

Course Outline
Word of Knowledge Class

Define the Word of Knowledge

Define the Word of Wisdom

Distinguish the differences between these two gifts of the Holy Spirit (Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 the word of knowledge and word of wisdom are referenced) Scriptural references that illustrate the word of knowledge are Acts 5:1-3 and John 4:7-17.

For a word of knowledge to be a true word of knowledge, it has to come from the Holy Spirit. (It is not human intuition or something a person had prior knowledge of) It is generally information that pertains to a person's **past or current circumstances**. Art Thomas defines the word of knowledge as " a momentary revelation of what is on the mind of the Lord Jesus Christ." Another definition from John Wimber is "the word of knowledge is a supernatural revelation of fact about a person or situation, which is not learned through the efforts of the natural mind, but is a fragment of knowledge given by God, disclosing the truth which the Spirit wishes to be made known concerning a particular person or situation."

A word of wisdom to be a true word of wisdom, is also only stemming from the Holy Spirit. Again, it is a supernatural revelation by Him! A word of wisdom is future oriented and may relay God's wisdom, insight or direction. A word of wisdom is a release of the Lord's perspective, guidance, or counsel for a particular problem or circumstance. (Scriptural references for a word of wisdom are Matthew 22: 17-21 and Luke 4: 1-14)

John 16:12-15 is a beautiful illustration of Jesus taking something known to Him and revealing it to us by His Spirit. It's a perfect picture of demonstrating what is happening supernaturally when a word of

knowledge or a word of wisdom is released. That scripture reads (Jesus speaking) “I have much to say to you, more than you can bear. But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on His own; He will speak only what He hears, and He will tell you what is to come. **He will bring glory to me by taking what is mine and making it known to you.** All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said **the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you.**”

The Word of Knowledge and the Gift of Prophecy

We will examine the differences between these two gifts as well as how they may interact. 1 Corinthians 14:3 tells us in regards to the gift of prophecy it is given that “ he who prophesies speaks edification, and exhortation and comfort to men.” The gift of prophecy is a “vocal gift” of the Holy Spirit– as in the voice of Christ is being released when we say what God is saying. The word of knowledge is a “revelatory gift” meaning something is being ‘revealed’ and this can be likened to releasing or expressing something Jesus is making known to us from His mind. (Example to be shared in class of how the Lord may desire just the word of knowledge to be spoken only– simply only stating the received word of knowledge. Or, He may have us take the word of knowledge and release it in a prophetic utterance.

Evidenced ways the word of knowledge may be received

To feel it, to read it, to see it, to think it, to say it, to dream it, to experience it (Scriptures: Mark 5:30-34, 1 Corinthians 14:12

1 Corinthians 13:9) We will discuss each of these ways to receive a word of knowledge as relayed by Randy Clark from his book called *Words of Knowledge*. Examples and testimony will be shared to illustrate receiving words of knowledge through these seven ways.

The word of knowledge and healing

God uses the word of knowledge to build faith to receive healing.

The word of knowledge may be used to ignite our own faith to pray for another's healing. We will discuss how words of knowledge may bring excitement and build a person's faith to receive healing. A 'shift' may happen in a person's mindset (and possibly for anyone witnessing like in a church service) when someone calls out through a word of knowledge their exact condition when there wasn't any prior knowledge of on the part of the person releasing the word of knowledge. (Scriptures: 2 Kings 5:10, Mark 5:30-34)

The word of knowledge in relation to visions and dreams

A word of knowledge may work in conjunction with dreams and visions – will expound on how words of knowledge are received in this manner.

The word of knowledge may accompany a vision or dream

Scriptures: (Acts 9: 10-18, 2nd Kings 5:21-27, Acts 16: 9-10, Genesis 28:11-17) Will look at all these scriptural examples for context. They are listed in the order they will be referenced and discussed.

The word of knowledge in prayer and intercession

Through the word of knowledge insight may be given as how or what to pray (Scripture: 1 John 5:14)

Will discuss how to respond to what the Holy Spirit is initiating in how we take the word of knowledge to prayer or intercession. Will discuss the differences between receiving a word of knowledge compared to something received through the gift of discerning of spirits.

Definition of discerning of spirits: this gift of the Holy Spirit listed in I Corinthians 12:10 is utilized to have understanding or insight of

activity in the spirit realm (good or bad/ angelic/demonic) and we want to always ask or have our heart postured to discern through the eyes of Jesus.

Whether it is the gift of a word of knowledge or the gift of discerning of spirits in operation; figuring out which gift is in use is not as significant as simply following the lead of the Holy Spirit.

******* An activation will follow this section to practice receiving a word of knowledge and then asking the Lord how to utilize the word of knowledge received in a written prayer.**

The word of knowledge and evangelism

The word of knowledge can be powerfully used to demonstrate the love of God when evangelizing.

Treasure Hunts– will discuss how to take pieces of information gathered through the word of knowledge (places, objects, color of an item, an area where healing may be needed,etc) and then going to a place designated to find the specific person or people the Holy Spirit desires be ministered to based off the ‘clues’ gathered from the words of knowledge.

(Scriptures: Luke 19:10, John 4:10-29)

Do's and Don'ts in ministering a word of knowledge

Release a word of knowledge in love, humility and by the Holy Spirit
Recognize any root of pride, people pleasing, performance mentality, fear of failure, manipulating the gift for profit

(Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 13, James 4:6, Galatians 1:10)

******* Final Activation/Exercise to practice giving words of knowledge to your fellow classmates**

