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Manifestation Gifts

Lesson Six: Working of Miracles

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I. DEFINITION OF TERMS:

A. The Greek term translated “working”--

1. *energemata* is the nominative plural of *energema*, so this should literally be translated “workings” or “effectings.”
2. We get our English term “energy” from this Greek word. You could even make a case for transliterating this as “energizings.”

B. The Greek term translated “miracles”--

1. *dunameon* is the genitive plural of *dunamis*, “powers.” The significance of the genitive case of this noun is that it shows possession, i.e., “of miracles.”
2. We get our English terms “dynamite” and “dynamic” from this Greek word. W. E. Vine defines this term as “‘power, inherent ability,’ is used of works of a supernatural origin and character, such as could not be produced by natural agents and means.”

C. My Working Definition of This Gift--

1. Literally, then, this gift is the “putting into effect the power” of God.
2. The result of this gift being put into operation is a happening or an event that supercedes the natural order of this physical realm (“super” + “natural”).

D. Various English Translations--

1. NIV, “miraculous powers” is inexact. It leaves the impression that the “powers” are a possession of sorts that somehow they reside permanently in the gifted believer. (Cf. Tyndale’s “power to do miracles.”)

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2. More literal renderings:
 - a) “working of miracles” (KJV, RSV, NKJV);
 - b) “workings of miralces” (RV & ASV);
 - c) “the effecting of miracles” (NASB). The marginal reading has “effects of works of power.”

II. OLD TESTAMENT EXAMPLES OF THIS GIFT;

- A. Exodus 14:21-31
- B. 1 Kings 17:7-16
- C. 2 Kings 4:42-44
- D. 2 Kings 6:1-7

III. THIS GIFT EXEMPLIFIED IN THE GOSPELS:

- A. Mark 4:35-41
- B. John 2:1-11
- C. John 6:1-13

IV. THIS GIFT EXEMPLIFIED IN ACTS:

- A. Acts 5:1-11
- B. Acts 13:9-11

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V. A WORD OF WARNING ABOUT MIRACULOUS SIGNS:

A. Beware of a thrill-seeking attitude, which seeks the signs and not the Spirit-

1. Matthew 12:38-39

2. 1 Corinthians 1:22

B. Not all genuine miracles are of God--

1. Exodus 7:11-12

2. Deuteronomy 13:1-5

3. 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12

VI. CONTEMPORARY EXAMPLES: