Understanding and Using the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Lesson 6: An Introduction to the Revelation Gifts

In this lesson you will learn:

- 1. What are some of the different ways God can teach you?
- 2. Why didn't young Samuel know that God was calling him?
- 3. What are the three gifts of revelation?

There are many paths to learning about God:



God will choose the one that is best for you.

Psalm 25:12

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All true learning begins in the fear of the LORD!



God can teach you through structured lessons like we study in this class.

Isaiah 28:9-10

- 9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts.
- 10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little:

God can teach you through your personal experiences, good or bad. We can learn from the things that bring us joy and the things that cause us pain.

Psalm 119:71

71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

The more pain we suffer through our mistakes, the more we try not to make the same mistake again.

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Psalm 119:67

⁶⁷ Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

God can teach you through the example of GOOD people:

I believe the greatest gift one person can give someone else is a good example to follow.

Philippians 3:17

of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

God can teach you through the example of BAD people:

The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah is an example to everyone so we know what happens to unsaved sinners.

Jude 1:7

⁷ Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

God can teach you through the example of things around you:

Even an ant has something to teach us, if we have ears to hear.

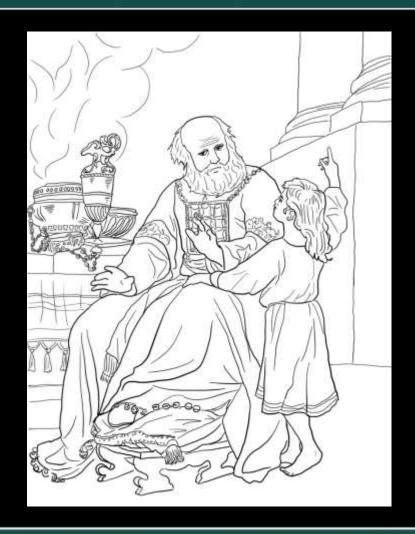


Proverbs 6:6-8

- ⁶ Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise:
- Which having no guide, overseer, or ruler,
- Provideth her meat in the summer, and gathereth her food in the harvest.

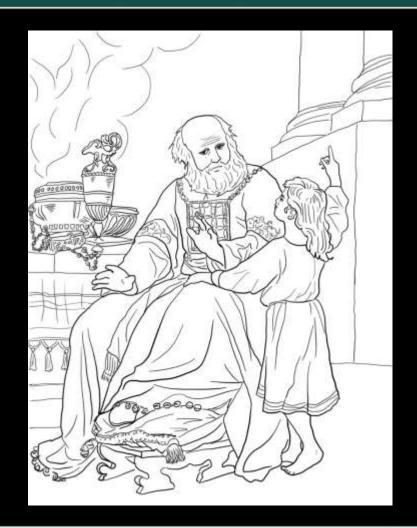
Of course, there is no substitute for reading the Bible. Our life experiences and the examples we see around us are ONLY valuable if they help us to understand the Scriptures.

1 Timothy 4:13 ¹³ Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine.



No one can know the LORD until he chooses to reveal himself to you.

This is something we learn from the story of Eli and Samuel.



When he was still a young boy, Samuel came to live in the temple in Shiloh because of his mother's vow to the LORD.



This is when the LORD revealed himself to Samuel.



1 Samuel 3:1

¹ And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli.

And the word of the LORD was precious in those days; there was no open vision.



1 Samuel 3:2-4

- ² And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, and his eyes began to wax dim, that he could not see;
- And ere the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel was laid down to sleep;
- ⁴ That the LORD called Samuel: and he answered, Here *am* I.



1 Samuel 3:5

⁵ And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here *am* I; for thou calledst me.

And he said, I called not; lie down again.

And he went and lay down.



1 Samuel 3:6

⁶ And the LORD called yet again, Samuel.

And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me.

And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again.

Verse 7 explains why Samuel did not understand it was the LORD calling him.

1 Samuel 3:7

Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him. With this lesson, we begin to study the three revelation gifts of the Spirit. But what is a revelation?

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Matthew 11:25

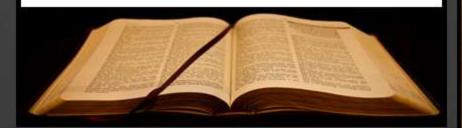
25 ... Jesus answered and said,
 I thank thee, O Father,
 Lord of heaven and earth,
 because thou hast hid these things
 from the wise and prudent, and
 hast revealed them unto babes.

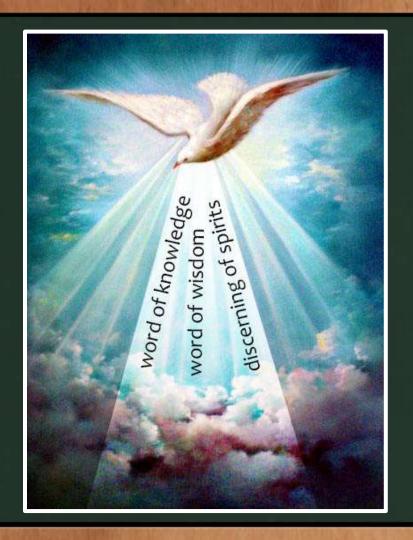


God reveals things to his children through the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:10

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.





By the REVELATION gifts we LEARN A NEW THING:

The word of knowledge
The word of wisdom
The discerning of spirits

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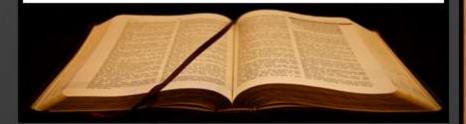
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By the gift of the discerning of spirits, the Holy Ghost shows you the source of a spiritual manifestation, and if it is holy or unholy.

By these three gifts, the Holy Ghost manifests itself as our spiritual eyes and ears.

Matthew 13:16

But blessed are your eyes,for they see:and your ears, for they hear.



In the next lesson, we will learn about the revelation gift called the word of knowledge.







Questions to help you understand the lesson:

- 1. What are two different ways God can teach us.
- 2. In Psalm 119:71 we read, "it is good for me that I have been afflicted." Describe an important lesson you learned from a big mistake you made.
- 3. According to 1 Samuel 3:7, why did Samuel think it was Eli who was calling him?
- 4. According to this lesson, a revelation is a secret thing ______
- 5. According to 1 Corinthians 2:10, how does God reveal things to us?

Each question is worth 20 points.