

“THE MANIFESTATIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT”

often for the purpose of bringing us to prayer concerning what God shows us.

2. It may involve a need in some believer’s life or family, or in a local church.
3. The Words of Knowledge or Wisdom should not be made public or shared as a sure word from God until it is clear and strong and unmistakable from the Lord.
4. If a believer tells people that God told him something which does not prove out, he will lose much authority and respect as a man or woman who hears from God.
5. One of the cardinal mistakes is to “announce publically and abroad” things which God wants shared only with the people involved.
6. In order to maintain the flow of the manifestations of the Spirit a person must not use them to draw excessive attention to himself.
 - a. His own words should be few and humble, not “playing it up big”.
 - b. He or she should commune much with God and give himself to prayer and the Word, and build himself up by praying in the Spirit.

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“THE MANIFESTATION OF FAITH”

XIII. The manifestation of faith is the first manifestation that God places in the second group of manifestation, which we call the “power” manifestations.

A. I believe that the manifestation of faith is the foundation of the power manifestations.

1. “Faith” is the translation of the Greek word *pistis* which means “trust,” “confidence” or “assurance.”
2. I have come to like the words trust, confidence or assurance when I think of faith.
3. I believe it is important to distinguish the biblical definition of faith from today’s definition that has permeated the Christian Church and society as a whole.

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- a. When most people think of faith today they think in terms of faith as a firm belief in something for which there is no proof.
 - b. When religious people have no proof for what they believe, we often hear them say, “You just have to take it by faith.”
 - c. I believe it is vital to understand that “belief in something for which there is no proof” is far from the biblical definition of “faith.”
4. Let me make this simple, the biblical definition of faith is “trust,” and people trust things only after they have been proven to us.
- a. Jesus never asked anyone to believe he was the Messiah without proof!
 - b. He healed the sick, raised the dead, and did miracles, such as healing the man born blind (something that had never been done in the history of the world), and he asked people to believe the miracles that he did (John 10:38).
 - c. God does not ask us to believe Him without proof. He has left many evidences that He exists and that His Word is true.
- B. It is necessary for the believer to distinguish between faith as it is commonly used in the Bible and the “manifestation of faith.”
1. Concerning the first of the power manifestations – the “manifestation of faith” – in the Amplified Bible says, “**.....to another, special faith**” (1 Cor. 12:9).
 2. Every believer already has faith.
 3. There is a “saving faith,” which brings about a gift from God.
 - a. In Ephesians 2:8 we read: “**For by grace are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is a gift of God.**”
 - b. There can be no doubt, the faith that you are saved by is a gift of God, but it is given to you through the Word.
 - c. Romans 10:17 bears this out, “**So then faith (saving faith) cometh by the hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**”
 4. The faith we are talking about in this lesson is called “special faith”, and

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it is not the same as “saving faith”.

5. The “manifestation of faith” is miraculous just as the rest of the manifestations of the Spirit are miraculous.
 - a. The “manifestation of faith” is given in order that the believers might receive gifts of miracles.
 - b. The “manifestation of faith” comes to a person who has the Gift of the Holy Spirit in order that miracles might be worked by the Spirit in order to help people.
6. Here you have one “manifesting faith” in order that another might receive.
 - a. This idea is bore out when you remember that God said that there would be **“the working of miracles.”**
 - b. When you receive a miracle you don’t work, but when you perform it, that is “working a miracle”.
7. These “power manifestations” are very closely associated, just as the “revelation manifestations” are closely associated and the “utterance manifestations” are closely associated.
 - a. Prophecy, divers kinds of tongues, interpretation of tongues are all very closely associated.
 - b. In fact, the Bible plainly tells us that tongues with interpretation is equal to prophecy.
 - c. In 1 Cor. 14:5 we are told: **“Greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh in tongues except he interpret”**.

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“MANIFESTATIONS OF FAITH & THE WORKING OF MIRACLES”

“DIFFERENT KINDS OF FAITH”

- XIV. In review, we have seen that the “manifestation of faith” is different from “saving faith”, “general faith”, and the “fruit of faith”.
- A. We have already looked at “saving faith” and its relationship to the person who accepts Jesus as Savior.