

MANIFESTATIONAL GIFTS

WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE

As already stated, Phillip had a word of knowledge that could not have come from anyone other than God. He obeyed that word and went to meet the Ethiopian eunuch.

Pauline recalled that once in prayer ministry session, she once had a word of knowledge in the form of a picture of a particular child's toy. It surprised me because the person being prayed for was female and the toy was typically more for a boy. However, when she described her picture it immediately took the person back into a memory of a very painful time in their childhood. It opened up a doorway for healing.

WORDS OF WISDOM

This can come in at least two forms.

1. Wisdom about how or when to use a word of Knowledge – like the example above; or
2. Giving wise counsel to someone in area that you would not normally have expertise in. (E.g. speaking wisdom or direction into a financial situation when you have no financial background)

HEALING AND MIRACLES

The Lord uses our natural medical resources to heal people, but this kind of healing is far more than that. It is the supernatural healing that we see when Jesus healed the blind, or Peter and John the lame man. During Life in the Spirit Week 3, Pauline gave the example of someone in her church who spoke healing over someone's eye on the Sunday, and when the person went to the eye specialist the following week, the problem with the part of the eye (the macula) had completely gone. In fact the specialist told the person that the assistant must have taken a photo of the wrong eye. There was nothing there!!

GIFT OF FAITH

This is so different to any other faith. This is a gift for a specific belief for a specific act. When it comes, you just know, that you know, that you know, that this thing is going to happen. And then it gives you confidence to speak it out. We believe that Peter and John had that supernatural gift of faith when they told the lame man to stand up.

PROPHECY

This is speaking out a 'message from God', usually encouragement or exhortation, sometimes a warning. Again it is not based on any previous knowledge or understanding. It is not a prediction. It is a call to engage others in prayer that will bring it into being.

DISTINGUISHING OF SPIRITS (ALSO CALLED 'THE GIFT OF DISCERNMENT')

This can be discerning whether or not prophecy is right or wrong – we are told to test the spirits. It can also be discerning the presence of the demonic in a situation, or the angelic support in another. Or discerning the human heart in a prayer ministry setting.

TONGUES

There are at least 3 ways this operates.

1. At Pentecost, the disciples were heard to speak in foreign languages that they had not learned;
2. Tongues can be another way of giving a prophetic utterance; spoken out in a public meeting. At the time no one knows what they are saying. In which case we need the gift of interpretation (see below);
3. There is a third type of tongue and this is a private prayer language that is far more common than the gift of a public tongue. It can greatly enhance our prayer life. We can ask the Lord to give us this on an ongoing basis.

INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES

This is the gifting of hearing a public tongue spoken out and being able to speak out an interpretation in the language of the people in the meeting. It sheds holy light on what is being said.