WORD OF WISDOM/KNOWLEDGE; FAITH; HEALING; MIRACULOUS POWERS

1 Corinthians 12:7-10 (but only the first gift of verse 10...)
*The list of Spiritual Gifts here in 1 Corinthians is ***Extensive*** but it's not ***Exhaustive.***
1 Corinthians 12:7
vs 7- Now to each ***one*** the ***manifestation*** of the Spirit is given for the ***common good.***

*Manifestation means to make something evident or obvious.

*"When believer's exercise their gifts God's people become tangible evident, meaningful expressions of God's active presence on earth."
*The exercise of the gifts makes the Spirit's presence evident.

*One-->All, "common good"
*the word for common good is symphero and it means "to bring together".
*Spiritual gifts are not primarily designed to be practiced in solo isolation but rather in and with the body of believers!

1 Corinthians 12:8-10
To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit.

MESSAGE/WORD OF WISDOM & KNOWLEDGE
*Only place these two gifts are mentioned.
*Paul doesn't provide us a definition or how they function in the Body of Christ.

Logos= word, message, utterance, occurs more than 300 times in NT.

Sophia= Wisdom, speaks of deep understanding and skill in how to live in a way that pleases God.
Paul tells the Ephesians those who walk not as unwise but as wise will be making the most of every opportunity because the days are evil and they will understand what the will of the Lord is. (5:15-17)

Gnosis= Knowledge
Peter encourages Christians to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ"

Wisdom pertains to instruction. Knowledge pertains to information.

<u>2 Approaches to these gifts:</u> (Wayne Grudem's Terms)

***Sudden Revelation View**
A Word of Wisdom is wise direction or guidance that is suddenly/spontaneously revealed by the Holy Spirit.
***Acts 6:10**
But they could not stand up against the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke.

A Word of Knowledge is information that has been suddenly/spontaneously revealed by the Holy Spirit.
Acts 5:3-4
Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to human beings but to God.

***Wise Speech View**
Word of Wisdom- The ability to speak to others in a way that conveys true Wisdom to them.

Acts 6:3- Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn over this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.
1Kings 3 -King Solomon decision "Divide the living child in two and give half to one and half to the other.
Word of Knowledge- The ability to speak to others in a way that gives true Knowledge to people.
(especially knowledge of Scripture and God.)

I personally believe it can be both…either or.
-The Spirit's Gifts
-As He wills
-He knows when and how to distribute these gifts.

—>Rather to be encouraged God Still Speaks!!!
1Corinthians 4:20- For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.

The Power of the Holy Spirit:
God doesn't want us to simply SPECULATE or INVESTIGATE the Power of the Holy Spirit, He wants us to PARTICIPATE in the Power of the Holy Spirit!!

"We don't see or hear or personally experience the power of God because we've constructed lives for ourselves that don't require it!!" (Matt Chandler)

1Corinthians 12:9-10
to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers...
FAITH
The NT has much to say about Faith.
This is the only place in the NT that explicitly refers to the charisma/gift of Faith.

This gift of Faith sees the will of God accomplished despite all natural resistance!

Why was Faith so important to Jesus?
-It magnifies the mercy and power of God
-Faith is a personal confession of our personal inability and God's limitless power.

3 Types of Faith:

1 Conversion Faith
Saving Faith, faith that occurs at the time of salvation.

Eph 2:8-9 For it is by grace you have been saved, ***through faith***—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

2 Continuing Faith
Faith that is exercised daily to trust God to do all He has promised to do.
2Cor 5:7 We walk *by Faith* not by sight.

-Faith of Heb 11

All believers have this faith just in varying degrees of intensity.

3 Charismatic Faith
A spontaneous supernatural endowment from the Spirit for a particular moment, action, step, etc…
Not generated by the individual but by the Spirit.

GIFTS OF HEALING

***ALL of God's Children Will Experience Healing!!**
1Cor 15:42-44

-If we experience miraculous healing this side of eternity it's still temporary!

*Gifts of Healings:
-Both Gift & Healing are Plural
-Lack the definite article
"Evidently, Paul did not envision that a person would be endowed with one healing gift operative at all times for all diseases. His language suggests either many different gifts or powers of healing, each appropriate to and effective for its related illness, or each occurrence of healing constituting a distinct gift in its own right."
(Storms)

*Don't accept the erroneous idea that if someone could ***ever*** heal, they could ***always*** heal.

***Paul** most certainly exercised gifts of healing on a regular basis.
-But not even he could heal every time all the time
*Epaphroditus(Phil 2:25-30), Timothy (1Timothy 5:23), Trophimus (2Timothy 4:20), Paul (Gal 4:13)

***Healing Belongs in the Hand & Heart of God**

***Whenever and Wherever healing occurs it is subject to the will of God NOT the will of man.**
Even Jesus Modeled This:
-John 5, invalid man at the pool, only healed 1!
-Nazareth, He could only heal a few, lack of faith
3 Biblical Reasons Why God Heals:
God Heals Out Of Compassion & Mercy

*Matt 14:13-14 "When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, *he had compassion on them and healed their sick*."

Compassion motivated Jesus to:
Heal lepers (Mark 1)
The demonized youth (Mark 9)
The Blind (Matt 20)
Feeding of the Four Thousand (Matt 15)

The primary reason God healed through Jesus prior to Pentecost is because He is a merciful, compassionate God. The primary reason God heals through Jesus after Pentecost is because He is a merciful, compassionate God.

"To argue that God has withdrawn His healing ministry from the church is to argue He has also withdrawn His compassion from the church."

God Heals To Glorify Himself & His Son

***Raising Lazarus from the dead!**
"This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory *so that God's Son may be glorified through it*.**"**
(John 11:4)

***Peter explained the healing of the lame man at the temple gate**
"When Peter saw this, he said to them: Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God of your fathers, *has glorified his servant Jesus*…" (Acts 3:12-13)

God Heals In Response To Faith
*Woman with hemorrhage for 12 years, touched him
"Take heart daughter, your faith has healed you."
(Matt 9:22)

*Jesus healing paralytic lowered through roof…
"When Jesus saw their faith he healed the paralytic"
(Matt 9:2)

*Apostles Ministry…
"…Paul looked directly at him, *saw that he had faith* to be healed and called out, Stand up on your feet! At that, the man jumped up and began to walk." (Acts 14:9-10)

The NT clearly teaches repeatedly that God heals in response to Faith.

MIRACULOUS POWERS
The Bible is a book that begins with miracles, persists in miracles, and ends with miracles!

The Words Used: Energemata Dunameon…
Workings of Powers!

*Good Biblical Definition of a Miracle (Wayne Grudem)
"A miracle is a less common kind of God's activity in which he arouses people's awe and wonder and bears witness to himself." (Grudem)

Jesus, as well as Peter, Paul and other disciples lived their lives with the continual expectation of the miraculous.

Most of us believe miracles CAN happen, we just don't EXPECT them to happen!
-(we sabotage ourselves by not expecting the miraculous!)

***ACTS 4:29-31**
The church prayed for healings and for signs and wonders