

THE HOLY SPIRIT SERIES
WEEK 9
THE MEANING OF THE GIFTS

INTRODUCTION

1a. WORD OF WISDOM = λόγος σοφίας, (logos sophias)
1 Cor. 12:8

1b. MEANING:

- 1c. "Those gifted with the practical ability to apply biblical knowledge."
- 2c. There is no specific example of this gift being exercised in the New Testament.

2b. MINISTRY:

2a. WORD OF KNOWLEDGE = λόγος γνώσεως, (logos gnoseos) 1 Cor. 12:8; 1 Cor. 13:8

1b. MEANING:

- 1c. This gift was the ability to understand and perceive the facts.
- 2c. This gift is considered to be temporary in 1 Cor. 13:8.

2b. MINISTRY:

3a. DISCERNING OF SPIRITS: = διακρίσεις πνευμάτων (diakriseis pneumatōn) 1 Cor. 12:10

1b. MEANING:

- 1c. This is the ability to discriminate, distinguish, and dispute the spirits.
- 2c. It involves the ability to discern the spiritual source of supernatural revelation when it was given in oral form.

2b. MINISTRY:

- 1c. These believers were able during the transition from the beginning of the Church to the time the Word of God was written to help the local body determine if one was speaking by the power of the Holy Spirit or another supernatural power.
- 2c. The Greek carries the potential additional meaning that these people would confront demonic spirits.

4a. FAITH: = πίστις, (pistis) 1 Cor. 12:9

1b. MEANING:

- 1c. There is no clear consensus on this gift being either permanent or temporary.
- 2c. This is not the same as the faith spoken of in Romans 12:3. That faith is given to all, and this gift is a special gift.
- 3c. This seems to be an extra measure of faith to trust God based on his promises without being able to see the results.

2b. MINISTRY:

- 1c. It seems that this may have been the faith spoken about in Acts 6:5 when it describes Stephen as a man, "full of faith".
- 2c. Dr. George Mueller did not believe that he had the "gift of Faith", he believed that he was just taking God at His Word!

CONCLUSION