

Remnant Life Church
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“Supernatural Faith”
I Corinthians 12:9

Word of Wisdom (conclusion)

What the Word of Wisdom is not:

1. It is not the wisdom of Solomon – many people are wise without the gift of Wisdom
2. It is not spiritual insight – this is a result of the fruit of the spirit (**Gal 5**) which every Christian should desire to have as a part of their growth in the Lord
3. Not just for pastors, elders or those gifted with leadership abilities – every believer can be given the gift at any time for any purpose
4. It is not any new idea that pops into your head – this is why the discerning of spirits is such an important gift to the church

What the Word of Wisdom is:

1. It is wisdom given by God that we would not normally have
2. It is used in conjunction with knowledge and how to apply it to the circumstances
 - a. **Acts 27:31-34**
 - i. Paul uses his word of knowledge – no one will die
 - ii. And applies it with the word of wisdom – let the boat go and eat
 - b. **Acts 15** – James speaks a Word of Wisdom to the council at Jerusalem regarding salvation for the Gentiles; (unity in Christ)
 - c. The Word of Wisdom will always bring the person or people it is given to a clearer perspective and point them toward a solution or deeper understanding of a situation.

Supernatural Faith

What is faith?

- Bible tells us it is “...*the confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.*” **Hebrews 11:1**
- **Romans 12:3** tells us that God distributes faith to each of us.
 - We each have faith
 - The question is do we use it and if not, why?
 - Is it possible to “abuse your faith?”
 - *Name It And Claim It*
 - That is not about faith but about subjecting yourself and your desires to the will and desires of God for your life

- It is not only about material things but that most often becomes the focus
- Unlike wisdom, the word faith is the same throughout the Bible
 - Pis-tis – conviction of the truth or what is believed for
 - Within that there are many types:
 - Salvation faith
 - The conviction of what we hope for and cannot see
 - Supernatural faith that is without waver and steadfast
 - **Hebrews 11:33-34**
 - William Barclay (Scottish theologian) - *It is the faith which really produces results. It is not just the intellectual conviction that a thing is true; it is the passionate belief in a thing which makes a man spend all that he is and has on it. It is the faith which steels the will and nerves the sinew of a man into action.*
- What do we know of faith from some of the great patriarchs of the Bible?
 - Hebrews 11 – the faith Hall of Fame
 - Abel; Enoch; Noah; Abraham; Moses...
 - Noah – faith that what God had told would come to pass
 - Many scholars believe that the ark was built near modern Baghdad – less than 6 inches of rainfall per year
 - Iran – less than 12 inches per year
 - Harrisburg – over 40” per year
 - Abraham – knew that God had promised he would be the father of a nation
 - God told him to sacrifice Isaac, his only son
 - Abraham never lost sight of the promise
 - Moses took over 2 million into the desert bound for a destination he did not know

Gift of Faith is not...

- Natural courage or confidence (that becomes about self)
- Saving faith or the faith of salvation
- Not just strong hope
 - GOF is a belief beyond all evidence to the contrary
 - It makes no sense
- Not based on dogma, tradition or religious theory

Gift of Faith is...

- KNOWING that your prayer is answered

The Letters to the Corinthians – William Barkley

The gift of faith is divinely given faith for a particular and specific thing or time. It is the supernatural, strong, unshakeable belief in or for something that is without the evidence of proof. It is different from saving faith and distinct from the faith which is the fruit of the Spirit. It

very often overlaps into the working of miracles and the gifts of healing, but can stand of its own accord.

“Faith is the avenue of salvation. Not intellectual understanding. Not money. Not your works. Just simple faith. How much faith? The faith of a mustard seed, so small you can hardly see it. But if you will put that little faith in the person of Jesus, your life will be changed. He will come with supernatural power into your heart. It can happen to you.” – Billy Graham

Make as a part of your prayers each day...

“What is my gift?”

“Fill me with the gift that you desire me to have according to Your will for my life.”