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

—Rill Johnson

word knowledge



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Lesson 8:

The Word of Knowledge at Work in Ministry

A PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR THE SUPERNATURAL CHURCH

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excerpt:

"Whatever your ministry, a spiritual gift of a Word of Knowledge can help enhance your effectiveness. It's not just because you are given extra information but also because you gain insight into God's will and heart through the Holy Spirit."

objectives:

- Consider what benefit the Word of Knowledge can be to various ministries
- Discuss the usefulness of the Word of Knowledge in churches.
- Gain a passion for God's heart.

assignments:

FOR NEXT WEEK:

- In a practical way, meet one of the needs you prayed about with the group this week.
- Read Chapter 8 of The Word of Knowledge in Action.

In this lesson, we'll study how the Word of Knowledge can be a useful tool in several different forms of ministry.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Why is it so important to wait to receive God's heart before acting on a Word of Knowledge?
- 2. List some reasons why the Word of Knowledge is such a necessary spiritual gift in the Church.
- 3. Consider the traditional church organizations that exist around the world. In what way(s) might a Word of Knowledge benefit a preacher? A worship minister? A prayer minister? An usher? A janitor? A children's minister? A nursery worker? A secretary?
- 4. In what way(s) would a Word of Knowledge benefit parents as they try to raise their children in a godly way?
- 5. Consider various secular jobs. In what ways might a Word of Knowledge benefit a teacher? A doctor? A lawyer? An accountant? Ask what everyone in the room does for a living, and identify how a Word of Knowledge could be of benefit to them in their line of work.
- 6. Can anyone think of a ministry that would not benefit from someone receiving a Word of Knowledge? Why did you answer the way you did?
- 7. Why is it important that the spiritual gift of words of knowledge become common in today's Church?

Application:

As a group, discuss the spiritual and physical needs in your community. This includes your workplaces, your church(es), your families, your schools, and anywhere else you might have influence. What physical, emotional, relational, and spiritual struggles are people facing? Ask the Lord to reveal His heart to you. Then spend some time praying for your community. Whether you receive words of knowledge or not is irrelevant. What matters is that you catch a measure of God's desire for ministering to these people.



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