

A collage of various tools including a screwdriver, pliers, wrench, whisk, and pencil sharpener.

POWER TOOLS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 1.1,4-5 (NIV11)

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach...

Acts 2.37-39 (NIV11)

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off - for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

1Corinthians 12.1-7 (NIV11)

Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols.

Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

1Corinthians 12.8-11 (NIV11)

To one there is given through the Spirit
a message of wisdom, to another a
message of knowledge by means of
the same Spirit,

to another faith by the same Spirit, to
another gifts of healings by that one
Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to
another prophecy, to another
distinguishing between spirits,

to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

A word of wisdom

A word of knowledge

Communication involving a message/word given by the Holy Spirit to a Jesus follower about God's wisdom (*this is a sudden insight rather than wisdom gathered over years*) AND then passing that message/word onto other(s).

“Theological” wisdom

Romans 5.6-8 (NIV11)

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

1Corinthians 1.18 (NIV11)

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1Corinthians 2.4-5 (NIV11)

My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

“Practical” wisdom

A one time momentary message - the Holy Spirit speaks a word, message of wisdom/clarity through us to someone else or through someone else to us.

Mark 12.13-17 (NIV11)

Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words. They came to him and said, “Teacher, we know that you are a man of integrity.

You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not? Should we pay or shouldn't we?"

But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. “Why are you trying to trap me?” he asked. “Bring me a denarius and let me look at it.” They brought the coin, and he asked them, “Whose image is this? And whose inscription?”

“Caesar’s,” they replied. Then Jesus said to them, “Give back to Caesar what is Caesar’s and to God what is God’s.” And they were amazed at him.

John 8.7,10-11 (NIV11)

When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”

Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

“Theological” knowledge

A moment when the Holy Spirit give us the special ability to put into words knowledge about God's grace in ways that build up the church or an individual

1Corinthians 2.12-16 (NIV11)

What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

A one time momentary word into our mind/heart/spirit from the Holy Spirit for others, which we speak out/tell them. This can only be known from the Holy Spirit.

John 4.16-19 (NIV11)

He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.” “I have no husband,” she replied. Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband.

The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.” “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet.”

Manifestation – times when the Holy Spirit brings/speaks revelation of God's wisdom or knowledge – theological or practical – into our hearts/minds/spirits, that we pass on