

# DESIRING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

*“Eagerly pursue Love, yet desire Spiritual Gifts...”*

- 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:1

Class 20

**Wisdom**

• Literal Meaning:

- To apply truth practically
  - The ability to apply spiritual truth effectively in specific situations

• Supporting References:

• 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:8

- 8) For to one is given by the Spirit the word of wisdom; to another the word of knowledge by the same Spirit;

• James 3:13-18

- 13) Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom.
- 14) But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.
- 15) This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.
- 16) For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.
- 17) But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.
- 18) And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

• 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 2:3-14

- 3) And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.
- 4) And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:
- 5) That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.
- 6) Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

- 7) But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:
- 8) Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.
- 9) But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.
- 10) But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.
- 11) For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.
- 12) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.
- 13) Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
- 14) But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

- Characteristics:

- People with this Gift:

- Provide spiritual advice in the midst of conflict and confusion
- Apply spiritual truth in specific and practical ways
- Focus on the unseen consequences in determining the next steps to take

- Traits:

- Sensible, Insightful, Practical, Experienced

- Cautions

- People with this Gift:

- Need to remember to share the wisdom that God has given them
- Need to avoid having others develop dependence on them
- Need to be patient with others that are not wise