

# Spiritual Gifts of the Holy Spirit

## Session 2

### 3 Gifts of Revelation

#### Word of Wisdom

1 Corinthians 12:8 Paul said, **For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;**

Derek Prince sums it up in this simple statement: wisdom is directive. God who is all Wisdom & Knowledge imparts to us supernaturally by the Holy Spirit a word of wisdom that we need in a given situation.

God gave James a word of wisdom in **Acts 15:19-20**. The mind of God was revealed to God's people through that word and they had a clear understanding of what God required.

#### Word of Knowledge

Knowledge is informative, it gives us the facts.

When we are in a situation where we need to know something or need direction and it is not available to us through our natural ability or education or through our senses, then God in His sovereignty gives us a word of knowledge. As He did to Peter in **Acts 4 and 5** concerning Ananias and Sapphira. The results were dramatic and powerful.

#### Word of Discerning of Spirits

Derek Prince defines "discerning of spirits" as the ability to recognise, identify and distinguish between various kinds of spirits that confront us. In this connection we need to bear in mind that the Christian ministry is a ministry in the spiritual realm. **Ephesians 6:12 says we are not fighting enemies of flesh and blood or persons with bodies, but we are arrayed against an evil spiritual kingdom, spirits of wickedness.** So it's essential that we are equipped to handle our spiritual enemies. It enable us to see as God sees. In **1 Samuel 16:7 the Lord told Samuel this, "For God sees not as man sees, for man look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."** This gift of discerning of distinguishing of spirits enables us to go below the outward appearance and see the condition of the heart.

