



THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD

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Living Faith Chapel, Calgary (Solution Center)

WORD FOR THE WEEK

GIFTS OF WORD OF WISDOM AND WORD OF KNOWLEDGE

We bless the Almighty God for giving us the grace to see another Sunday and another day of fellowship in His presence. This ability to gather before Him every week is not of our own but a gift from our loving father. It is therefore incumbent upon us to always acknowledge the rare privilege of having life in us.

In line with our study theme for the month of March – “Gifts of the Holy Spirit”, we shall be considering the gifts of Word of Wisdom and Word of Knowledge.

Text: 1Cor 12:4-8

I. Gift of the Word of Wisdom

Gift of word of wisdom is different from wisdom for handling affairs of life. Wisdom for handling affairs of life can be obtained by asking God for it (*Jam 1:5; 2Chron 1:3-12*) and by studying and obeying God's word (*Jos 1:8*)

Characteristics of Gift of the Word of Wisdom

- (i) The word of wisdom is a supernatural revelation by the Spirit of God concerning the divine purpose and plan in the mind and will of God.
- (ii) The word of wisdom always speaks of the future.
- (iii) The word of wisdom can come in the form of a vision (*Mk 14:12-16*), dreams (also regarded as “vision of the night”) (*Matt. 2:13-16*) or in the form of inner witness (intuition) (*1Sam 10:2-9*)
- (iv) The gift of the word of wisdom can be manifested by any believer, not only by ministers of God (*Acts 9:10*)
- (v) The word of wisdom is the best gift because it is a revelation concerning the plans and the purposes in the mind of God (it is revelational).

For examples of manifestations of the gift of wisdom see *Exod. 4:14-16, 27-29, 1Sam 10:2-9; 10:2-9; Mk 14:12-16*

II. Gift of the Word of Knowledge

Gift of the word of knowledge is different from exceptional natural knowledge in various spheres of life. Special natural knowledge in various areas of life can come by divine endowment or may be obtained by asking God for it or by study/training (*Exd. 35:30-35; Dan 1:17-20*)

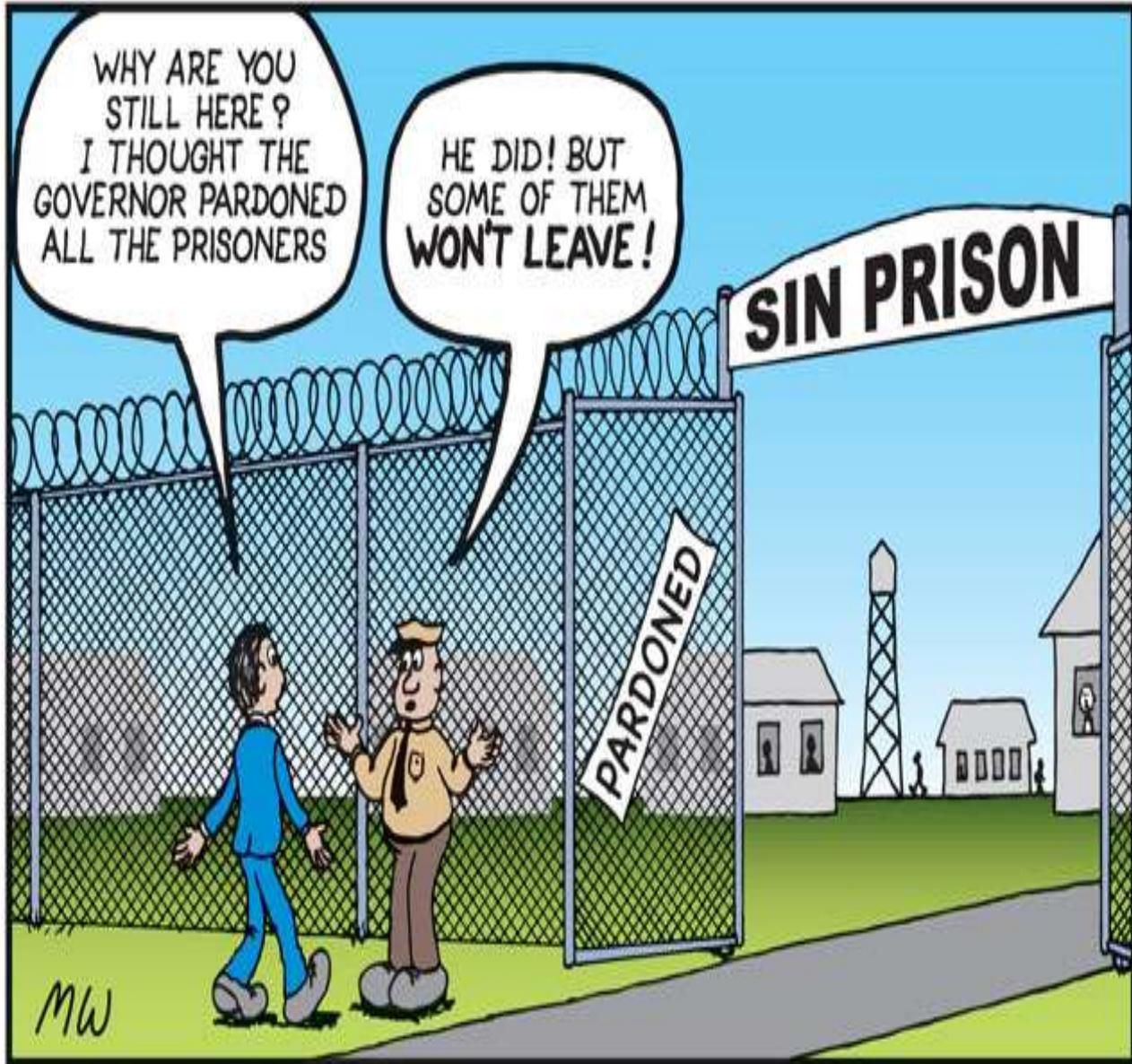
Characteristics of Gift of the Word of Knowledge

- (i) The word of knowledge is the supernatural revelation by the Holy Ghost of certain facts in the mind of God. God is all-knowing. He knows everything. But He doesn't reveal everything He knows to man. He just gives him a word or a part of what He knows. A word is a fragmentary part of a sentence, so a word of knowledge would simply be a fragmentary part of the entire knowledge or counsel of God. God is all-knowing. He has all knowledge. But He doesn't impart all of His knowledge to us; He imparts a word of knowledge to us — just what He wants us to know at a given time.
- (ii) The word of knowledge always speaks of the past or the present.
- (iii) The word of knowledge can come in the form of visions (*Acts 9:10-18*), dreams (also referred to as “vision of the night”) (*Mt 2:19-23*) or in the form of inner witness (intuition) (*1Sam 9:15-17*).

As you read this message today, why not go to the Lord in prayer and ask Him for these priceless gifts of the “word of wisdom” and “the word of knowledge?”. You can receive them only if you believe!

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A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. — Col. 2:13-14 NIV

NOTE: If you have been blessed by our Word for the Week or inspired in any way by them, please let us know by sending an email to The Pastor at pastor@rccglfc.org