

WEEK SEVEN RESPONSE SHEET

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CHAPTER 13

How you can receive the spiritual gifts is the topic of chapter thirteen. The first thing you must do is have knowledge to receive the gifts. Teaching is important in order for those who desire the gifts to obtain knowledge. Then you could receive the gift by receiving the promise, by divine revelation, by the laying on of hands, and by desiring the gifts.

The most impactful way to receive the gifts is by receiving the promise from God. We must remember that when God makes a promise he keeps it. Then there has to be a desire for the gifts. To receive and excel in the gifts you have to go after them diligently.

I think receiving the gifts are based on the desire you have. If you are serious about growing spiritually, receiving the gifts is vital to growth. God promise them to all so they are available. I also think tradition hinders man from receiving. Many years I believed the only way to receive the gifts were through the laying on of hands. However, I received them and no one ever touched me at all.

Chapter 14

Chapter fourteen is to help us guard against the devils counterfeiting of supernatural gifts. Satan is a deceiver and his intent is to deceive Gods people. He will attempt to deceive us by attempting to counterfeit the word of wisdom, word of knowledge, discerning of spirits, gift of faith, working of miracles, gift of healing, gift of prophecy, and speaking in tongues. The greatest type of deception will come through the rise of the Antichrist and will target Christians.

The devil sought to counterfeit the word of wisdom since the beginning of time in the form of witches. A witch is a person who seeks to know from a supernatural source other than

God thinks not known normally or naturally. The devils attempt to counterfeit the gift of faith is simple. His goal is to convince us that to believe that all we have to do is just believe to receive the things we desire. This is a form of witchcraft and we should know that actions are a required ingredient of faith.

It is disheartening to know that the devil is counterfeiting the gifts and believers are falling for it. We should be using our greatest gift of discerning of spirits to avoid this trap. We should definitely be on alert for the rise of the Antichrist so we won't fall victim to the schemes many will succumb to.

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