



# The Spiritual Gift of Wisdom

## Definition

The gift of Wisdom is the God-given ability to apply spiritual truth effectively to meet a need in a specific situation.

### Gifts in Action

Philip, of Samaria, was recognized by his peers as having the gift of wisdom. This led to his selection as one of the seven deacons of the early church to oversee the distribution of food to widows. His service in this area enabled the apostles to focus on their ministry of proclaiming the Word of God. When each person serves in their area of gifting, it helps the church accomplish its mission.

## Scripture References for Wisdom

- 1 Corinthians 12:8
- James 3:13-18
- 1 Corinthians 2:3-5

## People With This Gift Like to...

- Focus on the unseen consequences in determining the next steps to take.
- Provide God-given solutions in the midst of conflict and confusion.
- Apply spiritual truth in specific and practical ways.

## Characteristics of People With Wisdom

- Sensible
- Insightful
- Practical
- Wise
- Fair
- Experienced

## Potential Ways to Use the Gift of Wisdom

- Member of a decision-making board or committee
- Counseling; mentoring; coaching
- Spiritual advisor

### RECOMMENDED READING:

**Discover Your God-Given Gifts, Don and Katie Fortune**  
**Book of Proverbs (Bible)**  
**Pilgrims Progress - John Bunyan**  
**The Knowledge of the Holy A.W. Tozer**