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**"... to another the word of knowledge by
the same Spirit"**

I Corinthians 12:8

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1

What is the Gift of a Word of Knowledge?

What is the gift of the word of knowledge? It is a part of God's knowledge that comes into us and lets us in on information and shows us things the way they are and the condition of them RIGHT NOW. God imparts His knowledge to you, showing you the condition of something right now—that's what the word of knowledge is for. It's not the word of wisdom. The word of wisdom points toward the future. God wants you to know the condition of things right now. It's like a twin brother to the word of wisdom. But it's completely different.

God wants you to know the condition of things right now. God will let you know that, too. But you have to be open to Him.

Every one of the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit has its own place. Not one of the other eight gifts can take care of the word of knowledge.

The word of knowledge is a supernatural manifestation from heaven to a believer to let him know the condition of something and the way it is RIGHT NOW. It deals with facts. It deals with conditions of things and the way they exist right this minute, not the past and not the future but right now! That's what the gift of the word of knowledge is to the Body of Christ.

And if you'll listen to God and be open and believe that the gift of the word of knowledge is for you, God

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will let you know the condition of things right now. And if you don't like the condition of things, you can change it—that is, if you know how to change it. Most believers, I'm sorry to say, don't know how to change it.

You can change things totally, if you know how. The word of knowledge doesn't change things for you. The word of knowledge gives you a part, just a little fragment, of God's knowledge to let you know the condition of something right now. Then you have to learn how to change it.

Although I am not teaching on this in this volume, I will pass on this information: If it's something bad, break the power of the devil, dedicate yourself to God, claim victory in English, and then start praying in tongues until the note of victory comes (you'll know your prayer's been answered).

When God's power shows you the condition of something, in other words, the word of knowledge is being manifested to a believer, if you know how to change it, then you can teach somebody else how to change it.

How do you change something that's being destroyed, into bright and glorious victory?

First of all, if damage is coming as a result of that thing, break the power of the devil over it. You break it!

"The Lord will break it for me, won't He?" you ask.

No, He won't break it. You break it. You use Jesus' name yourself. You're a member of God's church. God gave His Son's name over to the church to use to take authority over the devil. You break the power of the devil yourself and then you claim victory. You have to say victory from your mouth: victory, victory, VICTORY! Then, pray in tongues.

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"You mean pray in tongues until you SEE the victory?"

Not necessarily. It could happen that way. Pray in tongues until you see victory or pray in tongues until you get a note of victory.

"How long will it take?"

I don't know you old lazy thing. You shouldn't have asked me that. It might take three or four hours. It might take five or six hours. It took me eight hours one time.

I Stayed With It

The gift of the word of knowledge came unto me in a shopping center supernaturally in Cleveland, Tennessee. The Holy Spirit said, "Go to Chattanooga, to a certain place."

So I took off down the highway towards Chattanooga. When I got there, there was a demon-possessed boy there who had lost his mind. He had been out streaking and his mind snapped. He didn't even know his own name. His daddy was on the way from New Jersey to see him.

A word of God's knowledge came and told me to go there—that's all. God didn't *show* me what was there, and He didn't *tell* me what was there. He could have if He'd wanted to, but He didn't want to.

You might say, "When God comes to you, why doesn't He tell you more about it?"

He doesn't want to.

"Why doesn't He want to?"

Because He's a faith God. He expects you to move

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into Him and get victory BY FAITH. When He gives you a few words, you move by faith and He gives you some more. You have to move with Him **by faith**. Sometimes that's easier said than done—especially if He tells you to go across the country.

If Jesus would say, "Go across the country," most people would ask, "What for?" I can tell you now, most of the time, He's not going to tell them. It's none of their business.

That's the reason perhaps you didn't take some of those trips you were supposed to take, because you wanted to know what for. If God wanted you to know what for, He'd have told you what for. He didn't tell you what for so just forget it. You'll know soon enough, I'll guarantee you that. You'll know when you get there.

I will tell you this, if you'll go when God's word tells you to go and do what God's word tells you to do, you have never been blessed yet like you'll be blessed if you'll follow the instructions of the word of knowledge that comes down from heaven to you. Not only will you be blessed, other people will be blessed mightily.

You've got to listen to what the Holy Ghost is saying to you. He knows exactly what's going on.

I prayed for the boy that was demon possessed for eight hours. I just broke the power of the devil. I said, "Look thief (you have to call the devil a thief if you believe he is one), you stole that boy's mind away from him but you can't have it. Jesus has sent me here to get it back. I came here to stand in the gap for him, to get his mind back. I'm telling you satan, I came to take it away from you."

I prayed for about eight hours for him because the Holy Ghost sent me there through the word of God's

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knowledge: the Lord said, "Go there now."

That's a word of knowledge coming unto you to do something for God, right now—not wait, not something you plan, not tomorrow or next month—RIGHT NOW!

After eight hours, the foam began to run out of the boy's mouth and his mind snapped back into him. I was determined. And the reason I was determined was that God sent me there under the power of the manifestation of the Holy Spirit that lives inside of me, under the gift of the word of knowledge.

God imparted His knowledge to me to do something for Him right then—to go somewhere for Him RIGHT NOW! That's a weapon. That is what the word of knowledge is for: *it's a weapon of your warfare against the power of the devil.*

2

You Need the Gifts of the Spirit

I want you to read this. This is the 12th chapter of I Corinthians.

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

"Ye know that ye were Gentiles, carried away unto these dumb idols, even as ye were led.

"Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.

"Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit.

"And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord.

"And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all.

"But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal."

Let's read that seventh verse again. "But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal."

SAY THIS: "The word of God's knowledge is given to me, in manifestation as the Spirit wills, to profit me and other people around me as the Lord wills."

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Don't you read this and think, I'm not worthy. God wouldn't give me the word of His knowledge. I'm just a little ole nothing.

Don't let the devil beat you down into the ground.

You have just as much right to the word of God's knowledge as anybody does. Do you understand that? You have the Holy Ghost in you and you have a right. God said that the manifestation of the Spirit is given to EVERY MAN to profit withal (every man means every woman too).

"For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

"To another faith by the same Spirit; to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

"To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

"But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.

"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ ...

"But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him.

"And if they were all one member, where were the body?

"But now are they many members, yet but one body.

"And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the

feet, I have no need of you" (vv. 1-12; 18-21).

You can miss God and miss Him big if you don't listen to the word of God's knowledge. Don't think, oh, I'm a Christian. I love God and Jesus sometimes heals people through me. I have a good relationship with the Lord. I don't necessarily *need* a word of God's knowledge. I can read the Bible and find out what God wants me to do.

God says to you in verse 21, **"And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you."**

God made you. You're a human being. You belong to God and need every one of the nine gifts of the Spirit. In fact, whether you know it or not, you're desperate for them.

You may not feel that you're desperate for them right now, but you're going to be. There's going to come a time and place that you're going to need every one of the nine gifts of the Spirit. They all hold a unique place of their own from God in manifestation to you to bring you success. One can't take care of the other one, even though some of them are close and operate together.

The Bible says in 3 John 2, **"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."** God's perfect will for you is to be rich and healthy. That's God's perfect will. He wants you to be successful.

3

Obey Quickly

One day, a word of God's knowledge came to a pastor's wife in Georgia. She worked for the Governor of Georgia and a word of knowledge came to her at work saying, "Call Norvel Hayes. I want him to come to your church and hold a meeting for a week or more."

She said, "Yeah, I've heard some of our members talk about him. They've heard him speak somewhere."

She got home and told her husband, "Honey, a word of the Lord came unto me today saying that we should invite Norvel Hayes to come to our church and hold a meeting."

He said, "I've never met him. I don't know him."

"Some of our members know him," she said. "Let's find out where he lives."

So they found out where I lived and called my office. I wasn't in, of course, I'm hardly ever there, so they talked to my secretary. They explained to her that a word of God's knowledge had come to them telling them that their church needed Norvel Hayes, right now. Although they didn't know me, and it's not the normal thing to do: to invite somebody to come to church to stay for a week that they didn't know, a word of God's knowledge came to them telling them what to do and to do it quickly.

When I came in, my secretary told me about it. When they got in contact with me, the Spirit of God said to me, "Go, quickly!"

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I said, "Yes, Sir."

I didn't know the pastor and I didn't know the church, but the Lord said, "Go." I went to the North Georgia mountains. They had an old, teeny bity church on a gravel road. You talk about back in the boon docks. I had a hard time finding the place. I don't mean it was off on some gravel road. I mean it was *way out* on some gravel road.

When I went in, all of these mountain people were sitting in there singing songs already. As I went in, the Lord said, "Pray."

The pastor came down and said, "Are you Norvel Hayes?"

I said, "Yes, I am. Do you have some place where I can pray?"

He showed me to a room right off the main room. I went in there and knelt down and started to pray and the Spirit of God fell on me supernaturally. I was on my knees crying and praying and the word of God's knowledge came unto me saying, "Get up and go out there and walk back and forth across the front of the church and do it right now."

I was sobbing and crying and I got up and just plowed my way through the door. I went outside and began to walk back and forth across the front of the church, crying and wringing my hands with the Spirit of God all over me.

After I walked for a little while, the power of God fell on the congregation and they began to shout all over the church, everywhere, just shouting and praising God. (That was one of those times that it didn't take the congregation two or three days to get used to me!)

They wanted me to stay over for a second week. I

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told them that I'd let them know on Friday night (that would have been the last service). On Friday morning as I was praying, a word of God's knowledge came unto me and said, "Stay here now for another week."

I told the pastor, "God said stay." So I stayed.

One night, as I was just at the altar, praying for the people, the word of God's knowledge came unto me saying, "Go back to the city tomorrow and close the deal on that property."

I said, "Property? Property? Oh yeah, yes Lord." I wasn't even thinking about property.

The sum of it was that I got up early the next morning and made my way to the lawyer's office. We drew up the papers and closed the deal on some property. I bought 444 acres of property in the mountains at a few hundred thousand dollars profit.

"Where'd you get it at?"

I got it in a small, little mountain church on a gravel road in the North Georgia mountains where I was praying for people, getting them filled with the Holy Ghost and casting out devils.

What if I had not been receptive to the word of knowledge of God and obeyed Him?

You might say, "I wish God would bless me with \$200,000.00."

Have you been to the North Georgia mountains yet?

"No, and I'm not going either."

The Holy Ghost can't do much for you then, because you're too ignorant. Any man that doesn't listen to the Spirit of God just has to wind up working his own things out.

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They needed me in those Georgia mountains. God used me there, real mightily.

I met one family there that I worked with that I had to break the power of the devil over. People had been trying to win that family to God for years and never could. I just broke the power of the devil over them and won them to God. I had to cast the devils out of the whole bunch of them.

The word of God's knowledge comes to you to tell you exactly what to do. You have to listen to Him. **Do it now! Don't put it off until next year.**

The Lord said to put the gospel first, and all these things shall be added unto you.

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The Gift of a Word of Knowledge in the Bible

I think the greatest example I can find of this operating through a person in the Old Testament is in the life of Elisha. It probably operated through him stronger than anybody else that I know of.

The king of the Syrians had declared war on the king of Israel in the days of Elisha. (God doesn't want people declaring war on Israel, or anybody else, but especially Israel. God doesn't want people declaring war upon His own family.) Elisha was in the land. God would give Elisha *a word of His knowledge* to tell the king of Israel where the enemy army was going to camp that night.

Elisha would say, "Don't go that way, the enemy army is going to camp there and they'll kill all of you."

The king of Israel would send somebody over there after Elisha would tell them and there they were!

Finally, it got to the point that God would impart a word of His knowledge to Elisha so strong that He started telling Elisha what the Syrian king would say in his bedroom.

Read this carefully: THE GIFT OF A WORD OF GOD'S KNOWLEDGE IS AVAILABLE FOR YOU! You'll be surprised the things the Lord will let you know the condition of right now, through a word of God's knowledge—if you'll only believe that. You have to believe it though. You have to yield yourself to it,

though.

To what?

To the Holy Ghost. You can't *make* God do it. It comes to you *as the Spirit wills*.

Let's read this account from II Kings chapter 6 beginning with verse 8.

"Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp."

He'd tell his servants that. How in the world would Elisha know it? He was on the other side. He was with Israel. He knew it because **a word of God's knowledge** came unto him and told him.

"And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, BEWARE that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are come down. And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice. Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel? And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber" (vv. 8-12).

Do you see how strongly the word of knowledge operated in Elisha's life?

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Let's look now at the life of Peter and see how this gift operated through him in Acts 10.

"There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band.

"A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

"He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius.

"And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God" (vv. 1-4).

Remember, Cornelius wasn't even saved, but he prayed every day. He wasn't even saved but he gave alms to the people. He had a giving heart, but he wasn't even saved. He didn't even know HOW to be saved. God finds favor in the way you give, the way you love, and your prayers.

God sent an angel to Cornelius' house at the time of prayer. The angel said, in other words, "I have been sent from the most high God unto you because your prayers, and your giving heart have been boiling into the throne of God. God has found favor with your prayers and with your giving, and with the love that you have for people in need. God has found favor in your giving."

That's the reason God said, "Try Me with your giving. See if I won't pour you out a blessing that you

can't contain. Try Me with your giving." (See Malachi 3:10.)

Try God with your giving. He'll pour you out a blessing that you can't even contain. You won't have enough room to contain it. Try God with your giving. Give big. Watch what God does for you. If you're not thoroughly convinced, *try* Him. He just blesses you every way possible.

"And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter:

"He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do.

"And when the angel which spake unto Cornelius was departed, he called two of his household servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually;

"And when he had declared all these things unto them, he sent them to Joppa" (vv. 5-8).

Cornelius obeyed the word of the Lord that came through the angel.

Somebody may ask, "Why didn't the angel tell him how to get saved?"

God doesn't save people through angels, He saves people through YOU. Don't let the devil tell you that you can't win anyone to the Lord, that's not your ministry. That's a lie from hell.

You can talk can't you? You can walk can't you? You can pass out tracts.

People say to me, "I can't talk. I can't hold a

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conversation with somebody, Norvel. I can't look somebody in the eye and hold a conversation with them."

I tell them, "Then pass out tracts for a few weeks. You'll get to the point that you can. God will bless you so much as you stand on the street corner and pass out tracts; you'll get to feeling so good you'll want to say something to them. Then you'll start saying things like, 'Jesus loves you.' You'll keep letting the Holy Ghost lead you and it won't be more than about four or five months and you'll be casting out devils, just like me."

I tell you my brother and sister, you don't get this way overnight. In fact, if you want to know the truth about it, it's not even easy to get this way. You have to work at it, step by step and step by step, until finally you just fall over and say, "Oh God, do anything you want to me."

The word of God's knowledge came to Peter because he prayed. The Spirit of God told him to go pray so he did. While he was praying, he saw a vision. Then he sat there, thinking on the vision. Now look at this: the word of God's knowledge came to Peter.

"While Peter thought on the vision, *the Spirit said unto him*, Behold, three men seek thee.

"Arise therefore, and get thee down, and go with them, doubting nothing: for I have sent them.

"Then Peter went down to the men which were sent unto him from Cornelius; and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come?" (vv. 19-21).

Did you see what Peter asked them? **"Wherefore ye are come?"** In other words, **"I am the one you seek. What do you want?"**

You might ask, "Why didn't God show him?"

He didn't want to. He wanted Peter to act by faith and go on.

So Peter went with them to the house of Cornelius. He got there and opened up his mouth and started talking about Jesus.

"While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

"And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.

"For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God ..." (vv. 44-46).

The Holy Ghost fell on the whole bunch of them. They were all saved, baptized in the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues just like the day of Pentecost.

Peter was obedient to the word of knowledge.

But the word of God's knowledge will not **MAKE YOU DO SOMETHING**. God only *shares* a word of His knowledge with you. You do not have to obey it.

Sometimes you get it real quickly and if you don't obey what you get, you'll never see the rest of it. Do you understand that? That's the way the word of God's knowledge works.

You do not have to obey it. But I'll guarantee you, if you will obey it, the greatest blessings that you've ever

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had in your life will result from it. It may come while you're there or it may come later on down the road. But I guarantee you, it will come if you obey the word of God's knowledge telling you the condition of something right now. God in heaven will pour out His blessings upon you.

5

What is it For?

The Holy Ghost will give you a word of God's knowledge as the Spirit wills. It's for all kinds of things.

One day, one of my restaurants was about to get robbed, and the Spirit willed. At 5:00 in the morning God woke me up and brought that restaurant before me and my spirit became grieved. The Lord said, "BEWARE today, of that one restaurant of yours. Danger!"

That day the restaurant was robbed and the Lord let me see the man who robbed it. Glory be to Jesus! At 5:00 in the morning, He woke me up and brought it before me. That's what the word of knowledge is for: *to show you what's going to happen today, RIGHT NOW.*

Beware, Danger Before You

One night, a few years ago, in Cleveland, Tennessee, I went into one of my restaurants for pizza with my date. When we got through eating the pizza, we walked outside and got into the car. I was going to take her home.

We had just walked a little way when all of a sudden the word of God's knowledge came unto me saying, "Beware. Tonight, beware. Danger before you."

I jumped when the Holy Ghost did that to me. I said, "Look everywhere. Look outside. Look back. Look front. God said beware; danger before us."

She said, "Oh, okay."

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I told her, "A word of God's knowledge came unto me and He said 'Beware, danger is going to happen, right now. Beware.' "

"You know, Norvel," she said, "you're something else."

We went about a mile when a car pulled out from behind some bushes and got right on my bumper. The Lord said, "That's it."

I said, "That's it. There's a man back there with a gun in the car."

The police in our town had been trying to get me to carry a gun for years, and I wouldn't do it. They said, "Mr. Hayes, we'll give you a permit to carry a gun. You can carry it with you all the time in your car and the law won't do anything to you, because we'll give you a permit to carry it. Some of the characters in this part of the country, if they think you've got \$10.00 in your pocket, will knock you in the head for it."

I said, "I don't want to carry a gun. That's all right. I'll just trust the Holy Ghost."

THE LORD SHOWED ME EXACTLY WHAT TO DO.

The man's car was very close to mine. In fact, his headlights were almost touching my bumper. The Holy Ghost had said to me, "That's it," but I had to be smarter than the guy not to get robbed or whatever he had in mind.

I turned right to go to my date's house. She lived on a dead-end street. The other car pulled off and turned his lights out. That guy knew I was going to take her home. He knew exactly where I was.

AND THE HOLY GHOST KNEW WHERE HE WAS

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TOO! The Holy Ghost knew what tree he was parked behind; that's the reason the Holy Ghost said to me, "Beware." A word of God's knowledge came unto me to save me out of that mess I could have gotten into.

A word of God's knowledge coming to you will let you know EXACTLY what to do.

I pulled my car up in her driveway. We went in the house and I called the police. They came straight to the house.

He thought I'd just let her out and come right back; but I didn't. God showed me what to do: go into the house quickly and call the police. I did and they came.

They wouldn't even let me go. The police said, "Mr. Hayes, we're going to go home with you. You know we tried to warn you before, we'd like to give you a gun to carry. But we're going to go home with you." They went home with me, looked around the house inside and out and all of that.

A word of God's knowledge can save you. He'll let you know the condition of something, right now, this very minute. He'll show you exactly as *it is*, not like you think it *might be*. He'll show you exactly like it is.

Get Out, Run

One night in Columbus, Ohio, I had just left a Billy Graham meeting. A word of God's knowledge came unto me as I was driving down West Broad Street in Columbus, Ohio. The Spirit of God came upon me and I had to park the car. The word of God's knowledge came unto me and the Lord said, "Pray." He showed me the condition of a Christian girl that lived in my hometown. She was going to go into a dark cloud. I could see her face. That lasted for about 15 minutes.

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When I went back to my hometown, I wasn't going to tell her that the Holy Ghost had said, "BEWARE, don't do what you're going to do. You're in trouble now. Get out, run."

I didn't go the first day and tell her. The next morning when I opened up my eyes, I couldn't even get out of the bed, my body was hurting so badly. I could not get out of bed. God wanted me to go and minister to her, to tell her that the word of knowledge came unto me saying, "Beware and run."

I finally got my clothes on and pulled my way down the steps. I had to hold onto the car to get into the car. I finally got to this girl's apartment. I pulled my way up the steps and knocked on the door.

"Jeanie," I said, "I was in Columbus, Ohio riding down West Broad Street and a word of God's knowledge came unto me. He brought you before me and said to tell you, 'BEWARE. You're being swept into a dark cloud, Jeanie. Jeanie, beware, run, run, run!' What are you doing, Jeanie?"

"I'm not doing anything," she said. "What do you mean?"

"Jeanie, who are you dating?"

"I'm dating a boy that I met down at Daytona Beach, Florida when I was on my vacation."

"Where did you meet him?"

"I met him down on the beach."

"What was he doing?"

"He was drinking beer."

"Jeanie, you're a Christian, and you love God. What are you dating him for? The hand of God is upon you. A word of God's knowledge came unto me to tell you to

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beware Jeanie. Run, run, Jeanie. Run now."

"But Norvel," she said, "I haven't seen you in a long time. How can I run? He's moved up here from Daytona Beach and he's living here in Cleveland, Tennessee now. I'm dating him steadily and we're thinking about getting married. You haven't seen him, Norvel. He's so good looking. You couldn't believe it, he's so good looking, Norvel."

I said, "The word of God's knowledge came unto me to tell you to run Jeanie. Beware and run."

About the second or third time I told her, everything was fine. I felt just as light as a feather. I felt like I was about 16. I felt so good from the top of my head to the bottom of my feet, when I delivered exactly what God wanted me to deliver—a word of His knowledge to tell her exactly what to do.

"I've done my share, Jeanie," I said. "I'll see you, honey. But you better BEWARE. You better run and run fast."

That was a word of God's knowledge trying to rescue one of His children. But the sad part of this story is that she didn't run. She was a little doll herself and he was a real nice looking young fellow. And they got married.

I was in the jewelry store one day, talking to a girl in there and I noticed a young fellow working in there. I'd never seen him before. The girl asked me if I knew who he was. I said that I didn't.

"That's Jeanie's husband," she told me.

I said, "He's a nice looking young fellow." "Isn't he though? Do you know what he is?" she asked.

"No, I don't know what he is. I don't know anything about him."

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"He's a gigolo from Daytona Beach. He lives off of old, rich women. He goes to bed with them to get their money. He's been a gigolo for several years. Do you see that black-haired girl standing out there looking in the window now? She acts like she's looking at jewelry, but that's his girlfriend."

I said, "Oh God no, not to Jeanie. Oh Jesus, Jeanie is so sweet. Not to Jeanie."

But the sad part of it is, it was to Jeanie. But it was Jeanie's own fault. She didn't listen to a word of God's knowledge telling her the condition of things right now and telling her to beware and run.

IF YOU DON'T LISTEN TO GOD, YOU'RE IN TROUBLE. When God gives you a word of His knowledge and warns you, my brother and sister, you're in trouble. When God manifests himself through the word of His knowledge and tells you the condition of something right now and you override that, I've got news for you, you're going to get in more trouble than you ever dreamed of getting into.

I saw Jeanie live five years of hell and heartaches. She had one child. Her husband would stay out all night with some other girl. She would lock him out of the apartment. She went through five years of that. She finally got sick of him. He became the ugliest boy she'd ever seen. There was no decency about him. You couldn't have a home with a goofed-up thing like him. So she left with her little four-year-old girl.

I saw that one girl live several years of agony, in torment and hell because she overrode the word of knowledge.

She told me, "Norvel, I've thought about you so much. I've wanted to talk to you so many lonely,

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disturbing, confused nights. I would say, 'Jesus, if I could just talk to Norvel, and let him pray for me or something.'"

But God didn't deal with me to talk to her anymore. God never told me she was lonely. God used me to give her a word of knowledge not to do it, and she overrode that. She suffered a living hell for several years because of it, but there wasn't any need for it. God didn't want her to.

God doesn't want you to suffer a living hell over several years. *And you don't have to if you'll listen to a word of God's knowledge.* It comes to you by the Holy Ghost that lives inside you. It could come to you yourself, or it could come to you through another person.

The gift of a word of knowledge is a revelation gift: **God reveals and unfolds His will to you.** If you're born again, and you have the Spirit of God in you, the Holy Ghost will give it to you. But you must treat it as a precious thing. If you don't keep it as a precious thing, it will stop operating. It won't work for you anymore. You have to show God respect for His manifestations.

Give Him Up

A pastor came to me one day and asked me to come with him to pickup his daughter at the college campus. I went with him at 3:00 in the afternoon. She got out of class and walked to the car. She got in the back seat. I was in the front seat with the pastor.

As we were going down the highway, all of a sudden, the Spirit of the Lord came upon me in the car. A word of God's knowledge came unto me and said, "Cry and make intercession for her and I will unfold to her."

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The Holy Ghost began to cry through me and I slumped over the dashboard and began to cry and weep and weep. I cried and prayed all the way to the parsonage.

When we arrived at the parsonage, they both got out of the car and went in the house. I sat out there in the car and cried and prayed for an hour.

All of a sudden, the Spirit of the Lord went into the girl's bedroom and hit her like a bolt of lightning. She came out of the house screaming. She ran and jumped into the car where I'd been praying for an hour out in front of the parsonage. She grabbed the steering wheel and started screaming, "I don't want to give him up. I don't want to give him up."

"It doesn't make any difference what you want, you better."

"Okay Norvel, okay, okay," she said.

She just cut him off all of a sudden. She wouldn't date him. She told me that he nearly went nuts. He almost had gotten her into bed the night before that. She was so close. But the Holy Ghost came by the word of knowledge to tell her what to do. And she obeyed that. She wouldn't go out with him for 12 months.

I thought it was all settled. I thought she had listened to God. A year went by and she wouldn't even go out with him. Then I heard she was dating him again. It wasn't very long until they were married.

When she was a little child, she was called by God to be a missionary. She had never been to a movie in her life. Now they go to sex movies. A missionary ministry was shot down the drain, because she wouldn't listen to a word of God's knowledge.

You better listen when God speaks to you, brother

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and sister. If you don't, you've got a lot of years of hell to live in.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit in the 12th chapter of I Corinthians are God's weapons against the devil. They are God's weapons for the warfare you're in. The devil and all the demons from hell can't pull a bunch of dumb tricks on you if you listen to the Holy Ghost.

When God Speaks—Listen!

If you want God to show you the condition of things right now, the way they are, you have to yield yourself to the Holy Spirit. You have to be available for the Holy Spirit to use you, as He wills.

Say: "Thank you, Jesus, for the 12th chapter of I Corinthians. I don't know everything, but You do, Jesus. Thank you, Jesus, for a word of God's knowledge coming to me. It's a gift of the Spirit, given to me freely when I need it, as the Spirit wills. Help me, Jesus to yield myself to the revelation knowledge of God. Thank you, Lord. I receive in Jesus' name."

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