

"These stories connect readers with their own ability to hear and activate them to walk in this gift in everyday experiences." —Bill Johnson

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A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR
THE SUPERNATURAL CHURCH

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Foreword by John Loren Sandford

excerpt:

"In short, the gift of a Word of Knowledge takes place when the Holy Spirit takes from Christ's knowledge and makes it known to you...It is very simply a glimpse into the mind of Christ by which we share in His 'knowing' about a specific incident, thought, or intention."

objectives:

- ❖ Establish a definition for the Word of Knowledge.
- ❖ Clarify what the Word of Knowledge is and is not.
- ❖ Plant seeds of spiritual hunger for this spiritual gift.

assignments:

FOR NEXT WEEK:

- ❖ Each day this week, continue to ask the Lord for an increased desire for spiritual gifts.
- ❖ Read Chapter 2: The Word of Knowledge and Prophecy.

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Lesson 2:

Clearly Defining the Word of Knowledge

In this week's lesson, we will define what the Word of Knowledge is and what it is not. This will help set the stage for studying the rest of the book, so don't be afraid to take your time thoroughly analyzing each question.

Discussion Questions:

1. Last week, the assignment was to read Chapter 1 of the book and also First Corinthians 12 from the Bible. Was there anything in either reading that stood out to anyone?
2. Read John 16:12-15. The book describes how this scripture helps define spiritual gifts: The Holy Spirit takes from Christ and makes that piece of Him known to us. How about other spiritual gifts? Read First Corinthians 12:7-10 and Romans 12:6-8. For each spiritual gift, apply this definition. In each case, what do you think the Holy Spirit is taking from Christ and making known?
3. What is the difference between a gift of a Word of Knowledge and a gift of Knowledge and Understanding?
4. In what ways do the Greek and Hebrew definitions of the word "know" differ from our typical English definition?
5. Why is it important that we receive more than mere information from the Lord but also catch a glimpse at His heart?
6. As a group, list some categories of things Jesus knows which would otherwise be unknowable to you.
7. Read First Corinthians 12:31. The Greek word for "eagerly desire" literally means to crave or even lust after. What aspects or traits of the Word of Knowledge make it a gift worth craving?

Application:

Spend some time in prayer as a group. Ask the Lord to help you eagerly desire spiritual gifts as you should. Read Luke 11:9-13 and then ask God to fill each person with the Holy Spirit.

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