

"These stories connect readers with their own ability to hear and activate them to walk in this gift in everyday experiences." —Bill Johnson

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A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR  
THE SUPERNATURAL CHURCH

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Foreword by John Loren Sandford

### excerpt:

*"It's important to know how these two gifts differ because it helps us understand how they can be used together. Both gifts are methods by which the Holy Spirit reveals Jesus through the Church, but they're different aspects of Jesus. One has to do with His message, and the other has to do with His knowledge."*

### objectives:

- ❖ Differentiate between prophecy and the Word of Knowledge.
- ❖ Understand how these two spiritual gifts interact.
- ❖ Discover the simplicity of sharing prophetic words.

### assignments:

#### FOR NEXT WEEK:

- ❖ Ask the Lord to give you a message of encouragement for someone you know, and then share it with him or her.
- ❖ Read Chapter 3 of *The Word of Knowledge in Action*.

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## Lesson 3:

### The Word of Knowledge and Prophecy

In this lesson, we will spend more time examining the gift of prophecy than the Word of Knowledge. There are fewer discussion questions so that there is adequate time for the application.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What things stood out to you as read this week's chapter?
2. What are the differences between the gift of prophecy and the gift of a Word of Knowledge? Based on the book, how do these two gifts interact?
3. What changes a "revelation" into a "spiritual gift" (like a prophecy or a Word of Knowledge)? Why is this important?
4. John calls Jesus the "Word of God." Why is this important and relevant to what we have learned about prophecy and the Word of Knowledge?
5. According to First Corinthians 14:3, what is the purpose of the gift of prophecy?

#### Application:

**Read to the group:** The purpose of prophecy is to strengthen, encourage, and comfort people. Therefore, if you want to be used by God in prophecy, it is important to cultivate a mindset of encouragement. In other words, thinking about encouraging others places you in the right position to receive a word of prophecy because you are grasping for thoughts that God wants to share.

Let's put this into practice. Divide up the rest of your time based on how many people you have present—this will be the amount of time you have available for each person. During each person's time, the rest of the group should share as many encouraging words and thoughts as possible until time is up. Then move on to the next person. Try to avoid generic compliments but rather look for deeper issues of identity and character to encourage.

It is very possible that during this time you may prophesy—possibly without even knowing it. Try to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit as you look for encouraging things to say to each person.

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