

RECEIVING & RELEASING THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



Jeremy and Debora Anderson joined their lives in marriage and followed Jesus into ministry with Chi Alpha in 2004. God spoke a simple vision to them, “we see the kingdom of heaven manifest on our campuses and delivered to the nations.” With a primary focus on evangelism and discipleship, they began ministry together with a handful of students at California State University, Stanislaus. The assignment remains the same to this day, to deliver show and tell gospel to the campus that emphasizes Spirit-empowered demonstration and articulation of the Father’s eternal truths. Enjoying these daily adventures of experience in the Lord has served to bring an authentic witness of Christ to thousands of students. Hundreds of these students have been saved, healed, and delivered from bondage and are now walking out their faith on the campus and in the marketplace. The apostolic grace on this student faith movement has furthered the advancement of Christ’s kingdom on a total of six university and college campuses which now include- California State University Stanislaus, University of California Merced, California State University Fresno, Modesto Junior College, Merced College, and Fresno City College. The activity of heaven on our campuses only points to the Author and Finisher of our faith, and to a student family that is yielded to His summoning.

Jeremy and Debora now serve as the Area Directors of Chi Alpha on the West Coast and continue to serve as apostolic leadership to the local central valley campuses they planted. They are living the dream of raising four children in the presence of God and serving the Lord in their new assignment to grow Chi Alpha where we are and plant where we aren’t.

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A Biblical Breakdown of Receiving and Releasing the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Jesus Promised Power with our Witness

Mark 16: 15-18:

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and ***preach the gospel*** to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And **these signs will follow those who believe:** In My name they **will cast out demons;** they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; **they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."**

Acts 1:8 "But you shall receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you shall be witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Who are the Gifts of the Holy Spirit for?

1 Corinthians 12:7:

"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to **each one for the profit of all**"

1 Corinthians 14:1b "...eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy."

- Paul exhorted all believers to desire spiritual gifts

The PURPOSE of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

John 17:3 "This is eternal life, that they might know (intimately) You the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom you have sent."

- Builds intimacy with the Father

1Corinthians 2:4-5 "And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that **your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.**"

- Faith in God, and not in human wisdom or persuasion

James 1:17 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."

- Gifts are Gods love language to people

Jesus shared the Gospel through the Gifts of The Holy Spirit, so should you

Word of Knowledge (John 4:16-17)

Healing (Luke 18:35-43)

Word of Wisdom (Matthew 7:28-29) "speaks with authority"

Miracles (Mark 4:39)

Faith (Mark 11:21-23)

Discerning of Spirits (Luke 9:55)

Prophecy (John 2:18-19)

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:7-11 "for to one is given the **word of wisdom** through the Spirit, to another the **word of knowledge** through the same Spirit, to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another gifts of **healings** by the same Spirit, to another the **working of miracles**, to another **prophecy**, to another **discerning of spirits**, to another different kinds of **tongues**, to another the **interpretation of tongues.**"

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit defined

Revelatory Gifts (to reveal something)

Discerning of Spirits: supernatural grace to understanding the spiritual influence over another person, place or situation.
(Galatians 2:9; Acts 13:6-12)

Word of Knowledge: divine revelation from God that tells or shows us what is happening right now, or what has happened.
(John 4:16-39; Acts 9:11-18)

Word of Wisdom: enables us to express the Holy Spirit's revelation/knowledge/answers to either an individual or to a group of people, church, etc., in a way that surpasses any previous "natural ability" to input into the situation. It carries the mark of the wisdom of God. The right application of knowledge. (Genesis 41:33- 40)

Utterance Gifts (to say something)

Prophecy: an inspired utterance; a declaration of the divine will and purposes of God.
(Mark 11:12-14, 20-24; Acts 21:8-12; Acts 13:6-12; 1 Timothy 1:18)

Tongues: divine utterance in diverse tongues as the Spirit wills.
(1 Cor. 14:20-26)

Interpretation of Tongues: through supernatural understanding, interpreting and releasing the heart of God spoken through the gift of tongues. (1 Corinthians 14:27)

Power Gifts (to do something)

Healing: a removal of sickness or disease in the body.
(Acts 10:38; John 5:7-9; Mark 2:4-11)

Miracles: the work of astonishing, staggering wonders
(Acts 5:12; Matthew 10:7-8; John 4:12; Mark 16:17-18)

Faith: God's faith imparted for a specific time, in a specific place for a specific miracle. (Acts 3:1-6; Luke 8:43-48; Matthew 9:20-22)

The results of people receiving and releasing the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Salvation: "But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you."
1 Corinthians 14:24-25

Strengthening: "But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men." 1 Corinthians 14:3

Healing: "And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength." Act 3:7

Accomplishing the will of God: Peter's vision to take the Gospel to Gentiles. Acts 10:11-28

Protection & Preparation:

"I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me." Acts 20:23

Life & Revelation: "At Joppa there was a certain disciple named Tabitha, which is translated Dorcas. This woman was full of good works and charitable deeds which she did. But it happened in those days that she became sick and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in an upper room. And since Lydda was near Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him, imploring him not to delay in coming to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he had come, they brought him to the upper room. And all the widows stood by him weeping, showing the tunics and garments which Dorcas had made while she was with them. But Peter put them all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said, "Tabitha, arise." And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord." Acts 9:36-42

Practical Steps in Receiving the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1. Anchor in The Word

- Romans 10:17 "Faith comes by hearing, hearing comes by the Word."
- His Word tunes our heart to the quality of God's voice versus other voices.

2. Anchor in Love

- Ephesians 3:17-19 "that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge."
- Ask the Father for His heart and pray with others

3. Practice Hearing His Voice

John 10:27 "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."

- You can hear His voice

1 Corinthians 2:16 "...we have the mind of Christ."

- You can understand His thoughts
- The Holy Spirit knows the thoughts of God and reveals them to you (1 Corinthians 2:11-16).

Psalms 139:17-18 "How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can't even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand and when I wake up, you are still with me!"

- He has countless thoughts toward people

4. Test the quality of what your hearing

Hebrews 5:14b "...even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

Judge the prophecy

- Does it glorify God?
- Does it line up with the Word of God?
- Does it produce liberty or bondage?
- Does it uplift the body or person?

Practical Steps in Releasing the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

1. Build a bridge to the receiver

- Think first about the language you should use when you are bridging into a supernatural encounter.
- Instead of “thus sayth the Lord”, try “I’m a Christian, and I was praying. I felt God say to come talk to you or pray with you.”

2. Be honest

- Be honest about why you are approaching them.
- Be sure to use “pray with you” instead of “for you”
 - “Pray for” sounds more domineering and suggests that you will pray later for them.
 - “Pray with” shows more equality with them and communicates that you want to with them pray now.

3. Be humble

- Give the person room to confirm the word makes sense to them, and has landed in their heart .
- Ask- “Does this make sense to you?”

4. Give an opportunity to receive Jesus

- After the person encounters the love of God through His Gifts, give them an opportunity to receive Jesus.
- “Is there any reason why you wouldn't surrender your life to Jesus Christ right now?”

Responsibility in Receiving and Releasing the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Judging Prophecy

1 Corinthians 14:29 “Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge.”

- Take time to judge prophetic words, to ensure its accuracy.
- Use “judging prophecy” questions to help filter.
- If it still doesn’t make sense, put it on a “mental shelf.” If its truly from the Lord, He will confirm it in His timing. Joseph waited 22 years before his prophetic dream came to pass [Genesis 37-42].

Opps! I released an incorrect word

- Old Testament– Stone him! Deuteronomy 18:20
- New Testament– Its okay, your growing.

1 Corinthians 13:9 “For we know in part and we prophesy in part.”

- We are operating in the *gift of* prophecy , not the *office of a prophet* (Different Offices- Ephesians 4:11)
- Your learning to hear His voice, try again.

Dates, Mates, and Babies Guidelines

- “On June 1st you will...”, “God said she is your wife”, “Your baby will be a boy, and name him Noah!”
- If you feel the Lord wants you to release this type of word, *submit* it to your spiritual leadership first and *ask for permission* to share.

Stewarding Negative Impressions

Ephesians 4:29b “but only such speech as is good for building up others, according to the need and the occasion, so that it will be a blessing to those who hear [you speak].”

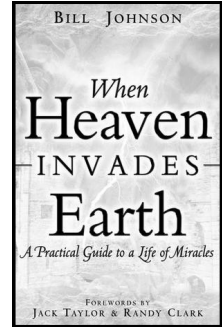
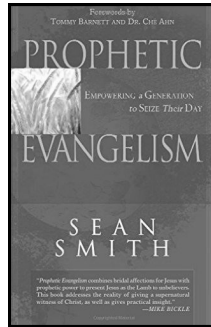
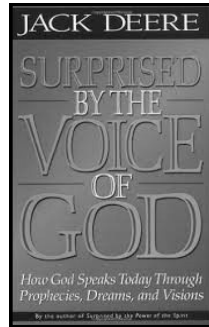
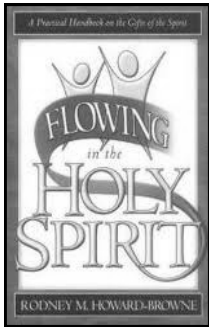
- Remember, prophecy is edification, exhortation, and comfort.
- If you receive a negative impression when praying for someone ask the Lord- “what does light look like in this dark situation?”

Strong Second Impressions

Jeremiah 20:9 “But His word was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones. I was weary of holding it back, and I could not.”

- When the Lord lays a word on your heart to release, give it back to Him, and ask Him to bring it back stronger as confirmation. When it comes back as a stronger impression, that is your confirmation to release it.

Recommended Resources:



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