

Spirit Power IV - Igniting Words of Knowledge. *The Mind of Christ.

***Close worship with Fasting video (Kerry / Alan) & encouraging people to join us in fasting one day a week.**

1. **Step out, if you want to step up. And into the Spirit.**
2. **We have the mind of Christ, when we are mindful of Him. Set your heart and mind on God.**
3. **Embrace worship as a lifestyle, if you want to walk in the Spirit. Embracing the mind of Christ.**

Introduction: Why Words of knowledge? *Airplane stories – JW next to me. Lord, show me something about this lady. (Two children, Jason vs Jesse, prophesied over her God's heart for her, her marriage and future. Moved to tears within a few minutes on the plane. Hardly lifted off yet, and God was moving.).

1 Corinthians 12:7–9 (NKJV) ⁷ **But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all:** ⁸ **for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit...** ¹⁰ **to another prophecy by the same Spirit...**

1. **Wisdom: Supernatural wisdom, insight and understanding beyond normal human comprehension.** You know what to do and how to do it. ***God, how should I address this situation? Difficult counselling or conflict situation (Don't have peace about it, keep on praying until the download comes)** and then suddenly you receive an idea, a solution, that you didn't think of. **And it works!** Word of wisdom. Supernatural solutions to challenges. Parenting, business related, marriage, education and more. ***Pray: Holy Spirit, lead me in this.**
2. **Prophecy: A message from God, revealing the Father's heart for someone.** Usually speaks into the identity and destiny of someone.
3. **Knowledge: When God supernaturally reveals information or facts to a person about someone else.** This reveals the reality of God to the person and unlocks their heart for further ministry.

Why Words of Knowledge? High risk, immediate impact.

1. **Builds a bridge to someone's heart in an instant.** Brings a reverence and awareness of God's presence, of His love and knowledge of the person. Puts the person on God's radar in an instant. **I heard a date connected to a name: "Barbara."** When I asked if there was a Barbara with that birthdate, **a teenage girl in the crowd began to cry hysterically.** As I gave her the word God had for her, this girl's friends began to pray for her. Later, **Barbara came up to me and told me she had been asking God for a year, "Does my being born have any significance? Can my life make a difference for anyone on Earth? Do I even matter, or am I just another person You created?"** When I called her out by her name and birthday, this **young teen's suicidal thoughts left her—she felt heard by the God of all the universe. Her life had incredible significance. And now she knew it.**
2. **Opens the way for further ministry,** like prophecy, sharing the gospel.
3. **Reveals to the person that they are known by God.** The word itself reveals to the person that God knows, and that God cares about this aspect of their lives. Gets someone's attention. **After birthdays, I began to also hear the dates of anniversaries.** I remember the third time this happened in a specific way. I asked a couple if June 17 meant anything to them. **Turns out, it was their wedding anniversary. I said to them, "God loves your marriage so much, and He picked you for each other."** They both burst into tears. They told me they were at such a hard place in their marriage. Words of knowledge healed years of disconnect by giving this couple so much hope. Jesus loved their marriage. It could be a good one again!
4. **Reveals what God is doing.** Word of knowledge highlights a specific person and what God wants to do. Puts a spotlight on that specific person. **Hitting the target.** Knowledge is power. **Shooting in the dark?** Or knowing exactly where God is moving. A word of knowledge is like turning on a spot light. **There, that's where God is moving right now.**

5. Releases faith and faith connects us to God's power. Word of knowledge for healing releases faith in the person and the person praying. Reveals to us what God is doing right now.

Quickest way into the Spirit? Pray for four hours until you feel good enough? No, just step out and you take a shortcut into the Spirit. **Praying for quite some time*, spending time in the Spirit and being filled up with God helps us to still our minds, overcome our fears and align ourselves with God.

Step out, and you will step into the Spirit. Shortcut into the Spirit.

Stepping into the Spirit - On the way back on airplane (was really tired) – felt “three”.

Thought it meant three-year old child, stewardess. Missed it with the one. Asked God again, speak to me. Three. One stewardess had a miscarriage recently of triplets. Went to her, shared and had the opportunity to pray for her and release God's heart to her. Was a special moment! Walking all the way to the back of the plane. Bit awkward. And tired, but hey, the quickest way to step into the spirit is to step out.

Building Bridges: Jesus and Words of knowledge (Samaritan woman John 4)

Massive shift: The gifts of the Spirit can shift a scenario from **“nothing's happening”**, to **“a whole town being impacted by God.”** **But, it took Jesus to step out.** **John 4 context: Jesus was tired, long trip, hungry, thirsty, noon, probably hot. Nothing's happening. Samaritan woman coming to get water from Jacob's well.*

- **Yet: Jesus stepped past cultural barriers. Obliterated cultural norms.** 1. *Jews don't speak to Samaritans.* 2. *A Jewish man can't speak to a woman.* 3. *A holy man, a rabbi, engaging with a Samaritan, a woman, and she's a great sinner. That's looking for trouble! What will the people think?* Yet: Jesus stepped out. Right past cultural norms. Jesus initiated it. **In the same way, there are cultural norms – like you don't talk about Jesus at work, or school or with strangers. You keep your religion to yourself! Really? You keep the best thing or person that has happened to this world* in the history of mankind from somebody else? You keep the cure to their spiritual disease to yourself? **Someone dying of cancer?* Terminal. Yet, you have the cure? You keep it to yourself? I think not. No, you ignore opinions and cultural norms and you impart life! Like Jesus.
- Jesus stepped out, and stepped into the Spirit. **Probably tired, long road**, hungry, not feeling energised at first, until He began to reach out this woman. The quickest way to be energised and empowered, is to step out, and minister to someone. ***Start conversations with people, and ask HS to speak.**

LIVING WATERS: The Holy Spirit – life to self and to others **Intimacy.*

John 4:13–15 (NKJV) ¹³ Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.” ¹⁵ The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.”

- **Finding fulfilment in God Himself, in His Spirit.** *Never thirst again, because your thirst is quenched in Him. Key. Loving God, loving intimacy with God's Spirit. Getting filled up in Him. Foundation of water springing up! Then overflow life to others!*

THE BRIDGE TO THE HEART: A WORD OF KNOWLEDGE – that shifts the whole deal into another dimension. Power of the supernatural. Had to step out, and engage, then listening, Father, what are you doing here? Show me something about her. Can just imagine the Holy Spirit whispering right there... “she's had five husbands, and the one she's living with now, isn't her husband.”

John 4:16–19 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” ¹⁷ The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.” ¹⁹ The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet.

- Jesus sets up the scene. “Go, call your husband, and come here.” **How did you know that? You must be a prophet.** You must be hearing from God. **There is no other way for you to know this. / It was simply a word of knowledge. It wasn’t prophecy. It wasn’t revealing the future. It was merely telling her what her journey has been. Five husbands. Loads of pain, disappointment and rejection.**
- **“I know.” “God knows.” “I know you’ve been through much. You’ve given up on real love.** And that’s why you are merely living with the current man. I see your pain. I know you. You’ve given up on finding real love. Drinking of “This earthly waters” that doesn’t quench your thirst for the real deal!
- **“You know what?** Real love is here right now. I know you, I know your failures, I know your pain, and still God loves you.” **“You’ve drunk from these earthly waters, and you still haven’t found what you’re looking for. I can give you living waters. I can give you all that your heart desires right now. And If I am right about the five husbands, and If I am right about knowing these things about your life, then I am speaking the truth about the living waters.” / “Ask Me, and I will give it to you.” / Heart burns! Got her attention! Such a beautiful moment... result? Whole town came out!**

True Worshipers – The Father is seeking such. Key! *Worship as a lifestyle / One with God.***

John 4:23–24 (NKJV) ²³ But the hour is coming, and now is, when **the true worshipers** will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for **the Father is seeking such to worship Him.** ²⁴ **God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”**

The hour is coming and now is – the time has come to worship the Father. He is seeking such. **Why?** Because worshipers rise higher. Worshipers move into the Spirit. Worshipers become one with God. Spirit – more than singing a song. Rising up on wings like eagles! Truth. Character. **Embrace worship as a lifestyle, if you want to walk in the Spirit. (And the gifts of the Spirit)**

Become one with God. Set your mind on things above. ***Ministry? Praying for someone. Let the anointing flow through you. From a heart of compassion for the person, but your heart and mind completely set upon Christ. What are you doing Lord?** You and I have **nothing to give** of ourselves, but **when we are wholly set on Christ**, becoming one with Him, then He does the ministry through us. Focus on Jesus. River of life flow through you. Not intimidated, not distracted. Worship as a lifestyle. **Presence centred living. His mind becomes yours. His heart imparted to you. His hands are now yours. Living on the higher plane. Come higher.**

We have the mind of Christ, when we are mindful of Him. In business. ***Story of Shaun Boltz** and helping business guys make a decision. “I remember when I was brought into one of the business boards I was on and they asked me to pray with them over their decisions. It wasn’t so that I could hear God about each one of them, but because I could help them discern what they were feeling and hearing. I sometimes got revelation too. After a few years of successful risk taking, giving prophetic words, and discerning what God was saying to them, they brought me in on a big decision. They asked me to pray with them about the acquisition of a certain hotel. They were not in the hotel business, but this really great deal and business had come up. We prayed together for a bit and I got a “picture” of the hotel, the current problems with it, the market in that region going up after three years, and even the décor. After praying, they had enough courage, based on my history with them and what they were feeling themselves (about the business and from God) to take the risk and buy the hotel. It was a great investment that made them hundreds of thousands of dollars in ten months which, for their small

***financial business, was an amazing benefit.** When we take the time to build history, pray together, and try and hear together, we create a trusted relationship of faith and inspiration that few other areas in our life can keep up with."*

Top tip: Don't be phased when you miss it, or only get it right partially. Keep going, keep engaging. **You need to step out, if you want to step up.** Words of knowledge takes this statement into a whole new level. **Why keep on stepping out?** Even when you miss it? **I think if you would keep on stepping out, even when you miss it, at some point God will feel sorry for you** and help you out with some more grace. Hunger is important.

Practical ways of receiving a word of knowledge:

1. **See it (Visions / Mental pictures)** – seeing a body part or something that will speak to someone in the audience or life group: **Alan saw a vision of Sandra's dad's part of his body.** Prayed for him. Nine months later, they prayed and he was healed. ***John Wimber** – while preaching, received a **mental picture of a woman's breast...** wanted to rebuke it, then saw it open up with tumour inside. Was healed!
2. **Feel it - Pain: Feeling the pain on your own body.** Test yourself when you enter a meeting, and then determine what has changed. Strong indicator of what God wants to do. ***Erin** – sudden significant pain in my back, exact spot. ****Heat or other sensation:** Sense of heat or God's presence on certain parts of your body. ***James, Alan** heat on leg.
3. **Read it - Open visions** – seeing the letters above someone's head or written over their face or open visions where the situation is revealed or the past is revealed.
4. **Think it: Gentle internal voice of God** – whispering. ***Simply hear** – presence of God is on you, and then you hear so clearly. Hear a voice speaking to me. ***Argentina – called out necks,** hearing, etc In the moment felt the Holy Spirit reveal what He's doing right now. **Pastors' mom** – 50 years of hearing problems. Hears! ***Discernment** – spiritual influence, like fear ***Girl in Rio de Janeiro with fear**
5. **Say it: While you're praying for somebody, you can speak under the influence of the Spirit and reveal things supernaturally.** First time you hear it, is when you speak it. Wow.

Conclusion: *Let's ask God for words of knowledge right now – open it up? Pain in your body? Picture? Then we're going to pray for people.

- Desire it, it's for you. Practice it. Step out, and you will step up.
- Step out, and you will step into the Spirit.
- Be One with God through worship, turning your heart and mind to Him continually. Be mindful of God, and you will receive the mind of Christ.

Heart and mind aligning with God's – We have the mind of Christ

1 Corinthians 2:9–10 (NKJV) ⁹ *But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”* ¹⁰ **But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.**

1 Corinthians 2:16 (NKJV) ¹⁶ *For “who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?”* **But we have the mind of Christ.**

The mind of Christ is to think and see things as God would. To have God's perspective on things. But, the mind of Christ in an exceptional way, would be to in a specific moment experience oneness with God's thoughts and feelings concerning a specific person.

Character and the Gifts: Growing in both – the gifts of the Spirit and character. Let them grow together. Trials and challenges? Let that take you deeper into God. Lord, mould me, form me, show me the way. If you don't allow God to grow your character, the gifts of the Spirit will take you where your character can't keep you.

How do we grow in the gifts of the Spirit? Sometimes we think, that if we pray for 20 years, if we read our bibles a lot, if fast and pray much, and become really holy, **then** we will move in the gifts of the Spirit. Not true! Yes, being connected with the Holy Spirit in intimate relationship is critical for living a lifestyle of intimate connection. ***Todd White (a man who continuously moves in the gifts of the Spirit and leading people to Christ)** – fasts every second day. The focus is not on working for it, but rather to be connected and focused on God.

***Corinthian church** – they moved mightily in the gifts of the Spirit. They didn't have a New Testament bible, the leaders probably had a few letters, one of the gospels. They had some shocking issues in the church. They weren't perfect or holy, yet they moved in the gifts of the Spirit, and they abused it due to their lack of knowledge. **So you definitely want to grow in holiness, in purity,** but it isn't a prerequisite to move in the gifts of the Spirit and it isn't a certain level of achievement to “qualify” for the gifts of the Spirit. The gifts are a gift. You receive it by faith, not by works. **Yet: The greater your character,** the more secure you are in God, in your ID in Him, you will be able to sustain ministry in the Spirit.

So how? Yes, by faith. What does faith look like? It looks like action. Like stepping out. That's what faith will look like. It will look like stepping out, time and time again, even if you miss it. **Step out, and you will step up.**

Key to function in the gifts of the Spirit – faith! Believe it. It’s for you. It’s all about loving people well.

Ask. Seek. Knock – open door set before you! Our Father gives good gifts. Give the Holy Spirit! Best gift ever, is the Holy Spirit. All the other gifts come with Him. ***Invitation! Believe: Ridiculously good at flowing in the gifts. */** **see a vision of a door opening for us.** God has opened the door and no man can shut it. See it. I’ve opened the door, but now you have to walk through it. ***Treasury of heaven. All the gifts.** All the treasures are available. **But Prophecy is the flash light at the door.** We need prophecy to access more and more of the gifts.

Luke 11:9–13 (NKJV) ⁹ ***“So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.”*** ¹⁰ ***For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.*** ¹¹ ***If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish?*** ¹² ***Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?*** ¹³ ***If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!”***

- **Principle: There’s more!** So Ask, Seek, Knock. Keep on pursuing more. **Vera Mas se** – you will see more!
- Those who ask Him. We need to desire the gifts of the Spirit. We need to desire the Holy Spirit. We need to ask, and show ourselves faithful in the stewardship of the grace we already have.
- Addressing fear when it comes to the gifts. People are often afraid. What if I ask for something, but I get something else. A snake? A scorpion? Should we be discerning? Yes. But not afraid. Ask your Heavenly Father boldly and know that He will only give you good things.

We ignite the prophetic by believing and pursuing more prophetic grace. Certain key principles we need to apply to Ignite Prophecy and other gifts of the Spirit. Increasing prophetic grace. The river. ***Building out the river of the Spirit. Igniting the Gifts. Increasing prophetic grace. Through prophecy “grace” is imparted to us.**

Shawn Boltz – earthquake story. Word of knowledge? *Business example
Igniting the Prophetic for everyday life? Words of knowledge?

Pastoral prophecy? Being open to the Spirit to lay names on our hearts of people. Who’s going through a tough time, Lord? Who do you want me to reach out to?

1 Corinthians 12 – The body. Same Spirit. One Spirit. Diversity. One isn’t better than another. Serving and caring for one another.

Igniting the prophetic – becoming a flowing river of life.

1. All - It’s for all of us – sons and servants. Use the gifts for the sake of others. That’s the mission.
2. Attitude – confidence and humility, honour. Prophet’s reward
3. Accountability – getting feedback, tracking words, prophetic culture where feedback is encouraged and sought after. ***Take responsibility for the words you spoke / Don’t force your words on others. If you missed it, you missed it. That’s OK. Apologise and ask God for more.**
4. Activate – by asking questions. God who is on your heart today? What are you doing today? Partnership with the Spirit. Inquisitive. Hunger. I’m available.
5. Available. God qualifies the called, He doesn’t call the qualified.
6. Using the gifts at every possible opportunity. Examples: God, who is on your heart today?

Could we stay in the Spirit continuously? Igniting the Gifts?

Blocking self: Then I heard God, who was waiting for me to ask all along, say, Do you remember when you prayed for that girl over there, Jessica, a year ago and you prophesied some things would happen in her life in a certain timeframe? They didn't, and she's disappointed in you and me. **You never took responsibility, and what you are feeling is my desire for you to clean that up.**

I was shocked. **I was in a culture that usually blamed the person if the prophecy didn't come true. Wasn't it her fault if my prophecy didn't come true?** Wasn't she responsible to steward her word and figure it out? I think most people are like this, looking externally for blocks when sometimes we have created the biggest walls ourselves. I knew Jessica must have put a lot of faith in the word I gave her, and she was probably very disappointed. I looked at her and publicly said, "Did the word I gave you a year ago happen at all?" She looked a little nervous and embarrassed. "No." **"I am so sorry about that. I don't know why some things happen and sometimes I miss it, but I want to take responsibility for that and tell you I am still growing. I hope you can forgive me and know I was just trying to encourage you."** She looked so relieved she got tears in her eyes. "Thank you!" and right then God came in the room. His presence of love came so powerfully I ministered to each person there, including her, and there was no block at all.

Practical: Track words. If you give specific words, with timeframes and detail, then you are responsible to follow up with that person. Did it happen? Did you miss it? Take ownership of it. ***Shawn Boltz – 5 years. 60% on the mark. 30% people were encouraged, but couldn't determine if the word was accurate, clear or already fulfilled. 10% of the time there was no fulfilment.**