

Carter (p. 279) states:

The gift of the interpretation of tongues is not bestowed upon the same individuals as are the kinds of tongues. Anyone who has been dependent upon interpreters in foreign countries, as the writer has, well knows that efficient interpretation is a special gift that few possess. Education and facility in one's own language are not sufficient in themselves to constitute a good interpreter. Spiritual insight and inspiration often play a far more important role in efficient interpretation than simply a thorough knowledge of two languages. Hodge argues convincingly and conclusively for this interpretation of verse 10.

K. Word of Knowledge

1 Corinthians 12:8 -- "To one there is given through the Spirit . . . , to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit"

1 Corinthians 13:2 -- "If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge"

Dennis and Rita Bennett (p. 155) claim, that the "word of knowledge" is "the supernatural revelation of facts past, present, or future which were not learned through the efforts of the natural mind. It may be described as the Mind of Christ being manifested to the mind of the believer, and is given when needed in a flash of time (I Cor. 2:16). This gift is used to protect the Christian, to show how to pray more effectively, or to show him how to help others."

Williams (p. 113) states:

Some believe Paul is talking about the gift of apprehension and application of scriptural truth in any age. Others understand him as referring to that unmediated, spiritual understanding and application of truth which was essential to the growth and development of the primitive Church in its precanonical era. This latter suggestion, which seem more in keeping with the larger context, sees Paul's reference here to gifted people in the early churches who spoke out on the basis of their special, spiritual grasp of the "mind of God". In other words this gift would be akin to prophecy and might well be associated with it, though evidently distinguishable from it.

Green (p. 184) writes:

Such is Christian knowledge. it centers on Jesus Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge (Colossians 2:3). And it is something which all the Corinthians were expected to have to to grow in (I Corinthians 1:5). But in all probability