

Holy Spirit, Batman! part 6 - Speak!

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- I. Intro / Review
 - A. Talking about the Person, purpose, and power of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the believer.
 - B. Talking about specific spiritual gifts, the believers utility belt.
 - C. These gifts, or graces, are not resident in use, meaning they don't exist in us for us to use as we will. The Spirit is the one who uses them in us and through us.
 - D. The purpose of these gifts is to build up the body of Christ, and to witness to others, not for our own jollies.
- II. **1 Cor. 12:8** Word of wisdom and word of knowledge
 - A. The difference between wisdom and knowledge
 - 1. Knowledge is basically information
 - 2. Wisdom is knowing how to act based on information
 - 3. Snake, electrical outlet, sour milk
 - 4. We can gain knowledge and wisdom by experience.
 - B. The gifts of the word of wisdom and knowledge are not from experience but from the Lord.
 - 1. Biblical examples of wisdom
 - a) Solomon and baby
 - b) Apostles and Hellenist widows
 - 2. Biblical examples of knowledge
 - a) Jesus and woman well
 - b) Peter with Ananias and Saphira
 - 3. Happens to believers today and they might not even know it.
 - a) You will be facing a situation, a decision, a confrontation, and you will somehow have the answer how to fix or diffuse the situation.
 - b) You will be talking wit someone, see someone from a distance, and suddenly be aware of a specific fact about them that you should have no way of knowing.
 - c) Happens to pastors while teaching.
 - C. How do you develop these gift?
 - 1. Step out in faith and try. At first it feels like "Where did that come from?" Say what has come to mind, try the idea, lovingly confront the person with the information.
 - 2. As you try you will learn to tell the difference between your own wisdom/knowledge and that which comes from the Lord.
 - D. Can these gifts be counterfeited and faked? Yes. Mediums, televangelists.
 - E. Summary: A word of wisdom is a God-given direction on what to do, actions to take in a particular situation. A word of knowledge is a God-given insight or piece of information you could not otherwise have, that you are supposed to use to help another.
- III. **1 Cor. 12:8, 10** Prophecy
 - A. What is it?
 - 1. Speaking forth the word of God through the anointing of the HS. Being a channel through which the Lord may speak.

2. Sometimes it is foretelling the future. Most of the time it is forthtelling, speaking forth the word of God.
 3. The bulk of the Bible is prophecy.
- B. What is it for?
1. Edifying, building up the church.
 2. Exhorting others. Get up and go. Walk the talk, practice what you preach.
 3. Provides comfort. Need to be reminded something that God is there, that He is here with us.
- C. How does it work?
1. Overlaps with many other gifts. Wisdom, knowledge, teaching, exhortation.
 2. A thought, an impression comes very clearly into your mind or heart. You speak it, and the rest seems to flow from nowhere, but it's from the Spirit.
- D. How do you know?
1. Does it line up with the word? Divorce/affairs.
 2. Does it line up with the facts?
 - a) If it is for now, does it line up with reality?
 - b) If it is for the future, watch to see if it comes true. If it does, great. If not, mark that person as a possible false prophet.
 3. Does it honor Jesus or self?
 - a) Deut. 13 tells us that even if it comes to pass, if the prophet is leading you away from the Lord, the person is still a false prophet.
 - b) If it feeds the flesh, "You're going to be a superstar!" kind of thing, and leaves God out, it isn't genuine.
 4. Be careful with using and receiving this gift. Be sure to test it. Some will put it above scripture. Beware of "the Lord told me" people.
- E. The only gift Paul tells us to pursue
1. 1 Cor. 14:1-4 It is better than speaking in tongues/a tongue.
 2. 1 Cor. 14:39 Desire it earnestly. Why? Because it is the most beneficial to the whole body.
- IV. To go points
- A. Gifts of the Spirit are things that the Spirit uses in us and through us for the benefit of others. We don't use them He uses them.
 - B. A word of wisdom is a God-given direction on what to do, actions to take in a particular situation. A word of knowledge is a God-given insight or piece of information you could not otherwise have, that you are supposed to use to help another.
 - C. Prophecy is when God speaks through you to others. It is always to be tested and corrected. It is the only gift we are told to desire. Its purpose is to edify others.
 - D. Pray about these things. Ask God to give you whatever He wants to give you. Be open to whatever it is God has for you. Step out in faith and see what the Lord will do.