



# GRACE

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## IDENTITY MATTERS

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# Scripture Reading (Please Stand)

*So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them. They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."*

**(Act 1:6-11)**

**Part Eight**

**WISDOM**

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**Fruit: Spiritual Gifts**

The Holy Spirit manifests Himself within the believer to enable him to discern the spirit behind certain actions or words, whether the spirit operating is the Holy Spirit or demonic. The person with this manifestation has been given a supernatural ability to see into the spiritual realm for the protection of the Body of Christ.

# Discernment

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properly a taste, that is, (figuratively) perception; by implication intelligence; transitively a mandate: - advice, behavior, decree, discretion, judgment, reason, taste, understanding or to know of certainty.

## MISUSE OF DISCERNMENT

to function from the discernment of knowledge, rely on one's own mind, advice according to the flesh, judge others and to think on the things that are certain to human logic.

# *Healing*

*to cure, to bring health spiritually, of the  
mind or body.*



# MISUSE OF HEALING

To ignore health, refuse to pray for supernatural healing, to ignore the condition of man or to use demonic healings to replicate the works of God.

## Miracles

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*A primitive root; properly perhaps to separate, that is, distinguish (literally or figuratively); by implication to be (causatively make) great, difficult, wonderful: - accomplish, (arise . . . too, be too) hard, hidden, things too high, (be, do, do a, shew) marvelous (-ly, -els, things, work), miracles, perform, separate, make singular, (be, great, make) wonderful (-ers, -ly, things, works), wondrous (things, works, -ly).*

# MISUSE OF MIRACLES

To ignore the works of God, do things in self-effort, take self-credit of the works of God, to refuse the workings of the indwelling Life or to produce miracles by demonic power.

# Discernment of Spirits

This manifestation is used in the testing of prophets and prophesying (1 John 4:1-6). Most of a prophet's words are to convince the Body members around them. The manifestation of DISCERNMENT is used by God to keep prophets in line. This manifestation can unmask a "body member: who is an evil worker and expose their deception to the Body of Christ. The Spirit often uses this manifestation to expose a source of error in a believer or expose the source of one's "revelation." This manifestation becomes a protection agent for the gifts God has provided.

**This gift will determine immediately if there is demonic activity going on in a group or in an individual. The Body member will have an overwhelming sense that spiritual warfare is going on around them. This manifestation gives a special insight into a person's physical sickness, whether it is spiritually or physically based. Paul experienced this in Acts 16:16-18. Paul was able to discern what spirit was speaking through the slave girl.**

# Healing

God uses this manifestation to cure human illnesses. The Greek definition of healing is “to cure”. This manifestation does not mean to “Band-Aid” or to bring relief but literally to cure. The Greek leaves us with the understanding that once the person has been healed, the illness is completely gone – cured.

**Purpose: The purpose is to bring permanent healing to physical, psychological and spiritual disease. Many think that once the Spirit manifests through them with this gift, they have the power to heal the sick anytime they choose. This is not the way this gift works. When the Holy Spirit is directed by the Heavenly Father to bring a cure to someone who is sick, then the power is released in the Body member to do the work.**

We do not know why God leaves certain people with illness and heals others. We do know that God has His reasons and lessons for His suffering children (2 Corinthians 12:7-9). When God does choose to heal, He does it so all mankind will now His glory.

**Healing is a result of God’s releasing His power. Paul was so filled up with the power of God that when people would take handkerchiefs from his body, they would be healed. Body members that are filled up with the power and presence of God are more likely to see healings because they have the power of God powering through them.**

# Miracles

Acts of God through a body member. The Greek definition is “power”. This includes parting water, walking on water, water into wine and everything in between.

**Purpose:** The purpose of miracles is for God to bring what is in the unseen world (God’s world) into the seen world (man’s world). Many Americans believe that God can and will perform miracles in the third world but not here in America. If the people don’t believe by faith that God can and will manifest this way, He probably won’t. It takes FAITH and WORKS to activate this manifestation. In many third world countries, people don’t have the prerogative to trust in science and modern inventions. They simple have to rely on the ways of the lord, and God’s miraculous is His normal place to functional. God's natural way of living is our supernatural way of living.

# Identity Matters

*Discernment, Healings & Miracles are required where healings are required. Without these manifestations, people would never experience the fullness of Christ and glorify God in Heaven.*



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