

## Lesson 19:

### 1. The gift of wisdom

- **Definition:** The supernatural ability to critically evaluate and employ knowledge.
- **References:** 1 Kings 3:5-12 – Solomon asks for wisdom to rule the people and God gives it to him.
- **Characteristics:** Fear of the Lord, meekness and humility.
- **Examples:** Solomon, Joseph, Daniel, Stephen, Philip

### 2. The gift of discerning the spirits

- **Definition:** The supernatural ability to distinguish between the natural human spirit, devils, and the Spirit of God in another person. To know the Spiritual condition of others as God reveals it.
- **1 Corinthians 12:10** To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another *divers* kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:
- **Acts 5:1-5** – Peter ability to discern the bad spirit in Ananias and Sapphira.
- **Characteristics:** must be sober minded, filled with the Spirit of God and sensitive to His voice, must not be a gossip, keep things to self and pray before any action is taken.
- **Paul** had the gift of discerning of Spirits: Acts 16:16-18 (damsel with spirit of divination in Philippi)

### 3. The gift of giving

- **Romans 12:8** Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, *let him do it* with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.
- **Definition:** The motivation to gain assets and share them with others in and for the work of the Lord.
- **Characteristics:** must take a genuine interest in the needs of Saints and strangers giving to their necessity's according to the direction of the Holy Spirit.

#### Examples

- **Macedonian Churches: 2 Corinthians 8:1-5** Moreover, brethren, we do you to wit of the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia; 2 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. 3 For to *their* power, I bear record, yea, and beyond *their* power *they were* willing of themselves; 4 Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and *take upon us* the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. 5 And *this they did*, not as we hoped, but first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God.
- **Jerusalem Church: Acts 4:32-37** And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any *of them* that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. 33 And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. 34 Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, 35 And laid *them* down at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had need. 36 And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, *and* of the country of Cyprus, 37 Having land, sold *it*, and brought the money, and laid *it* at the apostles' feet.
- **Galatian Church: Galatians 4:15** Where is then the blessedness ye spake of? for I bear you record, that, if *it had been* possible, ye would have plucked out your own eyes, and have given them to me.

- **Philippian Church: Philippians 4:10-18** But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me hath flourished again; wherein ye were also careful, but ye lacked opportunity. 11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content. 12 I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. 14 Notwithstanding ye have well done, that ye did communicate with my affliction. 15 Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. 16 For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. 17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. 18 But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things *which were sent* from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

#### 4. The gift of governments

- **1 Corinthians 12:28** And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.
- **Definition:** Supernatural gift to organize, administer, and lead the activity of others in the accomplishment of common goals. It is the God-given ability to lead, to identify objectives and to help those involved to accomplish them.
- **Characteristics:** must be diligent in directing the affairs of the Church. Must be able to take criticism, capable of appointing others to position of authority.
- **Romans 12:9-18** Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. 10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; 11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; 12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; 13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality. 14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not. 15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. 16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. 17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

#### 5. The gift of faith

- Supernatural ability to believe and expect great things from God.
- **Characteristics:** has the capacity to see what God is doing or wants to do in a given situation and is able to believe God is able to do it even though it looks impossible.
- **Biblical Definition: Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- **Examples:** all of the Saints listed in Hebrews 11.
- The emphasis is what God can do through those that believe on him despite what they see in this world.
- **Stephen** is another example: **Acts 6:5b** And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost...

## 6. The gift of mercy

- **Romans 12:8** Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, *let him do it* with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.
- **Definition:** gives the motivation to identify with and share in the suffering and joys of others as a comforter. God given ability to empathize with the misery and misfortune of others. To mentally and emotionally be able to relate to their needs.
- **Romans 12:15** Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.
- **Example: Joseph of Arimathaea - Matthew 27:57-60** When the even was come, there came a rich man of Arimathaea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' disciple: 58 He went to Pilate, and begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. 59 And when Joseph had taken the body, he wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 And laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the sepulchre, and departed.
- **Example: Good Samaritan – Luke 10:30-37** And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, 34 And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. 36 Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? 37 And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.