His will for me to take the money, there was a supernatural grace imparted to me to decline the offer, which I did.

As it turned out, that individual was trying to make improper inroads into my life with that money and soon became my enemy. The Lord knew this would occur and was protecting me from being controlled by someone.

The following year I proceeded to Bible School as He had instructed.

Ultimately, over the next two years, four families paid my tuition, housing, transportation and all other expenses. I never told one of them my needs nor asked any of them for anything. The Lord put it on their hearts to generously do this for me. This put me in position to where I did not have to work full-time and I was able to benefit greatly from my studies.

When it's God's direction, it's God's protection.

When God guides, God provides.

When it's God's will, it's God's bill.

When it's God's decision, it's God's provision.

Had I gotten ahead of God's timing, taking the ten thousand dollars and disobeying what Jesus had shown me in the vision, I would have been one sunken vessel!

But because I obeyed what He had revealed to me in the trance, He was able to protect me and provide for me!

Obedience always opens the spout where the supernatural protection and provision comes out.

Human Pride & Human Accomplishment Are Never A Basis For Answered Prayer

When I was a much younger Christian I had a friend who had been a Missionary in a foreign nation for 40 years. My friend was at least thirty years my senior when he and his wife returned home because he became ill. He knew nothing about God's Scriptural promise to heal him, because he simply had never studied in this area. He was a good man and a Godly man who gave his entire adult life to sharing Jesus Christ on the mission field.

Because of his illness, my friend was unable to properly communicate. I would go visit him, sharing from the Bible the Doctrine of Divine Healing. He was very excited about what he was discovering from the Bible. His faith level for healing was soaring and I knew if we could continue with our studies together that he would indeed be healed.

Sadly, his wife became offended and very upset with me when she discovered what I had been sharing with her husband. She told me, in essence, "God is not going to heal my husband because of anything you are teaching him from the Bible. God will heal my husband because he has been serving Him for 40 years on the mission field. He doesn't need a young whippersnapper like you to teach him anything about the Bible."

To the despair of both myself and my sick friend, his wife literally threw me out of their home. She informed me in no uncertain terms that I was to never return again.

I was dumbfounded.

One evening soon thereafter, I was on my face in prayer. The Lord clearly spoke to me in His authoritative voice, "(Friend's name) will be dead within six weeks if they don't get the unbelief out from under that roof. Call them and tell them."

I was quite upset that the Lord was telling me to confront my friend's family, but I knew beyond all doubt that I had heard His voice and that I had no alternative but to obey.

I do not mind saying that I did not enjoy the idea of having to tell my friend's family what the Lord had told me. However, I did exactly as I was instructed. I called them and told them exactly what the Lord had said. His son became very angry with me, openly mocked me and flat out rejected the Word of the Lord before hanging up on me.

Exactly one day short of six weeks later, my dear friend went to Heaven

prematurely, even as the Lord told me he would without repentance.

He went exactly at the time the Lord told me he would and for the very reason the Lord told me he would.

His wife and son had rejected the written Word of God and implementation of proper prayer principles on his behalf.

They could have gotten into faith, turning his situation around as he was more than willing for them to do so. However, they wrongly chose human pride, human accomplishment and unbelief over the written Word of God.

Human pride and human accomplishment are never a basis for answered prayer.

Almighty God was doing His best to get my friend's family out of pride and unbelief and into humility and faith, in order to save his life.

The Lord had given me a Word of Wisdom concerning an avoidable tragedy that was coming in the immediate future, but they simply would not listen.

They cut him off from his source of faith and cut his very life short by doing so.

The Word of Knowledge and the Word of Wisdom can come to us in many ways. They can come through a dream, an inward picture, an open vision, a trance, God's still small voice, God's authoritative voice, a simple inner knowing, through other human beings, through an angel or even through Jesus Himself delivering a Word to someone such as He did with me.

For more examples of the Word of Wisdom and other Gifts of the Spirit in operation in my personal life and Ministry, please read my personal testimony and Prophet's Guidebook called "The Albuquerque Fire Pit and Other Divinely-Granted Visitations that Changed My Life Forever."

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However these Revelation Gifts come into manifestation, if we will obey what God is revealing, we will get the blessings and God will get the Glory.

In our next lesson we will study the third of the three Revelation Gifts, the Discerning of Spirits.

Lesson 7: Gifts Of The Holy Spirit 7: The Discerning Of Spirits

We have come to the third and final Revelation Gift.

Remember, Revelation Gifts always reveal something.

I should immediately point out that this Gift is not called the “Gift of Discernment.” Some use this erroneous name. We should call this Gift what the Bible calls it. The Bible calls it the “Discerning of Spirits.”

Also, this is not the “Gift of Criticism.” Some meddling individuals are always sticking their noses into the business of others, claiming, “I have the Gift of Discernment. I just want to help.” These folks actually have a critical spirit. Fortunately, having a critical spirit is not the unforgivable sin.

The Discerning of Spirits is a Supernatural revelation from the Spirit of God, which opens one’s eyes to the activities of the Spirit realm.

Through the operation of this Gift one can see Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the similitude of God, angels, Satan, demons and any other spirit beings, objects or spiritual activities.

The Greek word used for "discernment" is "diakrisis." This word also describes the ability to distinguish, discern, judge or appraise a person, intentions, statements, situations or environment. It is the supernatural ability to judge between good and evil, including good spirits and evil spirits. (Hebrews 5:14)

It must also be noted that this Gift has nothing to do with the delusions of the mentally ill. It has nothing to do with the delirium of the drug or alcohol-induced or addicted. The Discerning of Spirits is unrelated to psychic phenomena or mind-reading. This Gift has nothing at all to do with the natural mind, sober or inebriated.

This Gift is Supernatural as are all of the other Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Anytime an individual experiences a Holy Spirit induced inward vision, open vision, trance or dream in which the Spirit realm is looked into, the Discerning of Spirits is in operation.

An Old Testament Example Of Discerning Of Spirits

The King of Syria sent his army to capture the Prophet Elisha. Elisha was supernaturally revealing to Israel whenever and from wherever Syria planned to attack.

The King of Syria planned to put an end to this supernatural sabotaging of his plans by capturing Elisha.

Early one morning Elisha's servant stepped outside to discover the Syrian army encompassed round about the city with horses and chariots.

He panicked and said to Elisha, "Now what do we do?"

"Elisha answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray Thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha." (2 Kings 6:16-17)

Elisha's servant was allowed to see into the Spirit realm through an operation of the Discerning of Spirits. What he saw was the mountain full of horses and chariots of fire surrounding and protecting Elisha the Prophet.

One man who attended our services for a number of years once reported having seen no less than thirty angels surrounding me in a half-circle one Sunday morning as I stood in the pulpit preaching.

Mary And Joseph Were Visited By Angels

"...the angel Gabriel was sent from God ... to a virgin ... the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. ... And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus." (Luke 1:26-31)

Here the Virgin Mary's eyes were opened to the presence of the angel Gabriel. This was the Discerning of Spirits in operation.

Gabriel informed Mary that she had (past and present tense) found favor with God. This was the Word of Knowledge.

Gabriel also informed Mary, “Thou shalt conceive ...” (future tense). This was the Word of Wisdom.

Here we find all three Revelation Gifts operating together; the Word of Knowledge, the Word of Wisdom and the Discerning of Spirits.

The Gifts of the Spirit frequently operate together.

An angel later appeared to Mary’s fiancé, Joseph, in a dream.

The angel told him that Mary’s conceived and soon to be born child was from God and that he should not reject her. (Matthew 1:19-21)

This was also the Discerning of Spirits operating together with a Word of Wisdom and a Word of Knowledge.

I Have Experienced The Discerning Of Spirits

I have experienced the Discerning of Spirits frequently operating with the other Revelation Gifts on many occasions.

I have had visitations of Jesus and angels through open visions, trances and dreams.

One evening God’s angel appeared to me in a dream, even as he did to Joseph. He said to me, “You will place your feet on the soil of no fewer than 35 nations of the world and preach the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.” This was the Discerning of Spirits operating in conjunction with the Word of Wisdom and/or Prophecy.

I have seen multiple dramatic demonstrations in the spirit realm through the operation of this precious Gift.

The Holy Spirit Supernaturally Bears Witness With The Spirit Of Men

The Discerning of Spirits also enables the possessor to discern the power, good or evil, which prompts certain behaviors in other living beings. It is the supernatural ability to discern the source of spiritual manifestations. It is an operation of the Holy Spirit, bearing witness with the human spirit, to inform whether or not something or someone is coming from the Spirit of God or by influence of Satan, the world and the flesh.

Jesus discerned that Peter was yielding to Satan when Peter rebuked Jesus for saying He would die and raise again in three days. (Mark 8:31-33)

Jesus discerned Nathaniel's spirit of honor and integrity and told him so. (John 1:45-50)

Jesus discerned that Judas was yielded to Satan and demon powers. (John 6:70-71)

The Apostle Peter discerned that the man crippled since birth had faith to be supernaturally healed. (Acts 3:1-16)

The Apostle Peter discerned that Ananias and Sapphira had conspired to lie to him in order to deceive him. (Acts 5:1-11)

The Apostle Peter discerned that Simon the Sorcerer was in the gall of bitterness and bound in iniquity. (Acts 8:9-24)

The Apostle Peter discerned that three men who came looking to take him to Caesarea to preach to the Gentiles were sent to him by the Holy Spirit. (Acts 10:9-20)

The Apostle Paul discerned that a certain damsel who followed him to prayer had a spirit of divination and cast it out of her. (Acts 16:16-18)

The Discerning of Spirits in operation gives supernatural insight whereby the Holy Spirit reveals the plans and purposes of Godly or Satanic forces, to guard and to protect the Believer in Jesus Christ. When in operation this Gift provides the supernatural ability to discern the source of all spiritual manifestations, operations and demonstrations.

The Discerning of Spirits is a tremendous Gift indeed. Through its operation comes protection, direction, correction, connection, revelation, emancipation and provision.

It is fascinating to realize that when the Holy Spirit wills it to be, even an animal can supernaturally see into the spirit realm. Not only did the false Prophet Balaam see into the spirit realm, but Balaam's donkey saw the Angel of the Lord standing before him, three times, with His drawn sword in hand.

The Holy Spirit not only opened the eyes of Balaam's donkey to see into the spirit realm, He also opened the donkey's mouth to rebuke Balaam for wrongly smiting him. (Numbers 22:22-34)

A microscope enables one to see the minutest atoms and molecules of our world.

A telescope enables one to see into the mysteries of other worlds.

However, only the Discerning of Spirits can enable one to see directly into the spirit world.

This Gift brings great Glory to God, advancing His Kingdom in the Earth.

In our next lesson we will study the first of the three Utterance Gifts, the Gift of Prophecy.

Lesson 8: Gifts Of The Holy Spirit 8: The Gift Of Prophecy

We have studied the three Power Gifts. The three Power Gifts do something.

We have studied the three Revelation Gifts. The three Revelation Gifts reveal something.

This lesson will begin our study of the three Utterance Gifts.

The Utterance Gifts say something.

The first Utterance Gift we will study is the Gift of Prophecy.

The Gift of Prophecy is speaking supernaturally on God's behalf in a known tongue or language.

It is not possible to say all that could be said about the Gift of Prophecy in this short lesson. However, we will see enough to get you going in the right direction.

There are two types of Prophecy that we will briefly cover in this lesson. One type of Prophecy contains no revelation or prediction. The other type of Prophecy does indeed contain revelation or prediction.

The Non-Revelation Type Of Prophecy

We will begin with the non-revelation type of Prophecy. This is often referred to as "simple" Prophecy.

Simple Prophecy has been called "The Poetry of the Spirit." It is used to lift God's people higher, drawing them closer to God and bringing comfort to them. Here's what the Apostle Paul said about simple Prophecy.

"But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort." (1 Corinthians 14:3)

John the Baptist's Father was named Zacharias. He spoke forth through

the simple Gift of Prophecy one day.

Before John was born an angel announced to elderly Zacharias that his barren wife would have a child. Zacharias' attitude towards the angelic announcement was "You must be joking."

Because he refused to believe, he was struck dumb until after John was born.

Once John's birth was accomplished, Zacharias' tongue was loosed and he prophesied, praising God openly and lifting the spirits of all around him. He prophesied by inspiration of the Holy Spirit ...

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;" (Luke 1:68-71)

On and on Zacharias went praising God, edifying, exhorting and comforting all those who heard him. He spoke according to the Holy Scriptures, supernaturally lifting all who were within earshot.

This still happens today. The Holy Spirit moves upon someone to speak or to sing words of Scripture, inspiration, comfort and encouragement, and all who hear are lifted out of the doldrums. A very precious and important Gift it is.

Everyone needs God's encouragement at one time or another. This is why the Apostle Paul said we should covet this precious Gift. It edifies all who hear it in operation.

"Follow after charity, and desire Spiritual Gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. For he that speaketh in an unknown Tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the Spirit he speaketh mysteries. But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. He that speaketh in an unknown Tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the Church. I would that ye all spake with Tongues, but rather that ye prophesy: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with Tongues, except he interpret, that the Church may receive edifying." (1 Corinthians 14:1-5)

The Revelation Type Of Prophecy

Moving on from the simple Gift of Prophecy, we come to the higher form of Prophecy. This is the form of Prophecy that does contain revelation and/or prediction.

This form of Prophecy does speak concerning future events. Let's look at a New Testament example.

“And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch. And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar. Then the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren which dwelt in Judaea:” (Acts 11:27-29)

Here the manifestation of Prophecy did have revelation of coming events contained within it. This is the type of Prophecy that Prophets operate in more consistently than the general Believer. The general Believer can operate in this type of Prophecy but not nearly as often as the Prophet will.

When Prophecy contains revelation of future events it then becomes a Word of Wisdom.

You will recall that the Word of Wisdom has to do with revealing future events. The Word of Wisdom is the equivalent of the Gift of Prophecy because it is inspired utterance in a known language concerning future events. The two Gifts operating together are still considered to be Prophecy. You may call it the Word of Wisdom if you prefer. I'm just separating them for teaching purposes. I'm confident that you're getting the big picture.

So we have briefly seen the two types of inspired utterance in a known language. One is the simple Gift of Prophecy. It inspires, lifts and encourages. It has no revelation or prediction contained therein. However, it is still supernatural because it is the Divine Agency speaking through the human agency.

The other type of Prophecy does foretell future events, which causes it to become a Word of Wisdom as well.

Prophets speak forth this type of Prophecy far more consistently than the general Believer does.

Sometimes the Gifts of the Spirit remind us of the colors in the rainbow. Often it is hard to tell where one color stops and another color starts, but they

are all still the rainbow.

Sometimes it is hard to tell where one Gift lets off and another picks up, but they are all still the precious Gifts of the Holy Spirit. He knows how to cause them to operate with perfection, too.

In our next lesson we will study the second of the three Utterance Gifts, the Gift of Tongues.

Lesson 9: Gifts Of The Holy Spirit 9: The Gift Of Tongues

We are studying the three Utterance Gifts. The three Utterance Gifts say something.

We have now come to the second Utterance Gift.

This Gift is called the Gift of Tongues.

There's much confusion and even ridicule concerning this precious Gift of the Holy Spirit. This should not be so. This Gift is clearly outlined in the Bible.

Think about the following.

There are only two subjects in all of Scripture that have an entire chapter devoted to them. The first subject is love and that is found in First Corinthians chapter thirteen.

The second subject is praying in other Tongues. The entire fourteenth chapter of First Corinthians teaches on that subject and that subject alone.

If the subject of praying in other Tongues is that important to Holy God, no one should ever oppose it for any reason. Those who do, find themselves opposing Almighty God.

Supernatural Utterance Inspired By God

The Gift of Tongues is a supernatural utterance inspired by God and spoken in an unknown, Heavenly language, or at least a language that is unknown to the speaker.

Some have been known to speak other earthly languages, which they were not trained in. However, speaking in an unknown Heavenly language is most often the case.

The Holy Spirit has been in the Earth since even before Creation. (Genesis 1:1-2)

However, the Gift of the Baptism with the Holy Spirit as evidenced by speaking in other Tongues, did not come into the Earth until the Day of Pentecost.

Pentecost means "Fifty." The Day of Fifty came fifty days after Jesus rose from the dead. On that day there was a supernatural manifestation of the Holy Spirit, which was promised by Jesus before He returned to Heaven. (John 7:37-39; 15:26; 16:7; Acts 1:8)

On the Day of Pentecost the Earth was filled with the roaring sound of a tornado. People came running from every direction to see what was happening in Jerusalem. When they arrived they found that 120 of Jesus' disciples were engulfed in Holy flames of fire and were speaking in languages they had never spoken before.

"And when the Day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:1-4)

Isaiah Prophesied The Rejection Of Tongues

Everything written in the Book of Acts is a blueprint for the New Testament Church of all ages. Therefore, the pattern the whole Church should follow is to be baptized with the Holy Spirit and speak in supernatural Tongues.

One may ask, "Well then, why do so many Believers reject this supernatural experience?"

The Prophet Isaiah answered this question about 800 years before it was even asked.

"For with stammering lips and another tongue will He speak to this people ... This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the

refreshing: yet they would not hear.” (Isaiah 28:11,12)

Many who truly love Jesus regretfully reject this experience as Isaiah prophesied they would. This is such an unfortunate indictment of Holy Scripture!

Through this Gift one may commune with God in ways that only God understands. It is actually the Holy Spirit praying through the Believer.

The Apostle Paul Made Much Of Praying In Other Tongues

"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities (inability to pray the way we should): for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit Himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And He (Jesus) that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because He maketh intercession for the Saints according to the will of God. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:26-28)

Here the Apostle Paul makes it perfectly clear that although we do not always know how to pray, the Holy Spirit always knows how to pray through us in other Tongues. Praying in other Tongues is always praying according to the perfect will of God.

Have you ever known that you need to pray, but you didn't know how to pray?

This is when praying in other Tongues comes into play, for it is always praying according to the perfect will of God. We may not know what we are praying as we yield to the Holy Spirit. However, the Holy Spirit always knows what we are praying when we are yielding to Him in this manner.

Oftentimes He even gives us the interpretation of what we are praying.

Paul also makes it perfectly clear here that when we yield to praying in other Tongues, allowing the Holy Spirit to pray through us according to the will of God, the end result will be all things working together for good.

I always say, "If the Holy Spirit is allowed to pray through an individual, that prayer will never go unanswered and things will always work out."

"For he that speaketh in an unknown Tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the Spirit he speaketh mysteries." (1 Corinthians 14:2)

Here the Apostle Paul reveals that praying in other Tongues is praying directly to God the Father.

Paul also reveals that praying in other Tongues is praying out "mysteries." Although what the yielded vessel is speaking in Tongues may be mysterious to him or her, there is nothing mysterious at all about what they are speaking to God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

As we just read, praying in other Tongues is always praying according to the perfect will of God in any given situation. So although what we are praying may be mysterious to us, it is by no means mysterious to God.

Praying in other Tongues is a "Hotline to Heaven." It is a direct line of communication to God the Father which cannot be understood by Satan and demon powers and is thereby impossible for them to thwart or to interfere with.

This Gift was vitally important to the Apostle Paul. He said, "I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." (1 Corinthians 14:15)

He also said, "I thank my God I speak with tongues more than ye all." (1 Corinthians 14:18)

If Paul spoke that much in other Tongues we should all take the hint and at least incorporate some praying in the Spirit (Tongues) into our daily praying with our understanding.

Through this Gift one can confidently pray during a crisis when they would not know how to pray otherwise.

Again, the Holy Spirit is actually doing the praying through them. (Romans 8:26-28; 1 Corinthians 14:2)

The Holy Spirit knows all things and, therefore, knows exactly where one's faith and prayer needs to be directed when the Believer does not.

Praying In Tongues Lifts, Brings Joy & Wisdom

This Gift in operation also brings joy and wisdom to the Believer who yields to it during times of confusion, depression or sorrow.

"He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself." (1 Corinthians 14:4)

Although one certainly does not have to be confused, depressed or sorrowful to pray in other Tongues and receive its benefits. For decades I have prayed in Tongues under my breath off and on during the day just to keep my spiritual battery charged up and energized. It really works!

"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life." (Jude 20)

If you are Born Again, ask God to baptize you with the Holy Spirit as evidenced by the speaking with other Tongues.

You will find help receiving this precious Gift of God by clicking on "Receive the Holy Spirit. One Good Thing Leads to Another."

We have studied the operation of the Gift of Tongues that is for use only in the Believer's private and corporate prayer life.

There is another operation of the Gift of Tongues that is a special and a separate Gift intended for use only in public gatherings.

We will briefly touch on how to interpret both operations of Tongues in the tenth and final lesson of this series, "The Interpretation of Tongues."

Lesson 10:

Gifts Of The Holy Spirit 10:

The Interpretation Of Tongues

We have now come to the third and final Utterance Gift.

You will remember that the three Utterance Gifts say something.

This final Gift is called the Interpretation of Tongues.

By definition the Interpretation of Tongues is a supernatural utterance inspired by the Holy Spirit, which interprets an unknown Tongue.

“Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret.” (1Corinthians 14:13)

Here the Apostle Paul tells us that we should pray, asking the Holy Spirit to enable us to interpret our Tongues. He is referring to the Believer interpreting what they pray out in other Tongues during their private or corporate prayer times.

Tongues For Private & Public Ministry Differ

There is another type of Interpretation of Tongues as well.

This is the public Interpretation of Tongues for use in public services.

Everyone can pray and interpret their own Tongues in private. However, not everyone can pray and interpret their own Tongues or another’s Tongues in public services. This is a separate and a unique form of the Gift that is not possessed by every Believer.

Let’s read what the Apostle Paul said. “Have all the gifts of healing? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?” (1 Corinthians 12:30)

Here Paul could only be referring to the public Gift of Tongues and Interpretation, because the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and the speaking with other Tongues is promised to every Believer.

"In that last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst let him come unto Me, and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified." (John 7:37-39)

"But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." (Acts 1:8)

We see clearly from these verses of Scripture that the private Gift of Tongues is indeed promised to every Born Again believer.

However, the public Gift of Tongues and Interpretation for use in assemblies is not promised to every Believer.

It is the public Gift of Tongues and Interpretation that Paul referred to when he asked, "Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?"

Of course, all do not possess the public Gift of Tongues and Interpretation which is for use in assemblies.

Therefore, the implied answer to Paul's question is, "No. All do not possess the public Gift of Tongues and Interpretation for use in assemblies."

However, Jesus and Paul both said that all can possess the private use of Tongues and Interpretation for private and corporate prayer.

So we see that there are indeed two separate manifestations of the Gift of Tongues and Interpretation.

Whether you possess the public Gift as well as the private Gift, or only the private Gift, interpretation basically operates the same way. Let's look at how that happens.

Privately & Publicly Interpreting Other Tongues

It is not the easiest job in the world to explain how Spiritual Gifts operate but it is doable.

Although the Interpretation of Tongues is the ability to translate into a known tongue something that has been spoken in an unknown Tongue, it does not just end there.

There are different ways for interpretations to come.

I will describe my experiences, which are similar to the experiences of many.

I have had times when I, or someone else, would speak forth in an unknown Tongue, publicly or privately. I would then see something, on the inside of my spirit. Something like a still picture, possibly even a moving picture. In the pre-DVD era, one highly respected Prophetess of God, Sister Jeanne Wilkerson, referred to this as seeing "Video prophecies."

I would then simply describe aloud what I was seeing in my spirit in a way that was in line with Scripture, would honor God and edify the hearers. This is one way an interpretation can come.

Other times, one or two words will come to me. As I am obedient to speak those words forth by faith, not knowing where they are leading me, the rest of the interpretation always follows.

This took a little getting used to, but after a time or two I realized that the Holy Spirit will always be there to meet me if I will just step out and speak by faith the few words He has already given.

Perhaps this method of Interpretation may sound a little scary to you, but the Holy Spirit will never leave you hanging. He won't embarrass you. If you will step out in faith and speak what few words He has already given you, He will take you on. He will honor your faith and He will give you the rest of the interpretation.

Stepping out to interpret Tongues by faith in this way is very pleasing to Him.

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6)

Then there are times when I actually just know down in my spirit what the "gist" of the interpretation is.

Sometimes it is a Scripture verse.

Sometimes it is a subject or a theme, such as love, faith or obedience. Sometimes it is healing or standing strong, etc.

When this is the case, I will then begin to explain aloud that subject which I am knowing inwardly. The Holy Spirit always helps me to present it in a Scriptural and an encouraging, uplifting manner.

There are also times when I hear God's voice speak to me and I simply speak forth what I have heard.

Many times the interpretation that I give forth has no revelation or prediction in it. It is simply to edify, comfort and encourage the hearer or the hearers.

But then there are also times when the Holy Spirit's interpretation results in a Word of Knowledge, a Word of Wisdom or a prophetic word being given to an individual, individuals or an entire congregation.

Just keep this in mind. Interpreting Tongues, publicly or privately, is a whole lot simpler than describing how to interpret Tongues, publicly or privately.

Some individuals are gifted by God to both speak and interpret Tongues publicly.

Some individuals are gifted only to speak Tongues out publicly but they are unable to interpret publicly.

These individuals should always be sure that there is an interpreter present before they speak in a public Tongue. If no interpreter is present, the Tongue should not be given.

“But if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God.” (1 Corinthians 14:28)

If one speaks publicly in Tongues and no one interprets it for them, there is no condemnation for making a mistake. But keep in mind, it is best to not speak out again until an interpreter is known to be present.

However, speaking in Tongues in one's private prayer time is quite another matter altogether. One may speak and pray in Tongues at will and ask the Lord for the interpretation.

"Wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret." (1 Corinthians 14:13)

If it is God's will at that time, He will surely give the interpretation to you. If it is not, He will simply not do so.

Interestingly, I have discovered that whatever or whomever continues to come to mind while I'm privately praying in Tongues is usually for what or for whom I am praying. I then simply focus in on that.

Interpretation of Tongues can indeed come in the form of what consistently comes up out of your spirit and into your mind while you are praying. Once you get settled down in prayer and get into the Spirit, this becomes a common occurrence.

Keep in mind, just like the Gift of Prophecy, there are two kinds of Tongues and Interpretation.

One can simply be for edification, exhortation and comfort of the Saints, containing no revelation or prediction.

The other can contain revelation or prediction, pointing towards things that will happen in the future.

By picking up your Bible and simply reading First Corinthians chapter fourteen, you can learn much about both kinds of Tongues and Interpretation.

Two Five-Dollar Bills Equal One Ten-Dollar Bill

Finally, the Interpretation of Tongues is equivalent to the Gift of Prophecy. This is because an interpreted Tongue has now become inspired utterance in a known tongue - which is exactly what Prophecy is.

It has been often stated, "Tongues plus Interpretation equals Prophecy."

Think of it this way.

Pretend Speaking in Tongues is one five-dollar bill.

Pretend the Interpretation of those Tongues is another five-dollar bill.

Pretend Prophecy is a ten-dollar bill.

Tongues, one five-dollar bill, plus Interpretation, another five-dollar bill, equals Prophecy, a ten-dollar bill.

Tongues plus Interpretation equals Prophecy even as two five-dollar bills equal one ten-dollar bill. Although they are totally different, the end result is exactly the same.

We have come to the end of our abbreviated study on the nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit and their three categories.

In closing this series, I would like to remind you of something that I said to you way back in the Introduction.

It would be good for you to memorize the name of each of the nine Spiritual Gifts as well as their definitions. This was the first thing I did when I discovered them well over 30 years ago.

Soon you will recognize which of the Gifts the Holy Spirit has imparted to you.

The Holy Spirit's Gifts operate best through those who recognize and understand them most.

Please keep in mind that each of these nine Gifts is a Supernatural Gift. They operate by the supernatural power of God. They have nothing to do with man's natural abilities in either origin or operation.

Please also keep in mind that you cannot turn your Gifts on and off at will. The Holy Spirit decides when and how your Gifts will operate.

Manifestations, demonstrations and operations of the Holy Spirit come according to His will, not man's will.

"But all these worketh that one and selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as He will." (1 Corinthians 12:11)

The best thing one can do is to spend time worshipping God, praying in other Tongues and reading His Word.

This always leads to greater manifestations of the nine Spiritual Gifts of

the Holy Spirit.

How To Be Born Again: And Exactly What Jesus Meant By It!

"There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night and said unto Him, Rabbi, we know that Thou art a Teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that Thou doest except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

"Nicodemus said unto Him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

"Jesus answered, Verily, verily I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." (John 3:1-6)

In the Bible, Jesus told a man named Nicodemus that the only way for a human being to enter into God's Kingdom, or to go to Heaven when they die, is to be "Born Again."

Nicodemus responded by asking, "So what do I do, Jesus? Do I crawl back into my Mother's womb and be born again?"

This good man meant no disrespect. His natural mind was simply boggled by Jesus' profound statement.

Many people today are blown away by this idea of being Born Again. I was too, until I actually experienced what Jesus was talking about.

Although God will not long tolerate anyone mocking the idea of being Born Again, He understands, respects and accepts sincere human questioning.

A Birthing Into The Spirit Realm

Jesus responded to Nicodemus' seemingly foolish, yet sincere question by saying, "That which is born of the flesh is flesh: that which is born of the Spirit is spirit..." (John 3:6)

I would like to translate Jesus' explanation to Nicodemus into more

modern terms as follows.

Jesus was actually saying, "Nick, let me put it to you this way. The first time you were born, you were born of the flesh. You entered into the NATURAL, physical world through a natural, physical door. That door into the natural world was your Mother's womb.

"The second time you are born, or Born Again, you enter into the SPIRIT world through a spiritual door. That door into the spiritual world is Me and only Me. It's just that simple."

So, the first time a person is born they are birthed into the natural, physical world through their Mother's womb.

The second time they are born, or Born Again through acceptance of Christ, they are birthed into the spiritual world - or they enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

This means when they die they will spend Eternity in Heaven as opposed to the alternative.

Jesus made this even clearer later when He told His disciples ... "I am the DOOR [into the spirit world]: by Me, if any man enter in, he shall be saved." (John 10:9)

When Jesus said "he shall be saved," He meant one would be saved from Eternity in Hell.

When one is Born Again, they are saved from the penalty and punishment of Hell.

This is why true Christians refer to themselves and to one another as being Born Again or being 'saved.' The terms are synonymous.

Irregardless of how archaic modernists insist the doctrine is, there really is a Hell to shun and a Heaven to gain - and it is definitely not something with which to gamble.

So, no one should be confused about what it means to be Born Again because Jesus made it easy to understand. And I just did my best to help Him.

The Lamb's Book Of Life

Someone once asked, "When I make Christ my Savior and am Born Again, does it mean that I have to leave my Church or Denomination?"

Not necessarily. The Denominations of the world have many Born Again people as members. God will show you where He wants you to go to Church.

However, being connected with a Denomination will not save you.

Only being Born Again will save you.

You must be Born Again to experience Eternal Life in Heaven.

God is not going to be looking for Denominational ties at the time of your death.

God is going to be checking the "Lamb's Book of Life."

If your name is not in it, you'll be denied access to Heaven.

"And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire." (Revelation 20:15)

"And I saw a New Heaven and a New Earth ... and there shall in no wise enter into it anything that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's Book of Life."
(Revelation 21:1,27)

If your name is in the Lamb's Book of Life, you will enter into Eternal Life with Jesus in Heaven.

The Bible says, "...at that time thy people shall be delivered, everyone that shall be found written in the Book!" (Daniel 12:1)

The Book being referred to here is also the Lamb's Book of Life.

One's name is only recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life if they are Born Again.

The New Birth, or being Born Again, occurs by believing God rose Jesus from the dead and simply stating, "Jesus, I believe God rose You from the dead once You paid the penalty for my sins. You are now my one and only choice as Lord and Savior."

It's simple, yes, yet very profound. God deliberately made it simple because He is not looking to exclude anyone. He is looking to include everyone who will repent and believe.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

"For God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance in Christ." (2Peter 3:9)

God wants to save you. God wants to forgive you.

God is the Blessor, not the damner.

God is always your solution. God is never your problem.

The God of love wants you to be Born Again.

The God of love desires to inscribe your name in His Lamb's Book of Life.

This is why He sent Jesus into the Earth to do a big thing and die for your sin. This is why all He requires is that you do a little thing, believe it and act on it.

"If you believe in your heart and confess with your mouth that God rose Jesus from the dead, you will be saved from the penalty and the punishment of your sin." (Romans 10:13)

Impartation Of A Brand New Nature

The very moment you call on Christ as Savior, you not only become Born Again but God forgives and wipes away your sinful past.

It's also at the very same moment you say, "Jesus, You're my one and only choice for Savior" that you become a New Creation in Christ and the very righteousness of God in Him.

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new and all things are of God, Who hath reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ..." (2Corinthians 5:17-18)

"For God has made Jesus to be sin for us, Who knew no sin; that we might

be made the righteousness of God in Him." (2Corinthians 5:21)

No matter who you are, where you have been or what you have done, God will forgive it all, wipe it all away and allow you to become both a New Creation and the righteousness of God.

Righteousness simply means to "have right-standing" with God through Jesus Christ.

Righteousness is not something one earns, nor is it something one does. Righteousness is a free gift from God and, therefore, can only be received by faith, not earned.

"For by one man's (Adam) offense death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by One, Jesus Christ ... the free gift comes upon all who receive it unto justification of life." (Romans 5:17-18)

The work of Jesus Christ at Calvary's cross far outweighs Satan's work against Adam and humanity in the Garden of Eden.

One man, Adam, the father of the human race, through rebellion ruined relationship with God for the entire human race.

Another man, Jesus, through obedience restored relationship with God for all who will receive His substitutionary sacrifice for Adam's original sin as their own.

This is why in the Bible Jesus Christ is referred to as the "Last Adam" or the "Second Adam." (1Corinthians 15:45-47)

What the first Adam destroyed, the Second Adam restored - right-standing with God, or "righteousness."

Before a person becomes the righteousness of God by being Born Again, they live life like a rebellious, disobedient, cruel brute beast, thinking primarily of themselves, their own needs and their own fleshly desires.

This is often referred to as man's "Adamic nature," or man's "fallen nature."

King David expressed this perfectly.

"So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a brute beast before Thee."

(Psalm 73:22)

The Apostle Paul also reveals that unsaved individuals are "fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind" and are "dead in trespasses and sins." He refers to them as "children of disobedience" and "by nature the children of wrath." (Ephesians 2:1-3)

However, when Christ is allowed into the human heart one's Adamic nature changes and they take on the very love-nature of God.

"Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God ... God is love, and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him... If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God Whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from Him, That he who loveth God loveth his brother also... Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God: and everyone that loveth Him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of Him." (1John 4:15-16, 20-21; 5:1)

This literal change of nature is a miracle. It all happens supernaturally on the inside of you when you make Christ your Savior and become Born Again.

"...behold the Kingdom of God is within you." (Luke 17:21)

It really is just that simple.

You could be ever so faithful to your religion or denomination, be worldly wise, have the best education available and all the money in the world. However, if your Adamic, fallen nature has not been changed through the New Birth, your name will not be written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

You will perish like a brute beast and be banished for Eternity.

"For all can see that the wise die, that the foolish and the senseless also perish, leaving their wealth to others ... People who have wealth but lack understanding are like the beasts that perish." (Psalm 49:10,20)

Why not be Born Again right now and make sure that your name is recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life?

Just say, "Jesus, please forgive me for my sinful past. I believe God rose You from the dead once You paid the penalty for my sin. I choose You now as both my Savior and my Lord."

Death Could Come Suddenly To You

Don't wait until it's too late. Mercy is being offered to you on this side of the grave only.

Many have waited until tomorrow to be Born Again and tomorrow never came. Don't let this happen to you. You may never see tomorrow. You could die suddenly.

"Boast not thyself of tomorrow for thou knowest not what one day may bring forth." (Proverbs 27:1)

The Bible says, "It's appointed unto man once to die. Immediately after that, he faces judgment." (Hebrews 9:27)

If death should come suddenly to you today, there will be no further chance for you to be Born Again tomorrow.

Just so I know I am making myself clear, I am going to say it again.

Mercy is being offered to you on this side of the grave only. Judgment alone will be offered on the other side of the grave.

Which Judgment Will You Face?

Will it be the Judgment of Punishment for those who rejected Christ and the New Birth?

Or will it be the Judgment of Reward for those who accepted Christ and the New Birth?

The only way to be ready to face Almighty God on the other side of the grave is to be Born Again before departing planet Earth.

Jesus Christ, the Creator of all that exists, including you, said, "You must be Born Again."

Remember, the first time a person is born they are birthed into the natural, physical world through their Mother's womb.

The second time they are born, or Born Again through acceptance of

Christ, they are birthed into the spiritual world - or they enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Now you know what Jesus meant when He told Nicodemus, "Except a man be Born Again he cannot see the Kingdom of God."

Now I am satisfied that I have made it perfectly clear.

Now you are accountable for what you know.

Will your name be written in the Lamb's Book of Life? God leaves it to you to decide.

Will your family members' names be written in the Lamb's Book of Life?

If you will make the decision to become a part of God's forever family by being Born Again, there are many benefits. God honoring your faith for your family's salvation is one of them.

If you have made the decision to make Christ your Savior and to be Born Again, you will also want to read "Receive the Holy Spirit" and "Now That You Are Saved."

Receive The Holy Spirit: One Good Thing Leads To Another

"And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, he said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism.

"Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on Him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. When they heard this, they were baptized in the Name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied." (Acts 19:1-6)

The Apostle Paul was used by the Holy Spirit to write the majority of the New Testament.

This should tell us beyond all doubt that Paul knew what he was talking about when it came to the things of God.

When the Apostle Paul speaks every Believer in Jesus Christ should listen.

The Apostle Paul Enlightens The Ephesians

At one point in his life and Ministry, for approximately two years, the Apostle Paul pastored a local congregation of Christians in an ancient Greek city called Ephesus.

While pastoring in Ephesus, Paul came in contact with some of John the Baptist's former disciples. These Ephesians believed everything John had preached about the coming of Jesus the Messiah. However, they had not yet heard the full Message of the Gospel.

These men did not know Jesus had indeed appeared even as John announced He would. They had not yet heard the necessity of being Born Again and making Jesus the Lord of their lives.

They also knew nothing at all about the Baptism with the Holy Spirit which had come into the Earth at Pentecost some weeks after Jesus' ascension back to Heaven. (Acts 2:1-5)

The Apostle Paul first explained to these Ephesians how to make Jesus their Lord and Savior, leading them into that experience. Each of them accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior and became members of the Body of Christ.

Having explained the Good News of Jesus and leading them into the New Birth, Paul then revealed there was additional Good News - something subsequent to the New Birth.

Paul revealed there was another experience after the salvation experience called the "Baptism with the Holy Spirit."

This is a special Baptism of Power still available today to all who are Born Again. Paul led them into this experience as well.

The Apostle laid his hands on all twelve of these new Ephesian converts, they were baptized with the Holy Spirit and they all spoke with tongues and prophesied.

A Natural Illustration Of This Supernatural Experience

I can imagine Paul explaining the Baptism with the Holy Spirit experience to these Ephesians something similar to the following.

Once you accept Jesus as your Savior by saying, "Jesus, You're my choice" you come into a position of right standing with God. (Romans 10:13; 2Corinthians 5:17,21)

At that time you receive a limited measure of the Holy Spirit's power.

I compare this Born Again experience to a glass being filled to the top with water.

Like the glass filled with water, the Born Again Believer is now filled with God's power.

However, when the Born Again Believer receives the subsequent experience called the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, they are now not only filled

with power but they are immersed in power.

I compare this subsequent experience to taking that same glass filled with water and dropping it down inside of a pitcher filled with water.

The glass is now both filled with and immersed, or baptized, in the water.

This is what happens to the Born Again Believer who receives the subsequent Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

The Believer is now both filled with and immersed, or baptized, in Holy Spirit power.

This is a Baptism of Power reserved only for Born Again Believers in Jesus Christ.

This is why Jesus said to His Born Again disciples, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you." (Acts 1:8)

How about you? Have you said, "Jesus, You're my choice" in order to be Born Again and to come into union with Creator God?

Because if you have, you are now a member of God's forever family and a rightful heir of all family benefits.

One of those benefits is the right to pray, "Father, please baptize me with the Holy Spirit and Power as promised, in Jesus' Name."

Although Paul laid his hands on the Ephesian Believers to receive the Holy Spirit, it is not always necessary for individuals to have hands laid on them to be baptized with the Holy Spirit.

On the Day of Pentecost no less than one hundred and twenty Believers in Jesus were baptized with the Holy Spirit, speaking in other tongues and no one laid hands on any of them. (Acts 1:14-15; Acts 2:1-4)

If you are Born Again you can pray and receive the Holy Spirit Baptism and power right there where you are without anyone laying hands on you or praying for you.

The only thing necessary is to believe you will receive the Holy Spirit when you ask.

This is an experience that will radically change your entire life forever.

You will receive power in prayer that you never knew before.

Wisdom and understanding of God's Word will become available like never before.

You will receive power to operate in the supernatural Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

You will receive power to enable you to be His fearless witness in the Earth.

"But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem and in Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the Earth." (Acts 1:8)

A Common Hindrance To Receiving The Baptism With The Holy Spirit

Someone once asked me, "Pastor, what if I receive a counterfeit to the Holy Spirit?"

I answered confidently, "You will not receive a counterfeit because Jesus said, 'If you know how to give good gifts to your own children, how much more shall your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him?'" (See Luke 11:5-13.)

If you are sincere, having turned your back on a lifestyle of sin, refusing to hold unforgiveness in your heart towards anyone for any reason, and believe, not doubt, your Heavenly Father will see that you receive exactly what you ask - the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and power.

However, in over thirty years of Christian Ministry and leading Born Again Believers into the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, I have repeatedly discovered the following hindrance.

Many times when Believers are having difficulty receiving the Baptism, it will come into my heart to ask if they read their horoscope.

The overwhelming majority of the time, the answer has been "Yes."

I then explain how seeking any source of power or spiritual guidance from anything or anyone other than Almighty God, grieves the Holy Spirit and drives

Him away.

I tell them, "The Bible says in the Book of Leviticus that you are causing God to turn His face against you. If you repent, He will forgive you and baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

"And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set My face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people. Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the Lord your God." (Leviticus 20:6-7)

Horoscopes are rooted in superstition.

Superstition is rooted in evil spirits, the occult, sorcery and witchcraft.

Whenever those who have been involved with horoscope reading or any other form of evil spirits, the occult, sorcery or false guidance repent, they always receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and power.

There are many other forms of sin which could easily hinder a Believer from being baptized with the Holy Spirit. However, it has been my personal experience that a Born Again Believer in Jesus Christ reading their horoscope is one of the greatest hindrances.

If you have been reading your horoscope and will repent, you, too, will receive the Baptism with the Holy Spirit and power.

The Holy Spirit Baptism Evidence Of Speaking In Tongues

When you become baptized with the Holy Spirit, you will know it because you will begin to worship God in an unusual language that you have never before spoken - even as the Ephesians did.

That unusual language called "tongues" is a spiritual prayer language. Some people start out speaking just a few words, others speak many. Either way, you will receive if you believe.

"And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied." (Acts 19:6)

Those unusual words will come right up out of your belly, or spirit, even as Jesus prophesied.

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried saying, If any man thirst let him come unto Me, and drink. He that believeth on Me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake He of the Spirit which they that believe on Him should receive..." (John 7:37-39)

When Jesus said "out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water" He was referring to the new supernatural prayer language received by all who are baptized with the Holy Spirit. (Proverbs 18:4; Isaiah 12:3; Isaiah 44:3; Joel 2:28; John 4:14; John 16:7; Acts 2:17-18,33,38)

Jesus was referring to what the Apostle Paul calls "speaking in an unknown tongue."

"For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men but unto God..." (1Corinthians 14:2)

More commonly today, this experience is called "praying in other tongues."

Some Of The Many Benefits of Praying In Other Tongues

I call praying in other tongues "a hotline to Heaven" because it is a direct line to Heaven's Throne room.

Praying in other tongues is praying in a supernatural language that Satan cannot understand, therefore, he cannot interfere with its fulfillment.

Praying in other tongues is praying in a supernatural prayer language that only God can understand.

"For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the Spirit he speaketh mysteries."(1Corinthians 14:2,3)

When a Born Again, Holy Spirit baptized Believer is praying in other tongues, they are praying what the Apostle Paul referred to as "mysteries."

Although they may be mysteries to the Believer, they are not mysteries to God. God knows exactly what is being prayed out because He is inspiring the praying.

Sometimes the Holy Spirit even tells the one doing the praying exactly what they are praying. (1Corinthians 14:13-15)

By yielding your tongue to this supernatural prayer language, the Holy Spirit is actually praying through you. When the Holy Spirit prays through you, those prayers never go unanswered.

When a Born Again, Holy Spirit baptized Believer prays in other tongues, they are always praying according to the perfect will of God. This is entirely supernatural.

"He (Jesus) that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Holy Spirit, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God." (Romans 8:27)

The Apostle Paul also said praying in other tongues is the best way to give perfect praise to God. (1Corinthians 14:17)

When prophesying the Holy Spirit Baptism would come to the New Testament Church, the Old Testament Prophet Isaiah revealed something quite fascinating.

Isaiah decreed praying in other tongues would bring supernatural peace, rest and refreshing to the weary, stressed, confused, fearful and even the grieving. This is something to which my wife and I, along with millions of others, can certainly attest.

Sadly, Isaiah also predicted that many New Testament Believers would reject the supernatural Baptism with the Holy Spirit.

"For with stammering lips and another tongue will He speak to this people. To whom He said, This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear." (Isaiah 28:11-12)

Yield yourself to this supernatural gift no matter what kind of negative or unbelieving talk you may have heard from the uneducated or the misinformed.

The Prophet Isaiah predicted this kind of unbelief would occur with many Christians.

People criticize the Baptism with the Holy Spirit as evidenced by speaking with other tongues because they simply do not know what the Bible teaches. They either lack knowledge or have been wrongly taught.

People who are down on speaking with other tongues simply are not up on the Bible.

However, you have now been properly taught.

Once you have asked for the Baptism with the Holy Spirit, believing you will receive, give God your tongue by yielding to your supernatural prayer language.

As was the case with Christ's disciples on the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit will give the utterance but you will have to do the speaking and praying.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." (Acts 2:4)

If you will yield to Him in this manner, you will begin to see things happen supernaturally that you had never before considered.

Almighty God's Two Greatest Gifts

Being Born Again is a very good thing.

The decision to be Born Again is the most important decision you will ever make in your life.

However, God wants you to know that one good thing always leads to another. In this case, it leads to the Baptism with the Holy Spirit for those who believe.

The New Birth in Jesus Christ is the greatest gift God has ever given to the world.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

However, the Baptism with the Holy Spirit is the greatest gift God has ever given to His Born Again children.

"Then Peter said unto them, 'Repent and be baptized every one of you in the Name of Jesus Christ ... and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.'" (Acts 2:38)

The Baptism with the Holy Spirit is a gift just waiting to be received.

Visit our tuition-free JHM Online Bible Training Centre where you will find many other informative Bible-based teachings on the Person and Ministries of the Holy Spirit. <http://www.johnhamelministries.org>

It is important for you to attend a Church with a Holy Spirit filled Pastor who truly believes that with God, one good thing always leads to another!

Now That You Are Saved!

Dear New Believer in Jesus Christ,

John Hamel Ministries welcomes you to your new life in the Kingdom of God.

When welcoming someone into the Kingdom, we like to leave them with foundational information to make their walk with the Lord more powerful and productive. We are glad to place into your hands this short, yet powerful study that will cause you to grow in your journey of faith more effectively.

Holding fast to the eight keys presented here will change your life forever.

1. Be Faithful in Church Attendance

"Do not avoid worshiping together as some do, but spur each other on especially as you see the Day of the Lord approaching." (Hebrews 10:25)

Now that you are Born Again you will want to connect with a local Church. We are sure you will find a good Bible-teaching Church in your community. You may also visit the JHM Tuition-Free Online Bible Training Centre where you will find excellent teaching that will supplement your spiritual growth, increase your knowledge of Scripture and strengthen your relationship with God.

It is important in this present world for believers in Jesus Christ to stick together and to encourage one another. This is why the Bible says we must never neglect faithful Church attendance. The first banana to leave the bunch is always the first banana to be peeled. Do not let this happen to you!

2. Receive the Holy Spirit Baptism

Jesus said, "What you'll get is the Holy Spirit and power. When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be able to be My witnesses, in Jerusalem, all over Judea and Samaria, even to the ends of the world." (Acts 1:8)

Once you become a believer in Jesus Christ, you are cleansed by His Blood. This enables you to become a fit dwelling place for the Person of the Holy Spirit. As a Believer, when He comes to live in you, you become a vessel

of His power. He enables you to live victoriously and to minister Jesus Christ to others effectively. Ask the Father to fill you with the Holy Spirit as evidenced by the speaking in other Tongues, in Jesus' Name. When looking for a local Church, be sure to find one that believes in the Holy Spirit Baptism and the Gifts of the Spirit.

3. Be Baptized in Water

"This is what happens in Water Baptism. When we go under the water, we leave the old country of sin behind; when we come up out of the water, we enter into the New Country of Grace - a new life in a new land. When we are lowered into the water, it's like Jesus' burial. When we are raised up out of the water, it's like Jesus' resurrection." (Romans 6:3-4)

Water Baptism does not wash your sins away. The Blood of Jesus did that the moment you were saved. Being baptized in water is identifying with the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a powerful outward expression of a powerful inward experience. Ask your Pastor about being water baptized.

4. Pray to Your Heavenly Father in Jesus' Name

Jesus said, "Ask the Father in My Name, according to My will and He'll most certainly give it to you. Your joy will be like a river overflowing its banks." (John 16:23)

God, your Heavenly Father, desires to take care of you. Ask Him, in Jesus' Name, to meet your needs and the needs of others. Pray for others to be saved in the world, in your community and in your family. Pray especially for peace in Israel and Jerusalem. (Psalm 122:6-9)

5. Read and Study Your Bible

"Even if it was written in Scripture long ago, you can still be sure it's written for us. God wants His Word to keep us alert for whatever He'll do next." (Romans 15:4)

"By Your words I can see where I am going; they throw a beam of light on my dark path." (Psalm 119:105)

It's impossible to walk with God apart from knowledge of the Bible. The

Bible teaches us God's will and His plan for our lives. JHM places a strong emphasis on knowing God's Word and learning how to be led by His Spirit. Find a Church that does the same.

6. Tell Others about Jesus Christ

Jesus said, "Go into all the world. Go everywhere and announce the message of God's Good News to one and all ... and the disciples went everywhere preaching, the Master working right with them, validating the message with indisputable evidence and miracles." (Mark 16:15,20)

All Christians are called to be soulwinners. Ask the Father to show you who to share Jesus with. Ask Him to give you boldness to do so. Unless someone tells others about Jesus, like someone told you about Jesus, people cannot be saved.

The JHM Online Bible Training Centre can help you to become a powerful witness for Jesus Christ. Ask your Pastor about Church evangelism programs for you to be involved in.

7. Give Your Tithes and Offerings as an Act of Worship

"Bring your full tithe to the Temple (Church) treasury so there will be ample provision in My Temple (Church). Test Me in this and see if I don't open up Heaven itself to you and pour out blessings beyond your wildest dreams." (Malachi 3:10)

The Gospel is free but it takes much money to operate a local Church. Your tithes make it possible for your Pastor to fulfill the vision God has given him. Do not pay your tithes to John Hamel Ministries if you have a Pastor. Your tithe belongs to your Pastor. However, if you do not have a Pastor at this time, you may pay your tithes to JHM until you locate where God wants you to attend Church services.

Offerings are over and above the tithe. The Holy Spirit will show you where to give your offerings. John Hamel Ministries needs your support in order that we may continue to reach the nations of the world, but you must be led by the Holy Spirit as to where you should give financial offerings and support.

Giving faithfully is not only the first step into God's promise of prosperity for you, it is also an act of worship. The Bible says, "The tithe is holy and it is

the Lord's." (Leviticus 27:30)

The Bible says you will reap what you sow. (Galatians 6:7)

8. Freely Receive God's Forgiveness when You Stumble

"If we admit our sins - make a clean breast of them - He won't let us down; He'll be true to Himself. He'll forgive our sins and purge us of all wrongdoing." (1 John 1:9)

Just because God has saved you in Christ does not mean you cease to be a human being. As we grow in the knowledge of God's Word we will occasionally make mistakes and sin against Him. When this occurs do not despair. Go immediately to the Father and ask for His forgiveness in Jesus' Name. The Bible says He will forgive you, cleanse you and allow you to keep walking with Him. God will forgive as often as we will ask. This, of course, is not a license to sin but it is a license to repent and to receive forgiveness when you stumble.

JHM's Prayer for You: "Father, in Jesus' Name, we pray for each person who is reading this. We ask that they would be filled with the knowledge of Your will for their lives, and that they would walk worthy of the Lord, pleasing Him in all they set their hand to, in Jesus' Strong Name."

Be Blessed ... John and Barbara Hamel

About The Authors

John Hamel Ministries is dedicated to keeping the Word of God ever before you. We are committed to not only teaching you how to live victoriously, but to equipping you to teach others to do the same.

JHM believes God's Word is the final Word in every situation.

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That's why for over thirty years now, preaching and teaching the Truth of God's Word and proclaiming His great love and mercy has been the focus of JHM.

JHM can be counted on to deliver Scripture-based teaching on salvation in Christ alone, redemption, righteousness, faith, supernatural guidance, God's love, divine healing, supernatural prosperity in perspective, the Anointing, the power of the Holy Spirit, the Believer's authority and many other topics concerning living the victorious life of faith.

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