

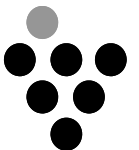
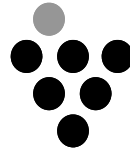
Points to Remember

- **Listen to the Person**
 - ◆ Offer to pray
 - ◆ Seek clarity
- **Listen to God**
 - ◆ Listen for God's heart
 - ◆ Decide where to begin praying
- **Pick a Prayer**
 - ◆ Salvation
 - ◆ General (petition, blessing, thanksgiving)
 - ◆ Physical healing
 - ◆ Emotional healing
 - ◆ Healing the oppressed
- **Pray!**
 - ◆ Ask permission
 - ◆ Invite the Holy Spirit
 - ◆ Pray with eyes open
 - ◆ Ask confidently/share tentatively
- **Next Steps**
 - ◆ Find God
 - ◆ Find a friend
 - ◆ Find a job
 - ◆ Find further help

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Hearing
From God



God Speaks...

From the beginning of time God has been a God who speaks. God has spoken to His people throughout the Old and New Testament. God loves us and desires an intimate relationship

HOW GOD SPEAKS

1. **Pictures**..... “See it ”
2. **Impressions**..... “Sense it”
3. **Written word**..... “Read it”
4. **A flow of words** ... “Say it ”
5. **Pain in the body** .. “Feel it ”
6. **Inner knowing** “Know it”

Prophecy is declaring the heart of God for the purpose of encouragement.

Words of Knowledge is speaking insight of truth/facts inspired by God.

Words of Wisdom is “seeing” what God sees and “saying” it.

Discernment is the supernatural ability to

FACILITATING GOD’S PRESENCE

Invite the Holy Spirit - The Holy Spirit is always present, but this helps you and the person being prayed for to focus on God not on you.

- Hints of the Holy Spirit. As we pray with our eyes open, we can sometimes see or feel the effects of the Holy Spirit. There may be a feeling of warmth, eyelids fluttering, tears, trembling, deep breathing or sighing, flushness on the face, a deep sense of peace, weakness in the knees. All these can be indicators of the Holy Spirit’s touch.

Position yourself to hear God’s voice - Wait for God to direct us how to pray.

- When we share, in every way be respectful. Never tell people that “if you have more faith” or “if you only believe: then God will do such and such.
- Encouraging people to act or respond in a certain way is never a good idea.
- As you sense God speaking to you or helping you pray, offer it to the person in a manner that can be rejected without embarrassment.
- Avoid giving advice or solutions regarding the prayer request - this is God’s job.

It’s all up to God - As we pray for people, we are participating with the ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus tells us . . . **“But the Holy Spirit will come and help you, because the Father will send the Spirit to take my place ... ”**

John 14:26

Expect God to empower us with His gifts - He gives us His spiritual gifts for the work of ministry.

TIPS FOR USING THESE GIFTS

- These “insights” often come very quickly, more like a flash than a stationary road sign.
- They may seem vague at first. We must learn to “tune in” to these impressions.
- We must resist our natural default to “tune out” these impressions, thinking, “That’s just me”. Some times it is “just me”, but not always!
- To grow in these gifts you have to be willing to humbly experiment and take some risks.
- Spend time with God
- Read the Bible. Knowing His Word helps us discern if it is from God or another source. He will never speak to us anything that is contrary to His Word.

REFLECT AND EXAMINE

- God wants His gifts to flow through us in a natural way. How have you known God to use you?
- How often do you “risk” in responding to a prompting from God?
- How would you offer what God may be saying to you in a prayer setting? Are there helpful and unhelpful ways?

POINTS TO REMEMBER

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Share
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