

Discovering Your Gifts #10

The Gift of Prophecy

1 Cor. 12:10

Continuing to look at the three vocal gifts, we now come to the gift of prophecy. Prophecy is the most important of the vocal gifts. (Tongues and Interpretation = prophecy – 1 Cor. 14:5). Prophecy is a supernatural utterance in a known tongue. The subject of the prophetic is a large area of study. We will only be able to deal with the basics in this lesson. Let's consider some aspects...

I. Four Levels of the Prophetic

- A. The Spirit of Prophecy – 1Sam. 10:11
- B. The Gift of Prophecy – 1 Cor. 12:10
- C. The Ministry of Prophecy – Acts 21:9
- D. The Ministry of the Prophet – Eph. 4:11

II. Simple Prophecy

- A. 1 Cor. 14:1-5
- B. Edification, exhortation, comfort – Build up, stir up and bind up
- C. 1 Cor. 14:39 desire earnestly to prophecy. KJV – covet to prophecy
- D. Simple prophecy does not involve fore-telling.
- E. All may prophesy 1 Cor. 14:31
- F. Let the *prophets* speak two or three. 1 Cor. 14:29

III. Prophecy As a Channel for Other Gifts

- A. When prophecy carries revelation, it moves beyond simple prophecy.
- B. Prophecy can carry the Word of Wisdom or the Word of Knowledge
- C. 1 Cor. 14:24, 25

IV. The Office of the Prophet

- A. The office of prophet usually operates in all three revelation gifts: word of wisdom, word of knowledge and discerning of spirits.
- B. Some prophets are seers and move in the realm of dreams and visions.
- C. Acts 21:8-11 four daughter who *prophesied*... Agabus, a certain *prophet*.

V. Judging Prophecy

- A. 1 Thes. 5:19-21
- B. Rom. 8:16; 9:1 The Holy Spirit bears witness with our human spirit concerning the Truth.

1 Cor 12:31 AMP

But earnestly desire and zealously cultivate the greatest and best gifts and graces (the higher gifts and the choicest graces).

1 Cor 14:1 AMP

EAGERLY PURSUE and seek to acquire [this] love [make it your aim, your great quest]; and earnestly desire and cultivate the spiritual endowments (gifts), especially that you may prophesy