

Go Deep

Operational Gifts Of The Holy Spirit

Reminder: these gifts are for both evangelism and edification. We have to have both in a healthy church.

Both 1 and 2 Corinthians are Paul's corrective words to the Christians at Corinth. They were arguing about which super-apostle to follow, bragging about their resumes of spiritual gifts, and often ignoring the glaring sins that needed to be addressed. This is true for Paul's teaching on these nine operational gifts—1 Corinthians 12:1-2.

1. Unlike the motivational gifts (Romans 12:4-6) which are given permanently to people, the operational gifts are given according to the Holy Spirit's w_____ and t_____ (1 Corinthians 12:11).

“God has a way of particularizing a gift so that it fits you perfectly, so that you will not be lopsided.” —Smith Wigglesworth

2. Some gifts operate through an individual Christian on a c_____ basis, while some gifts may never appear in a believer's life or may only o_____ o_____. But we are all to be open to those gifts flowing through us (1 Corinthians 12:31, 14:1).
3. Neither frequency or infrequency of the manifestation of gifts, nor the number of gifts manifested through an individual determine s_____ m_____. The true measure is the fruit of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 13:1-3; Galatians 5:22-23).
4. The operational gifts can be i_____ or c_____ by satan (Matthew 7:21-23; 24:11, 24; 2 Corinthians 11:13-15; 2 Thessalonians 2:8-10).

What satan cannot s_____ he will try to p_____.

Message of wisdom

logos = any kind of speech: it may be d_____ or it may be d_____.

sophia = the highest form of wisdom. Clement of Alexandria called it “the knowledge of things human and divine and of their causes.” Aristotle described it as “striving after the best ends and using the best means.”

“It applies the revelation of God's Word or the Holy Spirit's wisdom to a specific situation or problem.” —Dr. Donald Stamps (Acts 6:10; 15:13-22; 16:6-7)

This is not the same as the wisdom God gives us for daily living. This sort of wisdom come from the Spirit of Truth—or the Counselor—helping us apply God’s Word to our personal growth.

Message of knowledge

logos

gnosis = i_____ knowledge or knowledge from personal experience

A word that reveals insight about a p_____, a c_____, or a biblical truth (Luke 8:46; Acts 5:3; 8:9-13, 22-23; 1 Corinthians 14:24-25).

The devil can pervert gnosis two ways:

1. Knowledge is god—G_____
2. Knowledge makes you god—a_____

“The information is important, and the context from which it comes is also important. Word of knowledge indicates information that reflects relationship with God. The information enhances one’s relationship with God.” —Oliver McMahan, *Endued With Power*

Faith

pistis = the root word means p_____ c_____.

This is not the faith that leads to salvation, but supernatural faith that enables the Christian to believe God for the extraordinary. It is a mountain-moving faith (1 Corinthians 13:2). Often this faith is associated with healing—Matthew 9:20-22, 27-30; 17:19-20.

This *pistis* can also be associated with a message of knowledge, where the Holy Spirit reveals a biblical promise on which we can stand in faith.