

Week 1 "Overview of the Charisms"

1 Preparation:

- * Pray from your heart. Stop and recognize that the Lord is with you. Ask for the grace to come closer to the Holy Spirit and to realize his plan for your life.
- * Look up the "Focus Verse" in your Bible.
- * Underline the verse in *Purple = Church, Ministry*
- * Work to commit the verse to memory.

Focus Verse

1 Cor 12:7

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

2 Review of Talk:

The word *manifestation* in Greek is *phanerōsis* and it means: manifestation, disclosure, revelation, a disclosure, clear display, an outward evidencing, an active exhibition. One of the desires of the Holy Spirit is to manifest his presence and love through you to his people.

Through you, the Holy Spirit wants to outwardly evidence his presence; disclose his love; reveal that his truth; clearly display his power; and actively exhibit that his Church is alive.

1 Cor 12:8-10

Message/Utterance/Word of Wisdom
Message/Utterance/Word of Knowledge
Faith
Gifts of Healing
Miraculous Powers/Miracles
Prophecy
Distinguishing between spirits/Discernment
Speaking in Tongues
Interpretation of Tongues

These 9 manifestations of the Holy Spirit are also called *charisms* which is the Greek word for Gifts. It is from the word *charisms* that we get the term, *The Charismatic Renewal*. The mission of the Charismatic Renewal is to proclaim and invite believers to the Lordship of Jesus Christ through the Baptism of the Holy Spirit that the Spirit might minister to the Church through the 9 charisms.

Catechism of the Catholic

799 Whether extraordinary or simple and humble, charisms are graces of the Holy Spirit which directly or indirectly benefit the Church, ordered as they are to her building up, to the good of men, and to the needs of the world.

800 Charisms are to be accepted with gratitude by the person who receives them and by all members of the Church as well. They are a wonderfully rich grace for the apostolic vitality and for the holiness of the entire Body of Christ, provided they really are genuine gifts of the Holy Spirit and are used in full conformity with authentic promptings of this same Spirit, that is, in keeping with charity, the true measure of all charisms.

801 It is in this sense that discernment of charisms is always necessary. No charism is exempt from being referred and submitted to the Church's shepherds. "Their office [is] not indeed to extinguish the Spirit, but to test all things and hold fast to what is good," so that all the diverse and complementary charisms work together "for the common good."

Word of Wisdom

Word of Wisdom is the gift of the Holy Spirit whereby one believer speaks into the life of another believer or into a community and gives practical wisdom from the Lord as to what to or when to do something.

Word of Knowledge

Word of knowledge is the gift of the Holy Spirit whereby one believer speaks into the life of another believer revealing something to that believer that they could not know in and of themselves.

Faith

Faith is the gift of the Holy Spirit whereby a believer is inspired to know what the will of God is in a situation and this believer commands it into being. Faith is a revelation whereby the believer does not ask God to do something. The believer knows and then commands.

Gifts of Healing

Notice that it is the gifts of healing, not the gift of healing. The Lord wants to heal every part of our being: Body, mind, and spirit.

Miraculous Powers/Miracles

Miracles are the power of God manifesting to bring about that which is currently not there by nature.

Prophecy

Prophecy is the gift whereby God speaks to a person or the Church through one of the believers.

Distinguishing between spirits/Discernment

There are three spirits that that move in any situation: the human spirit (emotion), the evil spirit, and the Spirit of God.

Speaking in Tongues

The gift of the Holy Spirit whereby the Holy Spirit inspires the prayer or the speech.

Interpretation of Tongues

The gift of the Holy Spirit to be able to interpret the gift of speaking in tongues.

Lectio Divina

- Lectio** (To Read) Read the passage slowly, two or three times believing that God is going to speak into your life. Notice the words or phrases that speak to you.
- Meditatio** (To Meditate) Allow this Word to begin to sift through your life. What is God speaking to you?
- Oratio** (To Speak) Now that God has spoken to you through His word, what is your response? Use the ACTS of prayer: **A**doration, **C**ontrition, **T**hanksgiving, **S**upplication? Speak to God freely.
- Contemplatio** (To Contemplate) Read back over the passage and review your dialogue with God. Become quiet and turn your heart to His heart for you. Is there anything that He personally wants to speak to you?

- 1st Day Jn 13:1-17
- 2nd Day Mt 25:14-30
- 3rd Day Gal 5:25
- 4th Day 1 Cor 13:4-8
- 5th Day 1 Cor 12:1
- 6th Day 1 Cor 14:1
- Review