

“The Weapons of Our Warfare”

Part Two

Text: 2 Corinthians 10:3-5/1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Intro: We are studying the Gifts of the Spirit. Last week we talked about the categories of gifts. This week we will start with the Revelation Gifts and particularly, *The Word of Wisdom*. In this lesson I want to define what a Word of Wisdom is, how The Word of Wisdom is manifested, and I will give examples from the Bible of a Word of Wisdom in operation.

- I. Definition of The Word of Wisdom (1 Corinthians 12:8)
 - A. The Word of Wisdom is not the Gift of Wisdom.
 1. The Word of Wisdom gives a “Small Segment” or “Portion” of information from God’s vast storehouse of wisdom.
 - a. The Word of Wisdom deals with the future.
 - b. If God gives a Word of Wisdom it means that He is revealing something that has *not yet come to pass*.
 2. The Word of Wisdom is supernatural revelation, by the Spirit of God.
 - a. All of the gifts of the Holy Spirit are supernatural.
 - b. It’s not human wisdom that comes from the human intellect. It’s wisdom that comes directly from God.
 3. 1 Corinthians 2:7
 - a. The Word of Wisdom involves speaking the hidden things we would not normally or naturally know.
 - b. It is God unveiling a portion of His plan for a particular situation in the future.
 - B. How The Word of Wisdom is Manifested
 1. Interpreting of a dream.
 - a. God showed Joseph in a dream what would be the course of his life.
 - b. He also helped Pharaoh to interpret a dream of what God intended to do in Egypt (Genesis 37:1-44:9).
 2. Night Vision.
 - a. During the night Daniel received wisdom in a vision.
 - b. Daniel 2:19
 3. Caught away or Caught up in the Spirit
 - a. Ezekiel 3:14
 - b. Ezekiel 38:3
 4. An important point to make is that The Word of Wisdom does not have to function the same way each time.
 - a. It could be a dream, a vision, maybe being caught up into the third heaven (2 Corinthians 12:2), or God might just speak to your spirit.
 - b. Isaiah 38:1-8; 2 Kings 20:1-11
 - C. Examples from the Bible of The Word of Wisdom in Operation
 1. A vision appeared to Paul in the Night (Acts 16:9-10).
 2. The Lord told Ananias to go and minister to Paul (Acts 9:15-16)
 3. Philip was told he had a divine appointment (Acts 8:26)
 4. In Acts 11:27-28, the prophet Agabus was given The Word of Wisdom to predict a drought (famine) and in Acts 21:10-14, he prophesied to Paul of some of the things he would suffer.