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LESSON THREE

THE WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

Key Scriptures:

*“To each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom, **and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit.**” (1Cor. 12:7, 8)*

*“Pursue love, and **earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy**” (1Cor. 14:1)*

Defined:

“This is the supernatural revelation of fact about a person or situation, which is not learned through the efforts of the natural mind, but is a fragment of knowledge freely given by God, disclosing the truth which the Spirit wishes to be made known concerning a particular person or situation.” – John Wimber

A word of knowledge is a definite conviction, impression or divine knowing. A supernatural insight, understanding of circumstances, situations or problems, a knowing of what to do. A divine piece of information about the past or present.

Word of Knowledge vs. the Gift of Prophecy

“People often confuse the word of knowledge with the gift of prophecy. The word of knowledge describes something that took place in the past, a current circumstance, or a fact about someone’s life. Sometimes when we prophesy, someone can mistakenly think that the prophecy wasn’t accurate because it was not something that is currently happening, or has ever happened in that person’s life. Pure prophecy is about the *future*. If the prophetic word lacks an element of something that has already taken place, this simply means that the word of knowledge was not part of the delivery. A word of knowledge is simply knowing a *fact*, revealed by the Holy Spirit, of which we had no prior knowledge.”
 – Basic Training for the Prophetic Ministry, Kris Vallotton

Often a prophetic word can include both a Word of Knowledge (supernatural revelation of a past or current circumstance) and a Word of Prophecy (supernatural revelation of a future event). The Word of Knowledge can bring credibility to the Word of Prophecy. An example of this is when Jesus spoke to the woman at the well. I have listed the Word of Knowledge in *Italic* and the Word of Prophecy is in **bold**:

The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so I will not be thirsty nor come all the way here to draw." He said to her, "Go, call your husband and come here." The woman answered and said, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "*You have correctly said, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly.*" The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. "Our fathers worshiped in this mountain, and you people say that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "**Woman, believe Me, an hour is coming when neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.**" The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He." (John 4:15-26)

After the woman left Jesus she went into the city and said told everyone, "Come, see a man who told me all the things that I have done; (John 4:29). This statement was not true as Jesus did not tell her "everything" she had done. The impact of the Word of Knowledge was that powerful!

Words of Knowledge in Scriptures:

1. Jesus Operating in Word of Knowledge

[Luke 19:30,31] *"Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" you shall say this: "The Lord has need of it."*

[Matthew 17:27] *"...go to the sea and cast a hook and take the first fish that comes up, and when you open its mouth you will find a shekel. Take that and give it to them [the tax collectors] for me and for yourself."*

[John 1:47-50] Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him and said of him, *"Behold, and Israelite indeed in whom there is no deceit!"* Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me? Jesus answered him, *"Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you."*

2. The Early Church Operating in the Word of Knowledge

[Acts 5:1-5] "But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, and with his wife's knowledge he kept back for himself some of the proceeds and brought only a part of it and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?"

[Acts 9:11-12] And the Lord said to him, *“Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.”*

[Acts 10:4-6]... What is it Lord? And he said to him, *“Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the seaside.”*

[Acts 22:17-21] When I had returned to Jerusalem and was praying in the temple, I fell into a trance and saw him saying to me, *“Make haste and get out of Jerusalem quickly, because they will not accept your testimony about me.”*

Identify Hindrances to Healing by the Word of Knowledge

The Word of Knowledge is a very effective tool for healing. Often Jesus prayed for the “root” cause of sickness by the Word of Knowledge resulting in total healing and deliverance for the person he prayed for:

Unbelief (Mark 9:17-29)...Teacher, I brought my son to you for he has a spirit that makes him mute. And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able... v23 *“All things are possible for one who believes”* Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, I believe, help my unbelief!

Demons (Mark 9:17-29) Mute/deaf-v25 he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, *“You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.”*

(Matt 12:22) Blind-Then a demon-oppressed man who was blind and mute was brought to him.

(Luke 13:11) Infirmary- And there was a woman who had a disabling spirit for

eighteen year.

(Isa.61:3) Depression-the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness

Sin (Luke 5:17-26)...v19 but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through the tiles into the midst before Jesus. And when he saw their faith, he said, "*Man your sins are forgiven you*"...v24 "*I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home.*" Ex: Unforgiveness can be a hindrance

Activate the Persons Faith (Luke 6:10) On another Sabbath, he entered the synagogue and was teaching, and a man was there whose right hand was withered....v10 and after looking around at them all he said to him, "*Stretch out your hand.*" And he did so, and his hand was restored. Ex: Getting a man to bend with bad knees.

Compassion (Matt. 14:14) When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. Ex: Healing of a sick baby in the slums, don't need faith sermon when the people see the demonstration of the gospel.

God's Love (Gal. 5:6) For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love. Ex: The Healing Hug

Ways You Can Receive Words of Knowledge

1) Feel It

- A sympathetic pain in some part of the body
- A throbbing sensation
- A strong emotion such as fear or panic

2) See It

- Mental picture such as a body part, perhaps a heart, foot, etc.
- A picture of a person with a condition such as a limp
- A crutch, wheelchair, eyeglasses
- An unusual item such as a paintbrush, bicycle, etc.

3) Read It

- A person with a word written across his body or above

- May look like a newspaper headline, banner or sign

4) Think It

- You may have a mental impression of a condition

5) Say It

- While talking or praying the Holy Spirit starts speaking and you hear it for the first time

6) Hear it

- Can be the still small voice

7) Dream It

- You may have vivid dream of a person. God can speak to you at night while you are asleep so you can act upon it when you are awake

Preparation to Awaken the Gift of the Word of Knowledge

Believe (Mark 9:23) *All things are possible to him that believes.*

(Mark 16:17) *And these signs will accompany those that believe: in my name they will cast out demons...*

Earnestly Desire (1Cor. 14:1) *Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.*

Cleanse heart (Ps. 66:18) *If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.*

Sanctified Imagination (Eph. 1:18) *the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints.*

Practice (1 Co. 14:31) *for you may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged.*

(Hebrews 5:14) *But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.*

No Fear (1Tim. 1:6-7) *For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power love and self-control.*

How to Deliver a Word of Knowledge

Let's review some practical ways of operating in the Word of Knowledge effectively. It is important to keep in mind that we are not perfect there are times we may miss it. Therefore we do not want to bring damage people's lives.

1. Model humility – we ourselves are human and may miss it. Even if feel that you are 100% sure of your word, always be gentle and humble.
2. It is ok to be tentative in speaking out the word. Do not be afraid to admit that you are nervous. Speaking the Word of Knowledge in a strong manner does not make it more anointed.
3. Don't let your fear rob the person of their blessing. Someone once said that faith is spelled "R-I-S-K".
4. Avoid speaking negative words or words that may bring fear upon a person.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue (Prov 18:21), the Word of Knowledge when handled properly is of great value, but when handled improperly can bring condemnation and can put a curse upon people.

5. Speak in natural tones, avoid hype and avoid “Christianeese” style of language. Practice as if you were speaking to someone outside of the church. Allow the supernatural power of God to flow from you without scaring people with “spiritual weirdness” or excess.
6. Ask the Lord for the right timing to deliver the Word of Knowledge that you have. Psalms 104:27 says; *“They all wait for You, to give them their food in due season.”* God has a due season or a right timing when the people’s heart has been properly prepared to receive.
7. The Word of Knowledge can come very quickly and vague. Press into the word asking the Lord for more revelation. The more specific the word, the more faith it will build.
8. Do not add your own interpretation or opinion. There is a difference between further revelation from the Lord and your own interpretation. The word you give may make no sense to you. Avoid the temptation to modify the word so that the word brings understanding to you.
9. Resist the thought that the word you have is not important or it is just you.
10. Remember, breath mints are anointed!

Activation

Practice in a group setting. Separate into groups of 4 to 6 people. Choose one member and have everyone prophesy to that person. Ask a member of the group to write down the prophetic words. After the person has received a prophetic word from each person in the group have the person who received the prophetic words to judge and give feedback to the group.

Homework

Go to a restaurant with a group of prayer partners. Have each person write down 3 things that the Holy Spirit shows you about your server. Present it to your server in a non-religious way.

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