



DGM Message Summary: Foul or Fair

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God wants us to know about our spiritual gifts. The seventh is the gift of discerning spirits. This gift helps us determine what's fair or foul. When we tap into this God given gift, the Holy Spirit won't just be in us, but it will be upon us. Many people limit themselves when God has much more, but we must take the next step.

Scriptural References:

- **1 Corinthians 12:8**
- **Acts 8:9**
- **Mathew 12:3**
- **2 Kings 5:11**

Key Points:

- The Holy Spirit wants to manifest in our lives.
- Many Believers feel the presence of God, but think that's all there is of God.
- The gifts are given to each person for the profit of every person.
 - Without these gifts, success will cost you more and benefit you less.
 - It is vital that your walk with God becomes profitable. It will not be profitable if you don't move beyond ignorance.
- People are given wisdom through the Holy Spirit.
 - Wisdom is the skillful use of knowledge.
 - God gives us inside information.
- Simon previously practiced sorcery. He was a magician. He used tricks to deceive worshipers.
 - His practices were often demonic. People were afraid of him.
 - People believed God had given him power.
- People trusted Philip before they trusted his message.
 - Trust is the currency of all relationships; lose it and nothing else matters.
 - Our credibility must be above reproach.
 - Unlike Simon, Philip exalted God.
- Simon listened with his heart but also watched with his eye.
 - He wanted to make sure Philip's miracles were legit.
 - He was amazed, but his old way of thinking sneaked back in.

- The Holy Spirit didn't come to just live on the inside of us. The Holy Spirit came to be upon us.
- Many people have been baptized in the name of Jesus, but haven't stepped into the fullness of God's spirit.
- Don't settle for anything less than everything God has for you.
 - Many people have limited themselves.
 - When God says there's more for you, take the next step.
- When Simon saw the laying of hands, he was amazed by what Philip and the apostles were doing in the lives of the Samaritans.
 - Simon offered them money, asking to get their powers. He slipped back to his old ways.
 - We have to be careful about bringing old mindsets into God's house.
 - Peter told him your money will perish with you.
- The spirit of discernment is like a baseball umpire. He calls what is foul and what is fair.
 - These apostles discerned good and evil.
 - The discerning of the spirit is like the policemen of the kingdom.
- You cannot buy God's blessing. Everything God has for us has been purchased through the blood of Jesus.
- Peter told Simon the very fact you tried to buy it disqualified him from having it.
 - Peter told Simon his heart was not right in the sight God.
 - Peter told Simon to repent and return from his wickedness.
- Peter told Simon if you repent and pray you can be delivered.
- The gift of discernment is not meant to be judgmental but redemptive. This gift requires maturity.