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"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me."

**JOHN 10:27 ESV** 

Reckless words are like the thrusts of a sword, cutting remarks meant to stab and to hurt. But the words of the wise soothe and heal.

**PROVERBS 12:18 TPT** 

It is good that you are enthusiastic and passionate about spiritual gifts, especially prophecy. When someone speaks in tongues, no one understands a word he says, because he's not speaking to people, but to God—he is speaking intimate mysteries in the Spirit. But when someone prophesies, he speaks to encourage people, to build them up, and to bring them comfort. The one who speaks in tongues advances his own spiritual progress, while the one who prophesies builds up the church."

1 CORINTHIANS 14:1-4 TPT

"When we give a prophetic word to someone, we become supernatural connectors. As we open our mouth and speak prophetic words, the realm of glory is made manifest as we connect someone to heavens encouragement."

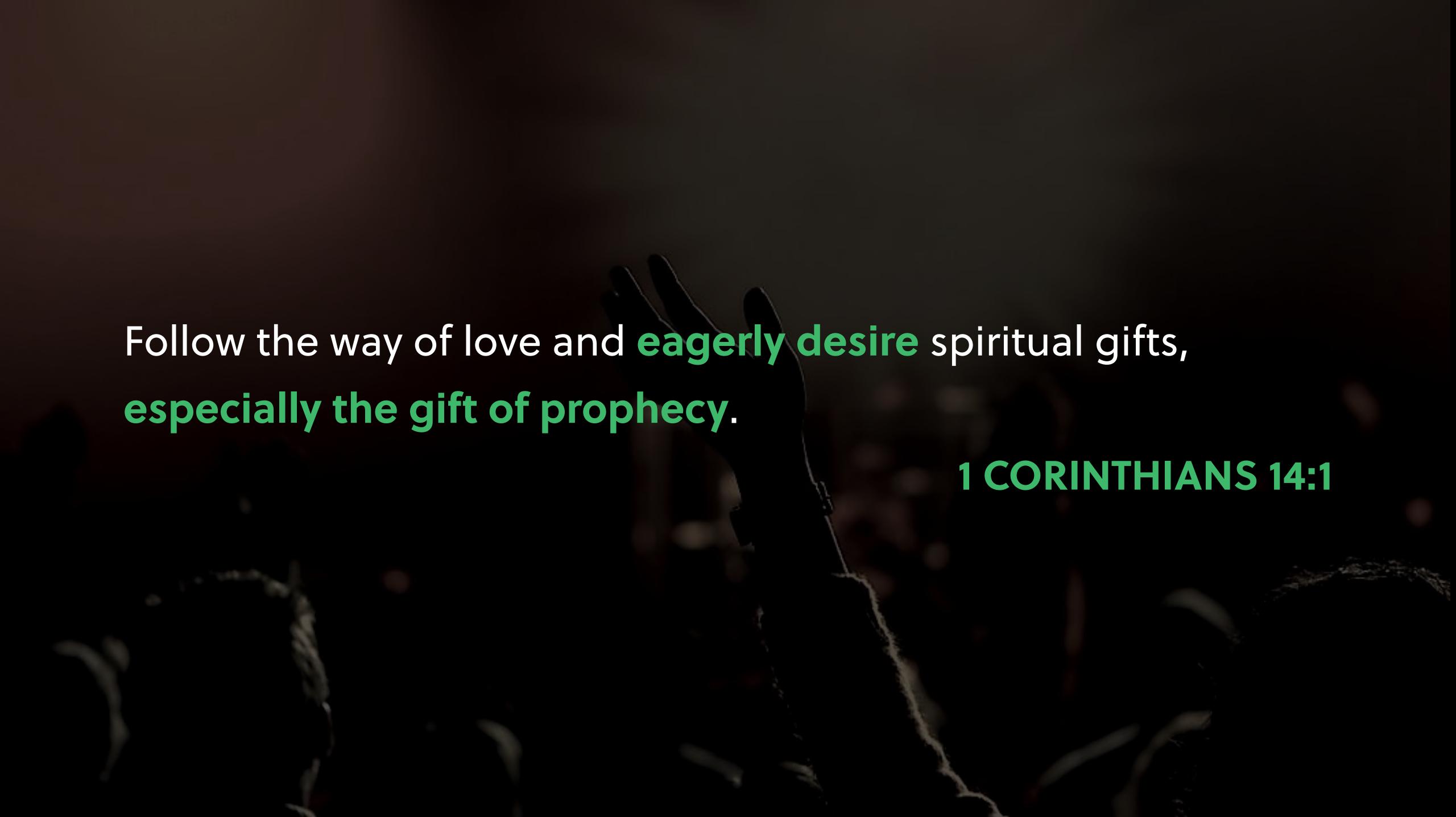
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12 When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior." 13 "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian."14 The Lord turned to him and said,

"Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?" 15 "Pardon me, my lord," Gideon replied, "but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family." 16 The Lord answered, "I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive."

JUDGES 6:12-16

# EAGERLY DESIRE TO PROPHESY



4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. . . . . 12 So it is with you. Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:4, 1 2

Therefore, my brothers, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:39

# EVERYONE CAN PROPHESY

"'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy.

**ACTS 2:17** 

5 I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy . . . 29 Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said. 30 And if a revelation comes to someone who is sitting down, the first speaker should stop. 31 For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:5, 29-31

Therefore, my brothers, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:39

#### DESIGNED TO:

Strengthen, encourage,

comfort and position for battle.

But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening(edification, build them up), encouraging (exhort) and comfort.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:3

18 Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well.

**1 TIMOTHY 1:18** 

## EVERY PROPHECY SHOULD BEJUDGED

20 Do not treat prophecies with contempt 21 but test them all; hold on to what is good, 22 reject every kind of evil.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:20-22

For we know in part and we prophesy in part. . . . 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

**1 CORINTHIANS 13:9,12** 

Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:29

#### HOW TO JUDGE EVERY PROPHECY

- 1. Does this prophecy edify, exhort, comfort and supply courage to stand or fight?
- 2. Does it conform to scripture?
- 3. Does this prophet and the prophecy glorify Jesus and represent Him accurately?
- 4. Is the prophecy free of manipulation, control or condemnation?

#### GIVING A PROPHECY

#### HOW TO GIVE A PROPHECY

- Be passionate to serve, build up, encourage and comfort people
- 2. Respect the person
- 3. Consider the context
- 4. Manifest the Lord's nature
- 5. Let the Scriptures provide authority

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