The Gift of Prophecy

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⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit to another prophecy,

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10

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Differences between Old Testament Prophets and the New Testament gift of prophesy

Old Testament Prophesy	New Testament Prophecy All who believe can prophesy Acts 2:17 "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy.		
Only a few anointed to be prophets Jeremiah 1:5 I appointed you as a prophet			
Partnered with the Law of Moses Matthew 11:13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John	Partner with grace Hebrews 1:2 in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son		
Prophets were feared and avoided 1 Samuel 16:4 the elders of the town trembled when they met him. They asked, "Do you come in peace?"	Prophesy is to be celebrated and desired 1 Corinthians 14:1 eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy.		
Often used to point out sin 2 Samuel 12:13 Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord."	Most often used to reveal God's goodness 1 Corinthians 14:3 But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.		

It is the only gift repeated in each of the three gift sets	Romans 12:6-8 Prophesying Serving Teaching Encouraging Giving Leadership Mercy	Ephesians 4:11 Apostles 2. Prophets Evangelists Pastors Teachers	 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 Wisdom Knowledge Discerning of Spirits Faith Healings Miracles 7. Prophecy Tongues Interpretation of tongues
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It is the gift we are encouraged to seek most eagerly ¹ Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy.

⁴ He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

1 CORINTHIANS 14

¹² So it is with you. Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church.

³⁹ Therefore, my brothers, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.

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Everyone is encouraged to practice it

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⁵ I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy

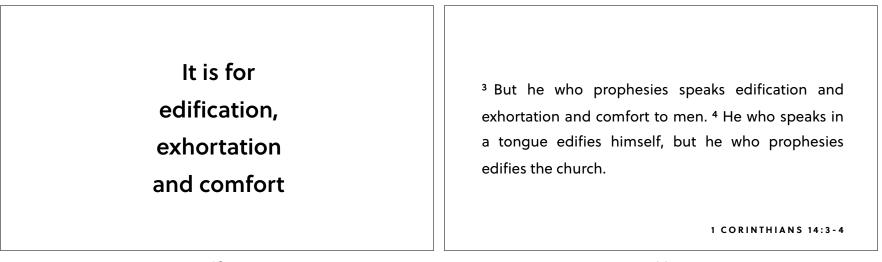
²⁹ Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said. ³⁰ And if a revelation comes to someone who is sitting down, the first speaker should stop. ³¹ For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged.

1 CORINTHIANS 14

¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes (diaireo) them to each one, just as he determines.

diairéō – properly apportion (assign), by the choice of a superior; to divide (distribute).

1 CORINTHIANS 12



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All the principles we discussed last week in the introduction apply to prophesy **Methodology** How to prophesy 1. Lovingly It is the nature of love to cover, envy, ambition or pride uncover! ¹² Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs.

⁸ Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

PROVERBS 10:12 , 1 PETER 4:8

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²⁴ But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an ungifted man enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all; ²⁵ the secrets of his heart are disclosed; and so he will fall on his face and worship God, declaring that God is certainly among you. (NASB)

1 CORINTHIANS 14:24-25

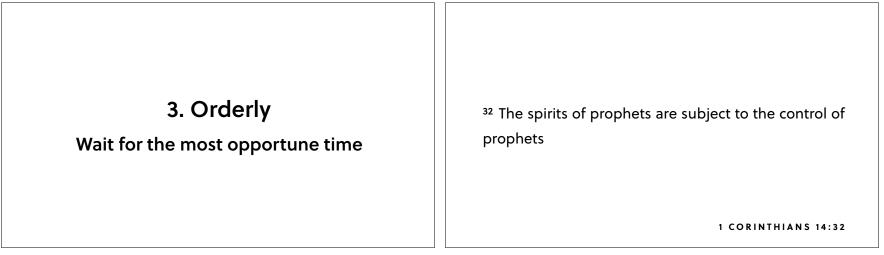
2. Normally

Make supernatural natural

3. Orderly Recognize responsibility and authority ³⁷ If anybody thinks he is a prophet or spiritually gifted, let him acknowledge that what I am writing to you is the Lord's command. ³⁸ If he ignores this, he himself will be ignored. ³⁹ Therefore, my brothers, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. ⁴⁰ But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:37-40

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²⁹ Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge. ³⁰ But if anything is revealed to another who sits by, let the first keep silent. ³¹ For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged. ³² And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. ³³ For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:29-33

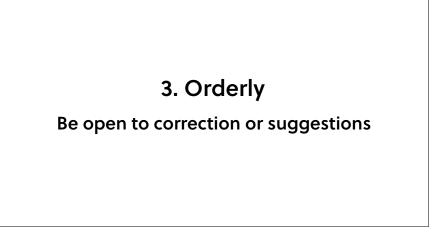
3. Orderly Stop talking in time

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1 CORINTHIANS 14:29-31



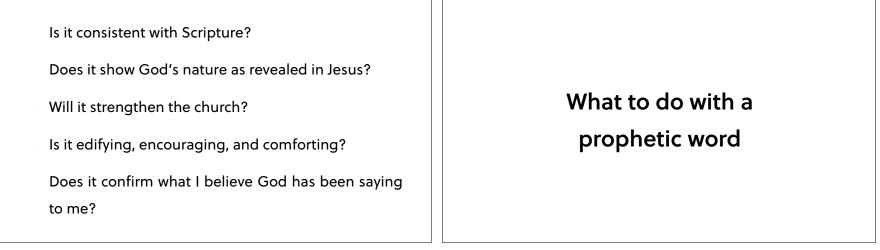
⁹ For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

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1 CORINTHIANS 13:9,14:29

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How to judge a prophetic word



Record it

Review it - with trustworthy people if necessary

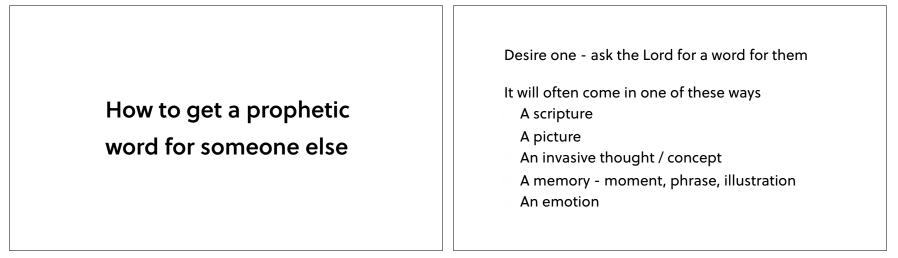
Pray over it

If you believe its valid - fight for it.

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

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Ask the Lord for clarity of meaning- reflect on it

Deliver it in the way most likely for it to be well received

¹I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts; I will look to see what he will say to me,

⁷ Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

HABAKKUK 2:1, 2 TIMOTHY 2:7

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