

**EARTH**

**WIND**

LIVING IN, LEARNING FROM,  
AND LISTENING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

**FIRE**

**The speaking gifts**

## I CORINTHIANS 12

<sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one there is given through the Spirit a **message of wisdom**, to another a **message of knowledge** by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another **gifts of healing** by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another **miraculous powers**, to another **prophecy**, to another **distinguishing between spirits**, to another **speaking in different kinds of tongues**, and to still another the **interpretation of tongues**. <sup>11</sup> All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

## MESSAGE OF WISDOM

When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.<sup>2</sup> For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.<sup>3</sup> I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling.<sup>4</sup> My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power,<sup>5</sup> so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.

<sup>12</sup> What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.<sup>13</sup> This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

# WHAT DO WE NEED?

**BE FILLED**

*with the Spirit*



**Ephesians 5:18:**

*"... be filled with the Spirit"*

In the Greek, this command is continuous and complete:

*"... be continually filled to the brim with the Spirit"*

*Being sealed, indwelled, and baptized by the Spirit are all ways of describing the Spirit's role in your salvation, but being continually FILLED to the brim is a vital continuous part of your sanctification.*



## INTELLIGIBILITY & UNDERSTANDING

**I COR 14** Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy. <sup>2</sup> For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit. <sup>3</sup> But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort. <sup>4</sup> Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies (builds up) the church. <sup>5</sup> I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be edified.

## NEED TO UNDERSTAND!

Since you are eager for gifts of the Spirit, try to excel in those that build up the church. <sup>13</sup> For this reason, the one who speaks in a tongue should pray that they may interpret what they say. <sup>14</sup> For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. <sup>15</sup> So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my understanding; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my understanding. <sup>16</sup> Otherwise when you are praising God in the Spirit, how can someone else, who is now put in the position of an inquirer, say “Amen” to your thanksgiving, since they do not know what you are saying? <sup>17</sup> You are giving thanks well enough, but no one else is edified.

## LISTEN AND WEIGH



If a word does not carry the heart or intentions  
of God as revealed in scripture,  
the hearer **SHOULD** rightly choose to set it  
aside after weighing it up



HOW DO I START?



# TUNE IN



**WEIGH IT FIRST!**

**BEFORE  
YOU  
SPEAK:  
THINK!**

**IS IT TRUE?**

**IS IT HELPFUL?**

**IS IT INSPIRING?**

**IS IT NECESSARY?**

**IS IT KIND?**

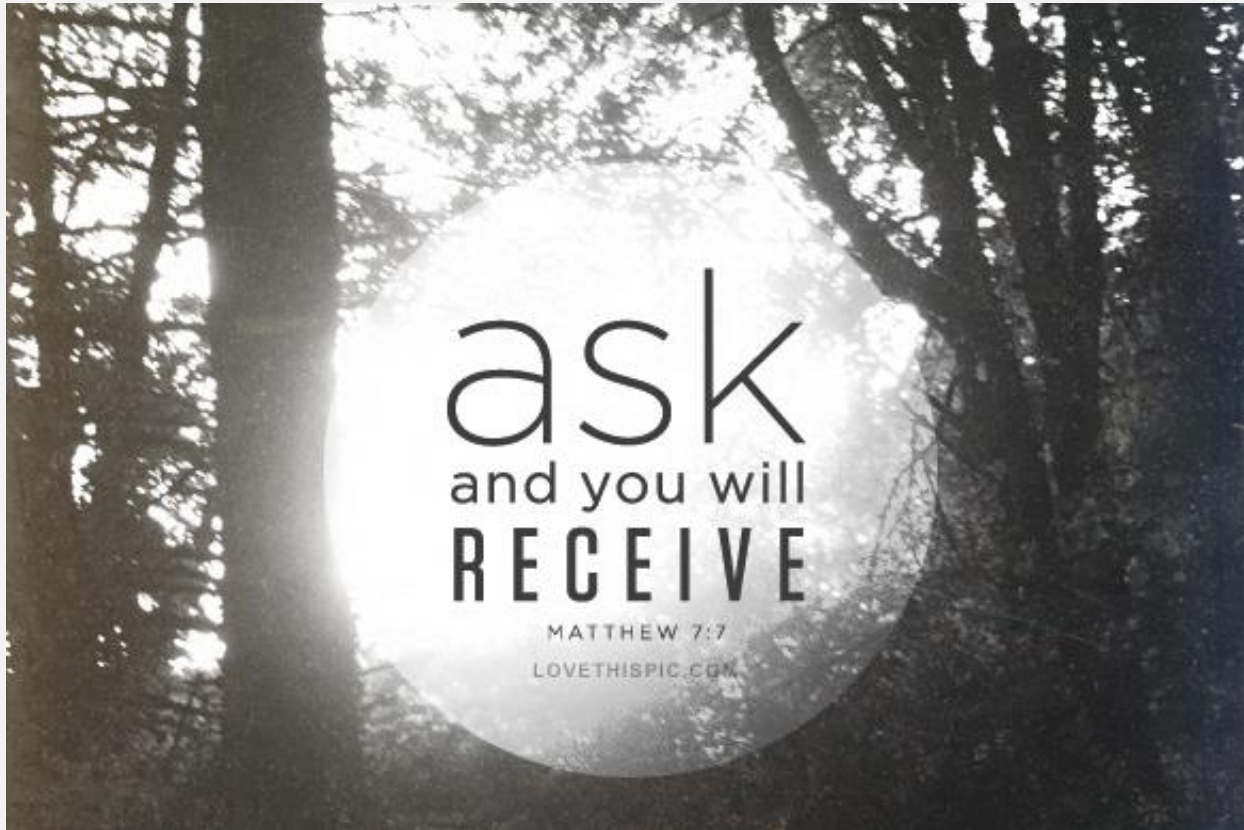
IN FAITH, SHARE IT!



# MESSAGE OF KNOWLEDGE & PROPHECY



ASK!



ONE EXAMPLE.....



DON'T QUENCH IT, FAN IT!

