

THE WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

Definition:

This gift is also of supernatural origin. It should not be confused with knowledge acquired through study. It is more than a simple illumination of the mind produced by the Holy Spirit to help us realize certain things. Nor is it the spirit of revelation to which every Christian is entitled to a certain extent.

Ephesians 1:17

17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him.

The gift of the word of knowledge involves the supernatural revelation of a certain fact or task to be accomplished, which man cannot know by his natural faculties. It is supernatural information about a state or circumstance known only to God. This revelation can be conveyed by a dream, an angel, an audible voice, a vision, or a sudden inner intuition.

Use of this gift:

It was through this gift that Peter was informed in Simon's house that three men were waiting for him at the door.

Acts 10:19

19 While Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Look, three men are seeking you."

It was through this gift that Ananias learned of Saul's recent experience, of his whereabouts, and of the mission for which God had chosen him. It was through this gift that he received the command to go himself and visit this much-feared man.

Acts 9:10-16

10 Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias!" He answered, "Here I am, Lord!" 11 And the Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight and look in the house of Judas for one named Saul of Tarsus." For he was praying, 12 and he saw in a vision a man named Ananias coming in and laying his hands on him so that he might receive his sight. 13 Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many people how much harm this man has done to your saints in Jerusalem. 14 And he has authority here from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name. 15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for this man is a chosen instrument of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. 16 And I will show him

how much he must suffer for My name." Reduce

It was by this gift that Paul knew he must go to Rome.

Acts 23:11

11 The following night the Lord appeared to Paul and said, "Take courage; for just as you have testified about me in Jerusalem, you must also testify in Rome.

And that all the men on the ship would come out safe and sound from the terrible storm.

Acts 27:24

24 and said to me, "Paul, do not be afraid; you must appear before Caesar, and behold, God has given you all those who sail with you."

We can also understand how John was able to discern the state of the seven churches and how he learned of the incredible events of the last days many centuries before their fulfillment.

This gift was often manifested in the ministry of our Lord Jesus.

Let us listen to Him speak to Nathanael.

John 1:47-50

47 When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile! 48 Nathanael said to him, 'How do you know me?' Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." 49 Nathanael answered and said to him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." 50 Jesus answered him, "Because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree, do you believe? You will see greater things than these." Reduce

To the Samaritan woman.

John 4:18

18 For you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. In this you have spoken the truth.

To the scribes.

Matthew 9:4

4 And Jesus, knowing their thoughts, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts?"

To his own disciples.

Matthew 16:7-8

7 The disciples reasoned within themselves, saying, "It is because we brought no bread."

8 When Jesus knew this, he said, "Why do you reason among yourselves, you of little faith, because you have brought no bread?"

Luke 9:47

47 Jesus, perceiving the thought of their hearts, took a little child and set him beside him.

To the master of the house.

Mark 14:13-14

13 Then he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the city; you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water; follow him. 14 Wherever he enters, say to the master of the house, 'The Master says, "Where is the guesthouse where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?"'

By the same Spirit, the prophet Samuel knew that the stray donkeys had been found and knew the thoughts that were troubling Saul.

1 Samuel 9:19-20

19 Samuel answered Saul, "I am the seer." Come up before me to the high place, and you shall eat with me today. Tomorrow I will let you go, and I will tell you everything that is in your heart. 20 Do not worry about the donkeys you lost three days ago, for they have been found. And for whom is all the precious things in Israel reserved? Is it not for you and for all your father's house?

In the same way he knew that the future king was hiding among the baggage.

1 Samuel 10:22

22 They inquired of the Lord again, "Is there anyone who has come here yet?" And the Lord said, "Behold, he is hidden among the baggage."

It was by a voice from God that Elijah was told that there were 7,000 men left who had not bowed the knee to Baal.

1 Kings 19:18

18 But I will leave seven thousand men in Israel, all who have not bowed their knees to Baal, nor kissed him with their mouths.

The same gift revealed Gehazi's covetousness to the prophet Elisha.

2 Kings 5:26

26 But Elisha said to him, "My mind was not absent when this man left his chariot to meet you. Is it a time to take money and to take clothing, olive groves, vineyards, sheep, oxen, male and female servants?"

He informed him of the movements of the Syrian army when it fought against Israel.

2 Kings 6:9

9 But the man of God sent word to the king of Israel, "Beware that you do not pass by this place, for the Syrians are coming down there." It was through the Holy Spirit that Daniel accurately recalled the dream that Nebuchadnezzar had completely forgotten.

Daniel 2:9

9 "So if you do not make known the dream to me, the same judgment will fall upon you all; you are preparing to tell me lies and falsehoods until the times are changed.

Therefore, tell me the dream, and I will know whether you are able to explain it to me."

All these examples show how necessary the gift of the word of knowledge is still today.

In counseling, it reveals the hidden obstacles that hinder a person's spiritual growth and thus opens the way to immense blessings.