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Well, welcome everyone to Class 3 of our Minister Training Course. Again, I am honored to be with you all tonight. We are going to be looking at **The Gifts of the Spirit**.

What we have talked about thus far is:

The Manifestation of Spiritual Gifts in the Torah

- Prophet
- Teaching
- Prophecy
- Pastoring
- Wisdom
- Understanding
- Knowledge
- Workmanship – This was one of the gifts that was given to Bezaleel when he built the furnishings for the Tabernacle.

Ministry Gifts to the Body

- The Gift of Service/Helps
- The Gift of Leadership/Ruling
- The Gift of Giving
- The Gift of Exhortation/Encouragement
- The Gift of Administration/Governments
- The Gift of Mercy

What I want to talk about here tonight is the:

Spiritual Gifts or Manifestations of the Spirit

- Word of Wisdom

- Word of knowledge
- Faith
- Gifts of Healing
- Working of Miracles
- Prophecy
- Discerning of Spirits
- Tongues
- Interpretation of Tongues

They are recognized as both spiritual gifts and manifestations of the spirit. Because in one sense they are spiritual gifts, but then they manifest in the Body of Messiah. Among those gifts are Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, Faith, Gifts of Healing, Working of Miracles, Prophecy, Discerning of Spirits, Tongues, and then Interpretation of Tongues.

I want to go through each of these and give some insight to them and hopefully you will be able to recognize these gifts as they have manifested in your life. And then, become more sensitive to the work of the Holy Spirit wanting to manifest because these gifts are given to the Body of Messiah. They are called Spiritual Gifts because they are given by the Spirit.

There are natural gifts, if you would, that people have. You might call them gifted. When people are gifted, they have a natural ability where they may be proficient at some type of gifting. We don't want to confuse natural giftings with Spiritual Gifts, because Spiritual Gifts manifest and are given specifically to the Body of Messiah. Now there are those who will use their natural gifts for the work of ministry, but we don't want to confuse them with Spiritual Gifts which are identified as such in Scripture.

1 Co 12:4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

1 Co 12:5 And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

1 Co 12:6 And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same Elohim which worketh all in all.

1 Co 12:7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

That's the thing we need to recognize more than anything, that the Holy Spirit is doing this in the midst of us. That the work of the Holy Spirit is manifesting, and we should be honored whenever the work of the Spirit or the Spirit manifests in the midst of us because it's supposed to benefit the Body as a whole.

Every one of us has the ability to manifest the work of the Spirit. Now there are those that believe a gift is given to an individual and that is the only gift that is given. But I believe that when we have the Holy Spirit, and we operate in faith, which is what we are going to see at the end of this Chapter when Paul talks about "But covet earnestly the best gifts". When the Holy Spirit is in us, when we have been baptized with the Holy Spirit, we have access to everything the Spirit has access to. Just as Father withholds absolutely nothing from us, the Holy Spirit withholds nothing from us, but it's going to be based on our faith, our ability, and our desire to covet and to see the work of the Spirit manifesting in its fullness in the Body of Messiah.

Spiritual – 4152 πνευματικός pneumatikos {pnyoo-mat-ik-os'}

Meaning: 1) relating to the human spirit, or rational soul, as part of the man which is akin to Elohim and serves as his instrument or organ 1a) that which possesses

the nature of the rational soul 2) belonging to a spirit, or a being higher than man but inferior to Elohim 3) belonging to the Divine Spirit 3a) of Elohim the Holy Spirit 3b) one who is filled with and governed by the Spirit of Elohim 4) pertaining to the wind or breath; windy, exposed to the wind, blowing.

Usage: AV - spiritual 26; 26

First we will identify and define this pnyoo-mat-ik-os' as a gift that is given by the Spirit.

Spiritual – 4152 {pnyoo-mat-ik-os'} its meaning: 1) relating to the human spirit, or rational soul, as part of the man which is akin to Elohim and serves as his instrument or organ 1a) that which possesses the nature of the rational soul 2) or belonging to a spirit, or a being higher than man but inferior to Elohim.

And what you will see here, because these definitions can be also associated in the sense with a natural gift, but when it's operating by the Spirit, it is Divine. And these gifts are Divine Gifts that manifest in the Body of Messiah to profit the Body. And so ...

3) belonging to the Divine Spirit 3a) of Elohim the Holy Spirit, 3b) one who is filled with and governed by the Spirit of Elohim 4) pertaining to the wind or breath;

And that's what pneuma is, it is wind or breath, it is Spirit. And so, we get the word Spiritual from this Greek word.

Gifts – 5486 χάρισμα charisma {khar'-is-mah}

Meaning: 1) a favour with which one receives without any merit of his own 2) the gift of divine grace 3) the gift of faith, knowledge, holiness, virtue 4) the economy of divine grace, by which the pardon of sin and eternal salvation is appointed to sinners in consideration of the merits of Christ laid hold of by faith 5) grace or gifts denoting extraordinary powers, distinguishing certain Christians and enabling them to serve the church of Christ, the reception of which is due to the power of divine grace operating on their souls by the Holy Spirit.

Usage: AV - gift 15, free gift 2; 17

And then there is charisma. Now when we get into the Ascension Gifts, we are going to see a different word. But here in this particular list, and the list that we dealt with last week, they are **charisma**. They are gifts because it is by the Spirit.

Gifts – 5486 [charisma] meaning: 1) a favour with which one receives without any merit of his own

And we will find that this is also associated with grace;

2) the gift of divine grace 3) the gift of faith, knowledge, holiness,

These are gifts that are given and they are identified as charisma so there's ...

3) grace or gifts denoting extraordinary powers

And this definition is coming from Strong's Concordance and the Strong's Dictionary.

The Gift of Wisdom

The spiritual Gift of Wisdom, like the Gift of Knowledge, is also referred to as the “word of wisdom” or “utterance of wisdom.” The Greek word for wisdom is sophia and it refers to the intimate understanding of Elohim's Word and His Commandments which results in holy and upright living.

So, the first gift we are going to deal with is the Gift of Wisdom. The Gift of Wisdom is the spiritual gift, like the Gift of Knowledge, as we are going to see here in a moment. It is also referred to as the “word of wisdom.” It is an “utterance of wisdom.” Now the Greek word for wisdom is *sophia* and it refers to the intimate understanding of Elohim's Word and His Commandments which results in Holy and upright living.

So, when this Gift of Wisdom is operational, what's going to happen is the person, who is operating in this, is going to be ministering either to the Body as a whole or an individual and the result of this gift is to produce upright living. Father will give a person the Gift of Wisdom to communicate to people based on their knowledge of His Word. **We limit ourselves in the ability to manifest the gifts of the Spirit if we lack the knowledge of His Word.** And you are going to find that the depth of your operation in the work of the Spirit is going to be associated with your knowledge of His Word.

In the context of 1 Corinthians 12:8, it means to speak to the life of an individual or to a specific situation with great understanding and a righteous perspective, with the goal of guiding others toward a life of holiness and worship.

And you will see that this was operational in the life of Solomon. It was operational whenever a person sought out the prophet. Of course, we are going to see, Wisdom, Knowledge, and Prophecy, and Words of Wisdom operating in a similar sense, but they are different, and the whole goal is to lead a person toward a life of holiness where they become what Messiah talked about, what Father is looking for, and that is true worshippers.

And so, whenever the Gifts of the Spirit are operational, it is encouraging a person to move toward righteousness, and that righteousness, of course, is not self-righteousness but righteousness in the Almighty.

Several Scriptures reveal the true beauty and fruit of wisdom. Psalm 111:10 says: “The fear of YeHoVaH is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!”

Wisdom begins with the fear of YeHoVaH. It begins with knowing who Elohim is and who we are in comparison to Him. That leads to understanding and then to practicing righteousness. A life of wisdom ultimately results in the praise of Elohim.

Wisdom begins with the fear of YeHoVaH, and this is important for us to understand because the beginning of wisdom is what? The fear of YeHoVaH. And so, that's where wisdom starts, it begins with

the fear of YeHoVaH, it begins with the knowing who He is, and who we are in comparison to Him. And what that does, is it leads to understanding and then to practicing righteousness or righteous living. A life of wisdom ultimately results in the praise of YeHoVaH.

And so, what happens in this manner, is that your life is a life of praise to the Most High and when you operate in the gift, you will find that you will be living, you will be demonstrating, your life will be an example, and you will be encouraging others to live holy in the presence of YeHoVaH.

Now, sometimes that's a little difficult especially when we live in a world setting. And this is where we have to be very careful because I have found myself struggling in dealing with individuals and being connected to them, in a natural sense. Because when you are dealing with people who are "going through", and you see their desire, and their desire is for something that they want you to come in agreement with them in faith, and pray for something, that wisdom may be telling you, "That is not Father's will." That doesn't line up with what Father has maybe revealed to you, or even what He may want for that person. And you will find that there are times when people will say things like, you know, Father knows my heart. Or, He wants me to be happy. Well, I want you to be happy too. Therefore, I have to be careful, especially when I am dealing with people that I have knowledge of and know, that I don't get caught up in their desires, and their wants, and begin to speak to that, but earnestly seek Father's face as to what He wants for them. And so, in that case, we really have to be mindful that we are operating in accordance with His will.

James 3:17 says "The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere."

This is undoubtedly a work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer. The highest wisdom is found in the cross of Messiah, which is "folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of Elohim." (1 Corinthians 1:18).

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And this is undoubtedly a work of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer. So, the highest wisdom is found of course in Messiah, which is **"folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of Elohim."** And that is 1 Corinthians 1:18 that Paul wrote.

The Holy Spirit gives the spiritual Gift of Wisdom to not only impart the truth and understanding to believers, but to invoke a response of holiness and worship lived out in the world and amongst Elohim's people. Wisdom doesn't end with knowledge but is expressed in transformed hearts and lives.

And you would be surprised that as you are yielded to the Holy Spirit in this particular area, that Father will put words in your mouth that will amaze even you. As you are listening to yourself communicate to a person ... and it's like, you know, well you have heard people say, well something told me, and they don't identify what that something is. Well, you know, we can kind of pinpoint what that something is when we hear what is being said because that will be the manifestation sometimes of the Spirit of Wisdom or the Gift of Wisdom operating in your life. And so, it's important for us to always be mindful that the Holy Spirit is at work especially as believers. Because as believers who are filled with the Spirit who have given the Almighty the permission to operate in our lives that means that He has the freedom to begin to manifest Himself even when you may not be necessarily in the mind of wanting Him to manifest and that's where you will find that struggle going on inside you. And so, that's the spirit man

that is trying to connect to the Almighty, who wants to please the Almighty, and the struggle with the human man, especially when you are dealing with someone that you may have some kind of personal connection with, and you have to really be mindful of this when you are dealing with family members. I will say that again, you have to really be mindful of that when you are dealing with family members.

Those with the Gift of Wisdom have a deep understanding of the holiness of Elohim and the lack of holiness in their own hearts. And again, that's where you will find that struggle. They can recognize this in others as well and have the compassion and boldness to share that truth with them. Individuals operating and manifesting this gift are able to take from their own life experiences and share what Elohim has taught them through those things.

And I am going to share some of that with you possibly in Class 5 and Class 6; lessons where I've learned things that He has taught me over the course of years in walking with Him.

They can easily recognize where a decision or action may lead and can warn against those that may be harmful or unfruitful. They can often see through the confusion of a situation and can give direction that would help an individual or group obtain a goal that glorifies YeHoVaH. The assembly needs those with the spiritual Gift of Wisdom to guide it through uncertain or difficult times. See also 1 Corinthians 1:17-31, 2:1-16, 12:8; Colossians 1:9-10, 2:1-3; and James 3:13-18.

Now they can easily recognize where a decision or action may lead and can warn against those that may be harmful or unfruitful. Some of us as we are dealing with people, we can see that the direction they are going is not good, and that's where Father will sometimes push us to say something to someone even though we may think that they are not going to want to hear it. The operation of the gift is manifesting. They can often see through the confusion of a situation and can give direction that would help an individual or group obtain a goal that glorifies YeHoVaH. The assembly needs those with the Spiritual Gift of Wisdom to guide it through uncertain, or difficult times.

And so, there will be times when there will be difficult decisions that have to be made, and this is where Father's wisdom ... and this goes back to the circumstance with Solomon, when the two women both claimed the same child. When you have people coming at you, especially a husband and a wife, they have two totally different views or conclusions of a matter and you have to discern between the two. That's where wisdom will really manifest itself and give you the ability to help them and even the spirit to speak to them in such a way that they are not opposed to one another, but they can actually begin to see each other's position. So, there are some Scriptures: 1 Cor 1:17-31, 2:1-16, 12:8; Colossians 1:9-10, 2:1-3; James 3:13-18. Those that desire to have these PowerPoints, we are going to make them available to you.

The Gift of Knowledge

The spiritual Gift of Knowledge is also known as the "word of knowledge" or "utterance of knowledge." The Greek word for this gift is *Gnosis* and it simply means knowledge and understanding. The Scriptural emphasis in 1 Corinthians 12:8 is on the ability to speak this knowledge to others in a given situation.

The spiritual Gift of Knowledge is also known as the "word of knowledge. And I find myself between prophecy and word of knowledge, and this is where I really sometimes struggle. Because, whenever I

am dealing with a person, those two seem to be operational. When I am standing, and I am ministering, I am preaching, I am teaching, I am listening to the Holy Spirit at the same time as I am communicating through the PowerPoints. And when I sit and talk to people, sometimes Father immediately begins to speak to me about that person, and I have to discern whether this is a Word of Knowledge or if it's a Word of Prophecy. Because Father will show you things about a person, and now it's a matter of ... ok, you are showing me these things, what's the point of me having this knowledge? What is it that you want me to do with it? Is this something I am supposed to speak, or is this something you are revealing to me? And then, You may be showing me how to communicate something to the person.

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Yesterday I had the honor of meeting Zoe's mom, Tina, and as we sat at the table Father began to speak to me, and here I am again, I'm struggling because I don't know Tina. And you know, I am meeting her for the first time, and one of the lessons I've learned is when people come to our ministry, I really have to discern what Father is showing to me and whether or not it is something I should speak. Because I have spoken somethings to folks, and they have never come back again because they were afraid. I've had people say, "You see right through me." Or something Tina said yesterday, "You sure hit that nail on the head." And it's the work of the Spirit operational; I can turn that off or I can let it flow. You can turn it off because the Spirit is subject to you. This is where the Bible says, you can grieve the Spirit. You can even resist the Spirit. The goal is that we don't grieve the Spirit and that we don't resist the Spirit, but that we receive from the Spirit, and be wise as a serpent and gentle as a dove in understanding what it is He is revealing to us, why, and what we are supposed to do with it.

In the opening passages of 1 Corinthians, Paul spoke of knowledge and recognized that the highest form of knowledge among men is the Gospel of Yeshua Messiah (i.e. the testimony about Messiah, cf. 1 Corinthians 1:4-7). What we can conclude then is that the Gift of Knowledge is an understanding of the things in this world and in our lives that is founded in the Gospel and rooted in the Scriptures. This gift is closely related to the Gift of Wisdom which is alluded to by Paul in 1 Corinthians 1:18-31.

In the opening passages of 1 Corinthians, Paul spoke of knowledge and recognized that the highest form of knowledge among men is of course, the knowledge of the Gospel (1 Corinthians 1:4-7). The more you know ... and this is the reason why we are going through the Books of the Bible verse by verse. You know, I can preach a sermon, I can preach a different sermon every week and this is typically what has happened, and what is happening in so many congregations, where you go to service today, you hear a message and it's totally different and disconnected from the message you heard last week. And then you go the next week, and you hear a message and it's totally disconnected from the message you heard the week before. And what you find is that you have a lot of sermons, you have a lot of messages that are not necessarily connected. But when we go through the Bible, and we are going through it verse by verse, we are seeing how the verses are in context and connected. And oftentimes, when you get to the 12th Chapter, if you don't have the knowledge of the first 11 chapters, you really won't be able to fully grasp what is being communicated in the 12th Chapter.

And so, Paul's messages ... when somebody says well can you explain to me Ephesians Chapter 4? Well, you got to understand Brother, Paul wrote a letter and if you really want to have a good understanding of Ephesians 4, maybe you should read Ephesians 1, 2, and 3. Because Paul is saying

something that may be a continuation of something he has already said. Or he's about to lay the foundation for something he is going to say in Ephesians 5. So, in the Baptist Church, we were in, they taught us, you always want to read five verses up and five verses down, or three verses up and three verses down in order to try to find the context of what it is that you are asking about.

And so, the knowledge of the word ... the more we understand, the more knowledge we have of His word, the better we are able to operate in the Word of Knowledge or the Gift of Knowledge.

And so, what we can conclude then, is the Gift of Knowledge is an understanding of the things in this world and in our lives that are founded in the Gospel and rooted in the Scriptures. And this gift is closely related to the Gift of Wisdom which is alluded to by Paul in 1 Corinthians 1:18-31.

The Holy Spirit gives this spiritual gift to bring about understanding and to inform the assembly or individual believers. The person manifesting this gift is usually well-versed in the Scriptures and often has much committed to memory. They can retain the truth and communicate it effectively at the appropriate times.

The Gift of Knowledge allows a believer to relate the Scriptures, particularly the Gospel of Yeshua Messiah, to all aspects of life in this world. They can see how it connects to every situation and circumstance and how the reality and truth of the Gospel is to inform every decision a believer makes. See also 1 Corinthians 12:8; Romans 15:14; and 2 Corinthians 2:14.

This is where you will find where Proverbs tells us that we are to trust YeHoVaH with all of our heart, lean not to our own understanding, acknowledge Him in all our ways, and He will do what? He will direct our path. And so, the more we have the knowledge of His word, the better we will find the direction, and be able to test what is being revealed to us or communicated to us, and whether it is of Him or is it something else. And we will speak a little bit more of that when we look at Discernment of Spirits.

The Gift of Faith

The spiritual Gift of Faith is not to be confused with saving faith. All believers have been given saving faith (Ephesians 2:8-9), but not all receive this special Gift of Faith. The word for faith in the New Testament is *pistis*. It carries the notion of confidence, certainty, trust, and assurance in the object of faith.

The spiritual Gift of Faith is not to be confused with saving faith. All believers have been given saving faith (Ephesians 2:8-9), but not all receive this special Gift of Faith. In a sense ... if a person is not coveting or desiring to operate in faith, this is where you will find yourself wavering, because this kind of faith is where Father will speak something to you and no matter what happens, no matter what anybody says, no matter what the nay-sayers or any doubters say, you know Father has spoken this to you. Faith is there to hold on to it until it actually manifests!

This faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of YeHoVaH. And so, Father is speaking, He speaks something to you. And I am telling you, I've seen where He's given me things which I struggle with believing it. When He told us about purchasing a building, and I am thinking about where we are and paying rent. But I knew He spoke it, and now it's a matter of casting that vision and speaking it out and continuing to speak it out and hold on to it and just speak it. Speak it, speak it, and pretty soon

others get it, they run with it, and next thing you know, the thing that you struggle with in faith has not only come to pass, but you are on to the next thing.

And this is the work, this is the manifestation of the Spirit in faith that causes you to trust, to have the confidence and it carries the notion of confidence, certainty, trust, and assurance in the object of faith. And when you are surrounded by people of faith you will find that it is a lot easier to operate in the gift of faith which is why it is important who you allow in your space. It is important who you allow to speak over you, to speak into your life, and who you give your ears to. Because, these other voices can come and they will rob you of your faith, they will cast doubt, even when the Holy Spirit has manifested this in you. You have to now grab hold to it, hold on to it, and when anyone who speaks anything contrary to it, you just can't allow that to enter into your spirit.

The Gift of Faith is rooted in one's saving faith in Messiah and the trust that comes through a close relationship with the Savior. Those with this gift have a trust and confidence in Elohim that allows them to live boldly for Him and manifest that faith in mighty ways.

And I know right now, that as we continue to communicate certain things that are going over the Internet, that is going out on Facebook, or YouTube, on our Website, I know people struggle with some of these things. But I know we are standing in confidence in His Word. And even when people are ready to argue and resist, you know, it's a matter of, "I don't have to argue with you. This is what Father has spoken, this is what we are going to communicate, and that's just the way it is."

In the Bible, the Gift of Faith is often accompanied by great works of faith. In Acts 3:1-10, we see this gift in action when Peter sees a lame man at the Beautiful Gate and calls on him to stand up and walk in the Name of Yeshua. Yeshua said even a small amount of this faith could move mountains (Matthew 17:20; 21:21). Paul echoed this truth in 1 Corinthians 13:2.

In the Bible, the Gift of Faith is often accompanied by great works of faith. In Acts 3:1-10, we see this gift in action when Peter sees a lame man at the Gate Beautiful and calls on him to stand up and walk in the Name of Yeshua. Remember, he says, "Silver and gold I don't have, but what I have I give you." Peter saw that lame man walking. He saw him walking, before he walked. And he says, "Rise up!" Yeshua said even a small amount of this faith could move mountains, a small amount. (Matthew 17:20; 21:21) Paul echoed this truth in 1 Corinthians 13:2.

You know, as I said before, I tried walking on water. I will still try walking on water. I haven't been successful, but that won't stop me from trying. And that's when anything Father says we can do, we got to believe that we can do it. If we don't believe it, we won't. Do not allow people to try to talk us out of what He has spoken.

The Holy Spirit distributes this gift to some in the assembly to encourage and build up the assembly in their confidence in Elohim. And those with the Gift of Faith trust that Elohim is Sovereign, and He is good. They take Him at His Word and put the full weight of their lives in His hands. They expect Him to move and are not surprised when He answers a prayer or performs a miracle. See also 1 Corinthians 12:9 and Hebrews 11:1-40.

One of the things that I had to confront within myself is that I have been in so many services and I have seen so many people get healed, and other people around me are so excited about what they just experienced, and for me it's common. It doesn't excite me, and I have had to catch myself because I have to get excited again, because it is exciting. But the point is, I am not surprised by it. I have seen it so much to where when it happens it's on to the next person and I can't act like it's not something. That's what I have had to deal with within myself because it becomes so common that when a person testifies ... I have heard so many powerful testimonies. A person can get up to testify about something so powerful, and to me this should be normal. **For the believer this should be normal. We should see supernatural manifestations all the time.**

So, hearing somebody say, "How come we don't see those miracles anymore? Well, I would say to them, "Maybe you are not seeing them because you are not coveting them, you are not operating in them, and you don't believe that you may be the one to manifest them." Because, if you have the Holy Spirit, understand this, if you have the Holy Spirit, you have access. What's the point of having the Holy Spirit and not believing that the Holy Spirit will manifest through you?

You don't believe the Holy Spirit will manifest through you, if you don't allow it and take the step. Because, I won't walk on the water if I don't step on the water. You won't see that miracle if you don't put forth the effort to manifest that miracle.

Are you all following me? So, you have to put forth the effort, you have to step out in faith. You have to believe that the Holy Spirit is going to work through you, and then, step out and watch Him operate miraculously in your life.

The Gift of Healing

The spiritual Gift of Healing found in 1 Corinthians 12:9 is actually plural in the Greek. *Charismata iamaton* is literally translated "gifts of healings." This spiritual gift is closely related to the Gifts of Faith and Miracles. All spiritual gifts are to be exercised in faith, but Gifts of Healings involve a special measure of it. This gift is interesting in that there is no guarantee that a person will always be able to heal anyone he or she desires. It is subject to the sovereign will of Elohim, as are all spiritual gifts.

The spiritual Gift of Healing found in 1 Corinthians 12:9 is actually plural in the Greek. **Charismata iamaton** is literally translated "gifts of healing." This spiritual gift is closely related to the Gifts of Faith and Miracles because it requires it a person to believe. If you are going to be praying for someone, you have to believe. Sometimes when I close my eyes while praying, I am trying to get a vision of that person being healed. When I am laying hands on them, I am wanting to see them, just like Peter. We don't know how this worked, but Peter saw this man healed when he told him to rise up and walk, because the man was lame. For Peter to tell him to get up and walk, he believed that man could get up and walk. And we have to believe. I want to see, when I close my eyes ... I am actually trying to lock out and block doubt. I want to see that person whole. I want to see them healed. And when I pray, I want to believe 100% that healing is going to manifest in that person's life.

All spiritual gifts are to be exercised in faith, but Gifts of Healings involve a special measure of it. This gift is interesting in that **there is no guarantee that a person will always be able to heal anyone he or she desires. It is subject to the Sovereign will of Elohim, as all spiritual gifts are.**

So, when a person comes to you and they are asking you to pray over them, they are already operating in some level of faith. As you join your faith with that person, and you trust and believe that the Almighty wants them healed, then you operate in faith on that level as well.

The Disciples were given authority to heal and cast out demons, but they were not always successful. The Apostle Paul was not able to heal himself and was told that Elohim's grace was sufficient to carry him through his infirmity without removing it from him (2 Corinthians 12:7-10). This gift is given at various times and places to reveal the Elohim of Heaven to the sick and tormented. If healing is not granted, then we can conclude that Elohim has greater plans for letting the person go through the illness or infirmity.

I can't take the credit. **You can't take the credit for somebody getting healed. You can't take the blame for somebody not getting healed.** I remember a woman in Kenya who had come many, many miles because she believed that if she got to that meeting where we were, she would be healed from Aids. And according to her own testimony, she believed she received her healing because the boils on her body dissolved; she was able to sit when she was not able to sit. She began to experience supernatural workings in her body and who am I to say she wasn't healed. She said she was healed. We didn't have a doctor there to do a test on her, but she believed. And the next day, when she came those boils that were covering her ... and again this was one of those times where I was glad that I didn't know what the woman had because I laid hands on her. And then I later found out that the woman had Aids. Again, it's like, I trusted that the Almighty was going to heal her, and I am not going to receive anything from anybody.

Again, we deal with this human and we deal with this supernatural, we deal with this natural mind, we deal with this supernatural mind. I have to fight off my natural mind to walk in the mind of Messiah because it's a dual that is going on within me. The more I manifest His work, the less I find myself struggling and wrestling with that.

And so, they had been given this ability and when somebody doesn't receive a miraculous healing that doesn't mean that the healing didn't happen, or the healing didn't begin, it's just we don't see it manifest at that very moment.

The spiritual Gift of Healing is an intimate one as it reveals the heart and compassion of YeHoVaH. Yeshua is the Great Healer and Physician and during His ministry on earth He healed countless people and cast out demons (Matthew 4:23-24; 8:16; 9:35, Mark 1:34). Healings reveal that Elohim is near to His people, and He cares about their sufferings.

Now we do know that when He went into His own hometown, the Bible says, that He could not do many miracles because of their unbelief. You know, you can't force the power or the manifestation of the Almighty on somebody. I don't ask people if they want prayer unless Father speaks specifically to me concerning that person. Then, there's been those around me who see a situation and they come to get me and say, "You need to pray for this person." And there have been times when I felt like I have been put on the spot. It's like, "Why didn't you pray for them? Did the person ask for prayer?" And I don't like coming out of a bag or you know, an attitude. Well, if the person didn't ask for prayer, why would you try to force prayer on the person? So, healing reveals again, that Elohim is near to His people, and He cares about their sufferings.

I had to, and I'll deal with this now, when it came down to casting out spirits. You know, if you cast out a spirit, if I got the authority to cast out a demon. Well, first of all, I have the authority to cast out a demon. If I speak to a demon, the demon has to listen to me because I have His Spirit, but I also can't be presumptuous in that. You know, if Father is putting upon me to do something, like I told you the story about somebody came up and got me because the woman downstairs was manifesting and told me to come down there and deal with it. And I went down there and started trying to cast the demon out. The spirit and demon mocked me. I am glad it didn't jump on me and beat me up! But it did mock me. What it was, I was led by a person, not by His Spirit. That's what it came down to.

We have to be in tune with what Father wants us to do, and not let somebody else's faith, or desires, or will push us to do something that Father is not clearly leading us to do.

Healings are meant to draw people to Elohim through His Son Yeshua Messiah. Elohim wants those healed to respond in faith with thanksgiving and love as the leper did in Luke 17:15-19, and we know how that went, and as the demon-possessed man did in Mark 5:18-20. Because by Elohim's grace, physical healing should lead to spiritual healing and that's faith in Yeshua and eternal life with Him in Heaven.

This is the whole point of manifesting gifts of the Spirit, it's to bring a person closer to the Almighty. I remember times when I have asked people, "Can I pray for you?" And they say, "Well, sure." It's like, sure, I'm not going to deny prayer! But they never asked. See, this is me and my desire wanting to see something, but obviously the dialogue shows that the person and I are not even on the same page. We are not in agreement, not in that sense. If a person has faith, like the woman who had the issue of blood, she has purposed in her heart, if I can touch the hem of His garment, I will be made whole! And you heard Messiah say, "Be it unto you according to your faith. Your faith has made you whole."

Those who have this gift are compassionate toward the sick and pray over them regularly. They have great faith and trust that Elohim can and will heal some and are not deterred when He chooses not to. They are motivated knowing that Elohim's revealed power will draw people to faith in Yeshua.

Just because somebody doesn't get healed because you prayed, don't let that stop you from praying for the next person.

And one of the things, that you know, I have seen happen, people lay hands on somebody and then, expect them to fall down. And if they don't fall down, then they want to push them down. A person doesn't have to fall because you laid hands on them and the Spirit manifest in them. A person can receive healing and be completely erect in their stand. So don't be deceived by the notion that if the Spirit is going to move in a person's life, He's going to slay them, and they are going to fall down because that doesn't necessarily have to happen. People get motivated when they see healing take place. And they are motivated knowing that Elohim's revealed power has manifest and of course, when that happens it should draw people to faith in Him.

Their ultimate concern is the spiritual well-being of those being healed and their relationship with Yeshua. They yearn for the day that there will be no more pain and suffering, and sin will no longer wreak havoc on the people of Elohim. See 1 Corinthians 12:9, 28, 30; James 5:13-16.

And so, I am always blessed when there's been times when I have been in an assembly and every person who desired to be healed actually had healing manifest in their body. I had to stop and recognize that, because I have been in places where some people get healed and there is a desire to see everybody get healed. There is a desire for the people who come up in wheelchairs to get up out of the wheelchairs. People come up on crutches, no longer on crutches. And I have seen situations where 100% of healing manifests in those who acknowledged that they had an infirmity or a desire to be healed. I have seen it happen more than once. And again I have seen it where not everybody had been healed.

And what I have had to do, because in the beginning, initially, I would be bothered because somebody didn't get healed. Even to the point where it's hard for me to rejoice for those who did get healed. Because you know, sometimes we have a tendency to focus on the squeaky wheel, and then, there are people who will drain you.

It is like, and here is an example, praying for someone and they start swaying, you know, and I have to be careful here. But there are folks who will be planted in an environment and the whole point is to take all the attention and cause you to put all that energy and focus on them. Because they are swaying and the moment you want to take your hands off of them, they stop, and then they want to talk. They want to tell you all their problems, they want to tell you this and tell you that. They say, I felt something, the pain now moved from here to here; they want you to pray for this, and then they want you to pray for that. And it's like, you know what, you got to discern when the enemy could be operating in an environment because you will find that the devil, who is also spiritual, loves a supernatural spiritually charged environment, and that is where discernment comes in. That is where discernment comes in, you have to always be discerning the spirit that is in an environment.

Remember, there were many times when people tried to trap the Messiah. So, we have to be mindful. And that's rare but it does happen, and you don't want to get focused... so, how do you deal with something like that? How I have dealt with it is... "What we will do is that we'll spend some time with you later." You see, "We'll spend some time with you later, and we'll come back to you, but let us keep moving." That's not to embarrass a person ... why don't you just pray for that person if they still want prayer? It's like, I just prayed for them, the manifestation hasn't happened, the manifestation is happening in other people, there are other people who need to be prayed for. And, we'll come back to them because it is obvious that they may need some additional attention and then, they may need some counselling. We might be dealing with a psychiatric issue here, but again, you have to discern the spirit that is operating in your environment. Ok?

The Gift of Miracles

The spiritual Gift of Miracles is described in Scripture much like the Gift of Healing. It is found in 1 Corinthians 12:10 and the Greek phrase *energemata dynameon* literally translates "workings of powers." The double plural most likely means that these gifts were diverse and were not permanently available at the will of the gifted believer, or the person who desires to manifest this gift but instead were bestowed at various times and circumstances. So the gifts are subject as all the gifts are subject to the divine will of Elohim and His purposes and are not decided by the one who performs the miraculous works.

We know that Yeshua performed many miracles in His earthly ministry, even more than those recorded in Scripture (John 20:30-31, Acts 2:22). The Apostles regularly

performed miracles of all kinds including casting out demons, healings, raising people from the dead, striking people dead, causing blindness, and much more (Acts 2:43; 3:1-10; 5:1-16; 9:36-43; 13:4-12; 19:11-12). Other believers performed miracles as well, including Stephen (Acts 6:8) and Phillip (Acts 8:4-8).

We know that Yeshua performed many miracles in His earthly ministry. Remember, He couldn't do it in His hometown, why? Because of their unbelief. So, what did He do? He went about teaching. He did these, and even more than those that are recorded, because the Scripture doesn't record it all according to John (John 20:30-31; Acts 2:22).

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And so, we will find that these gifts are for the Body. When we see Acts taking place, Paul comes along later, and we see the manifestation of these gifts operating in the Apostles and in Stephen and of course, in Phillip. But then, Paul reveals to us that these gifts are available for all Spirit-filled believers.

Miracles were given by Elohim to the assembly to reveal the presence and glory of Elohim among His people and to create a sense of awe and wonder and Godly fear. Though there were many enemies of the assembly, often the result of miracles being performed was more people coming to faith in Yeshua and glorifying Elohim, as well as greater faith and boldness within the assembly (Acts 4:29-31; 9:35, 42).

Those with the spiritual Gift of Miracles often have a heightened sensitivity to the presence and power of Elohim through His Holy Spirit. They have a special measure of faith and desire for Elohim to reveal Himself and draw many to faith in His Son Yeshua Messiah. They take care not to draw attention to themselves or have a following of people, but are constantly pointing others to Yeshua.

And this is important, it's not trying to build the ministry to bring recognition to you and to your ministry. Because what you will find in some cases, there is a genuine manifestation of the work of the Spirit operating and sometimes people get to a point to where they will actually start faking things. You will find that there are people who actually can manifest and have manifested the work of the Spirit, but then they start doing things that ... This is where sometimes people get exposed because they shouldn't be doing what they are doing. I'll just say it like that.

Those with this gift understand that the Almighty is Sovereign. As with all of the gifts of the Spirit, it is the Almighty who is working these by His Spirit. It is the Spirit that is manifesting these gifts and it is the people that have to be sensitive to the work of the Spirit that is operating in the midst of us.

This is one of the reasons, when we open our service for people to step up to the mic to testify ... I see, I know that there are people, I've watched them, I have seen people struggling. They are struggling, they're wrestling with whether or not they are going to allow the Holy Spirit to manifest in them. They don't want to mess up; they don't want to be wrong; sometimes, more than it should happen, people come to me afterwards and tell me about their struggle. And sometimes I've been wanting to tell them, "You know, you should have." But, I let them off the hook and encourage them that the next time something like that happens, don't be afraid, step up.

I would much rather step up believing that the Almighty is saying and doing something than not because the more I do it, the more confidence I have; the more confidence He gives me and builds me up. Then, you begin to discern and hone-in to the leading of His Spirit manifesting in you.

Those with this gift understand that Father is Sovereign, and He can work when and how He desires, but they make sure they are available and listening to the prompting of the Holy Spirit. This gift is often accompanied by prayer and strong petition by these individuals for Elohim to reveal His glory to people. They do not claim power themselves, but always give credit and glory to Elohim for His mighty works. Often Elohim will deliberately humble them to keep them relying on His grace and pointing to His Son, rather than miracles. See also 1 Corinthians 12:10, 28-29; Acts 1:8; and Galatians 3:5.

You can hype up a miracle. You can hype up a ministry. And I can tell you right now, one of the things that turn me off is hype. There are people who just hype everything up and it's sickening. I have a hard time with those folks because ... don't hype me up, you don't have to hype me up, you don't have to hype up the things of God operating and manifesting. Then some of them do this big build up, let me back up, because I am having flash backs over here. It's like, you hyped me up for this? This is the punch line? No, this is you; this is not the work of the Holy Spirit. And so, we don't have to hype things up. We leave that up to the Almighty. Just manifest what the Father is giving you.

With that I am going to stop because I am over time. And so, we will get into Prophecy and the rest of the gifts next week. We are going to get into the Ascension Gifts: Apostles, Prophets, Evangelist, Pastors, and Teachers.

So, we will pick up with the Gift of Prophecy. And then, we will go on from there to the Gift of Discernment, Tongues, and the Interpretation of Tongues.

With that said, I am going to stop here.