

# The Gift of Prophecy

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<sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. <sup>8</sup> 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 prophecy

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

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**It is the only gift repeated  
in each of the three gift sets**

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**Romans 12:6-8    Ephesians 4:11    1 Corinthians 12:8-10**

Prophesying	Apostles	Wisdom
Serving	2. Prophets	Knowledge
Teaching	Evangelists	Discerning of Spirits
Encouraging	Pastors	Faith
Giving	Teachers	Healings
Leadership		Miracles
Mercy		7. Prophecy
		Tongues
		Interpretation of tongues

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**It is the gift we are  
encouraged  
to seek most eagerly**

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<sup>1</sup> Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy.

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

1 CORINTHIANS 14

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

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

1 CORINTHIANS 14

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**Everyone is encouraged  
to practice it**

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

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

1 CORINTHIANS 14

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<sup>11</sup> 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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**It is for  
edification,  
exhortation  
and comfort**

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<sup>3</sup> But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. <sup>4</sup> He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:3-4

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**All the principles we discussed  
last week in the introduction  
apply to prophesy**

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**Methodology**  
How to prophesy

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## **1. Lovingly**

**It is the nature of love to cover,  
envy, ambition or pride uncover!**

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<sup>12</sup> Hatred stirs up dissension, but love covers over all wrongs.

<sup>8</sup> 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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<sup>24</sup> But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an ungifted man enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all; <sup>25</sup> 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

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## **2. Normally**

**Make supernatural natural**

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**3. Orderly**  
**Recognize responsibility and authority**

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<sup>37</sup> 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. <sup>38</sup> If he ignores this, he himself will be ignored. <sup>39</sup> Therefore, my brothers, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. <sup>40</sup> But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:37-40

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**3. Orderly**  
**Wait for the most opportune time**

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<sup>32</sup> The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets

1 CORINTHIANS 14:32

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

1 CORINTHIANS 14:29-33

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**3. Orderly**  
**Stop talking in time**

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<sup>29</sup> Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge. <sup>30</sup> But if anything is revealed to another who sits by, let the first keep silent. <sup>31</sup> For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged.

1 CORINTHIANS 14:29-31

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**3. Orderly**  
**Be open to correction or suggestions**

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<sup>9</sup> For we know in part and we prophesy in part.

<sup>29</sup> Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said

1 CORINTHIANS 13:9,14:29

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## How to judge a prophetic word

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Is it consistent with Scripture?

Does it show God's nature as revealed in Jesus?

Will it strengthen the church?

Is it edifying, encouraging, and comforting?

Does it confirm what I believe God has been saying to me?

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## What to do with a prophetic word

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Record it

Review it - with trustworthy people if necessary

Pray over it

If you believe its valid - fight for it.

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<sup>18</sup> 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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## **How to get a prophetic word for someone else**

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Desire one - ask the Lord for a word for them

It will often come in one of these ways

A scripture

A picture

An invasive thought / concept

A memory - moment, phrase, illustration

An emotion

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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

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

<sup>7</sup> 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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## Questions and Practice

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