

"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:

"Everyone seems to want the anointing of God, but few seem to want the cross that comes with it. Put your old life to death with Christ and receive the new life that comes from His Holy Spirit. Then you will be ready to rightly exercise Words of Knowledge."

objectives:

- ❖ Discuss some of the common pitfalls in ministry.
- ❖ Identify prideful tendencies in your own life.
- ❖ Experience the freedom of Christ through repentance.

assignments:

FOR NEXT WEEK:

- ❖ Each day, pray for the other group members to have continued victory over sin.
- ❖ Read Chapter 9 and the Conclusion of *The Word of Knowledge in Action*.

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Lesson 9: Pitfalls to Avoid

This week's lesson is an examination of our motives. The topics discussed here are relevant no matter what your spiritual gift may be. Don't be afraid to be vulnerable, real, and transparent with the group about your own struggles and temptations.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it important not to pretend that God has revealed more to you than He actually has?
2. What is the difference between the Word of Knowledge and human intuition?
3. What are some ways that people often grant access to a spirit of divination?
4. What problems can arise from focusing on the responses of people, regardless of whether they are positive or negative?
5. Define performance orientation. At first glance, striving to do things with perfection seems good. Why is performance orientation actually a bad thing?
6. What is the solution for dealing with pride?
7. Read Philippians 2:1-16. What does this passage tell us about how to practice our Christianity? How could we apply this passage to practicing the gift of a Word of Knowledge?

Application:

Read to the Group: A small group setting is an ideal place for healthy relationships and genuine fellowship to flourish. One of the most healthy practices is confession of sin.

Read 1 John 5:1-10 and James 5:16. Why is confession important?

Now read 2 Corinthians 5:17-20 and John 20:21-23. Forgiveness comes from God and is only possible through Jesus Christ. But according to these verses, whose responsibility is it to express that forgiveness?

Take some time to confess sin to each other. Do not respond with counseling. Rather, simply say, "In Jesus' name, you're forgiven."

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