

# Word of Wisdom

## Biblical

I Corinthians 12:7 *sophia* (σοφία, 4678) wisdom

## Historical

### Wigglesworth

The word of wisdom is a manifestation gift from Holy Spirit, have a miraculous component to them and always has a supernatural directions from God about what needs to be done. It is directions that a person would not ordinarily have available. A word of knowledge is a piece of information about what is already in existence, but the receiver does not access to that knowledge except by revelation from God; or it is information that the person has, but they are given a new and profound application of truth with that knowledge. A word of prophecy is an accurate description about a future event. A word of wisdom gives the recipient information about how to proceed. ("Repent the kingdom of God is near". This is both a word of wisdom and a prophetic word). It is not wisdom that could have come from any source other than God, and, there is a clear power that also comes to the front, demonstrating that the kingdom reign of God is among us.

"For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom." Keep in mind the importance of never expecting the gifts of the Spirit apart from the power of the Spirit. In coveting the best gifts, covet to be so full of God and His glory that the gifts in manifestation will always glorify Him. We do not know all and we cannot know all that can be brought forth in the manifestation of the word of wisdom. One word of wisdom from God, one flash of light on the Word of God, is sufficient to save us from a thousand pitfalls. People have built without a word from God, they have bought things without a word from God, and they have been ensnared. They have lacked that word of wisdom which will bring them into God's plan for their lives.

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Most translations say "the word of wisdom" but the Greek says "a word of wisdom". It is very much like the gift of faith but it's wisdom. God has all wisdom. But if He were to dump all wisdom onto us, we'd crumple beneath the load. But in a situation where we need wisdom, it's not available to us by natural means, God gives us a supernatural word of wisdom, a little mustard seed of His own wisdom. The nature of wisdom is that it's directive, it shows you how to proceed. It shows you what to do.

A word of knowledge is similar but it's knowledge, not wisdom. It's a little mustard seed of God's knowledge given to you in a specific situation to accomplish a specific purpose. One of the ways that a word of knowledge operates is that the Lord will show somebody the sickness of a certain person present. And when that person



is called out on the basis, that revelation of that person's problem creates faith in the person to receive healing. You understand? God is always working to create faith in us. The real purpose of the gifts, in a way, is to create faith.

### Examples of manifestation gift of Word of Wisdom from the Bible:

Judah and Israel were at war with Moab and Ahab went to Elisha for wisdom about how to fight. Elisha told them to dig ditches, and that The Lord would fill the ditches with water. They did follow the word of wisdom given by Elisha, and were delivered. 2 Kings 3:15 “And while the harpist played, the hand of the LORD came upon Elisha and he said, *“This is what the LORD says: ‘Dig this valley full of ditches.’* (WORD OF WISDOM) For the LORD says, ‘You will not see wind or rain, but the valley will be filled with water, and you will drink—you and your cattle and your animals.’ (PROPHETIC WORD) This is a simple matter in the sight of the LORD, and He will also deliver the Moabites into your hand. (PROPHETIC WORD)”

Judges 6-8 relates the story of Gideon and the multiple words of wisdom given to Gideon by Holy Spirit on how to defeat the Midianites. Holy Spirit laid out the instructions step by step, Gideon followed the instructions, and the Midianites were defeated by a small group men armed with lanterns and sticks.

In Genesis 41, Joseph is given interpretation of dreams of Pharaoh, which is probably best classified as an interpretation of tongues, although it might be considered a prophetic word. Then he is given a word of wisdom, to take twenty percent of the harvest from each of the coming years of excess to store up for the following 7 years of famine, and in this way Egypt would be preserved.

In the New Testament, the Joseph was told that the baby was in danger (word of knowledge) and to go to Egypt (word of wisdom); and Zachariah was told that he would have a son (prophecy) and to name the child John (word of wisdom).

There is the wisdom that is available at all times that is accrued by walking with God, as well as the wisdom that comes from above simply by asking for wisdom in a situation.

Prophetic manifestations of wisdom are sovereignly given by the Holy Spirit, and they are not a reflection of the character of the person that is speaking under the influence and power of the Spirit. And, a person can deliver reliable words of wisdom from the Holy Spirit, have these words with some degree of frequency, have the “gift of words of wisdom” and still not be completely submitted to God. Solomon is a good example of this, right after he built the temple for The Lord, with the supplies left for him by his father, David, he then immediately built a larger and nicer palace for himself. So, even early in his reign, before he wrote the Scriptures, he already had a higher opinion of himself that he did of God.

Love is the first fruit of the spirit, and it the first in gift of the spirit, they are connected. Love is one of the three things that remain when heaven and earth are done away with, which are faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love (1 Corinthians 13). If you wish to walk in wisdom, first and foremost learn how to love. The beginning of love is the fear of God. The love of God is obedience to God. And, obedience requires forgiveness of those who sin against you, and repentance of your trespasses against God. This is the first step toward learning to love, and receiving heaven’s wisdom.



However, it is possible, and happens not infrequently, that Holy Spirit gives the manifestation of his gifts to people who are not walking in a godly manner. This is seen when King Saul is prophesying (1 Samuel 19:24), and it was also evident in Solomon who God spoke with, who had great wisdom, along with discernment, but was a deeply flawed man.

This wisdom, that is available to all believers, and really, to all humans, is all about righteousness. This knowledge of righteousness is written in our hearts directing us to do what is right. Romans 2:14 "Gentiles, who do not have the law, ... show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts sometimes accusing them and at other times even defending them." Then there is the law of the Lord, that makes the simple wise. Ps 19:7 "The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple." As we grow in the Lord, and allow ourselves to be transformed by the renewing of our mind, we store up God's law in hearts and our minds, and we walk in greater and greater wisdom. But this wisdom is available at all times to all believers, while Holy Spirit manifestations of Words of Wisdom come only under the power of the Spirit. The Word of Wisdom, flowing in power from the Holy Spirit, has a clear and obvious power component, and it is not always available; it comes when Holy Spirit directs and can not be forced or "pulled down".

Philosophy is the love of wisdom, which is the application of accumulated knowledge and experience. But the word of wisdom from Holy Spirit is wisdom flowing from Jehovah's throne through love. His ways are above our ways, and His thoughts are above our thoughts. His wisdom is not something that we can reason out. He is the source of love, His love is pure and His wisdom is pure. If you do not have God's love, you also can not have God's wisdom. This is clearly stated in Roman's 1 21 For even though they knew God, they did not [n]honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools. The wisdom of this world, is foolish, and the thoughts of those who lean into the ways of this world are futile. God's wisdom, which comes through love, is not the wisdom of the world, and it does not make sense to people who have not learned to love God. (1 John 5:3 this is love for God: to keep his commands. And Proverbs 9:10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.

To the extent that you have learned how to love with agape love, that is the extent that you can have wisdom in your life. Wisdom is the person of the Holy Spirit. It is: James 3:17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. So heaven's wisdom is not merely applied knowledge and understanding; it is not the end result of common sense applied to vast amounts of knowledge and experience. Wisdom from God is alive. God's wisdom starts with the fear of God, which is obedience to God.



## Discernment

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