

HOLY SPIRIT: PROPHECY

1Co 14:3, 24-25 NIV - The one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort. ... But if an unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying, they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all, as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, "God is really among you!"

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12 are gifts which are freely distributed by God when believers gather together. Jesus demonstrated that spiritual maturity includes operating in any and all of these gifts as God wills. *Note:* These gifts are different than those in Romans 12 and Ephesians 4.

DESCRIPTION

The Holy Spirit gift of Prophecy is distributed by the Holy Spirit when believers are gathered together. By definition, prophecy is "a discourse emanating from divine inspiration and declaring the purposes of God, whether by reproof and admonishing the wicked, or comforting the afflicted, revealing hidden things, or foretelling future events.*" As such, the Holy Spirit gift of Prophecy is for edification, exhortation, comfort, and may also be used to expose or bring conviction of sin.

Any believer can function in this gift at any time as God grants them revelation. This said, the Scripture is clear that all hearers of prophecy must test/judge the word of prophecy for themselves before receiving it as from the Lord or taking action on the word. As a general guideline, words from the Lord will impart hope and restoration while words of condemnation or manipulation are not from God.

Practicing the Holy Spirit Gift of Prophecy is about listening to God when we are with people for anything He may desire to say to them and then speaking it forth on His behalf.



PURPOSE:

To speak forth God's words of encouragement, and alignment with His will.

To convey the heart of God towards others.

To discern accurately the situations in the lives of others so we can help them according to God's will.

SPIRITUAL FRUIT:

Speaking the truth in love to others.

Building up the Church.

Compassion coupled with words of exhortation to right action.

Considerate warnings and rebukes to those who need correction.

Comfort for the afflicted.

**Definition from Thayer's Greek Lexicon*

PRAYER

Father, thank you that you desire to speak through me by your Spirit so that others may be brought into the fullness of your love and blessings. Help me to speak your words to others so that they can know you more. In Jesus' name, Amen.



PRACTICE

1. When you are with someone, take some time to ask the Lord if there is anything He desires to say to them.
 - While you are with the person, listen to them and listen to the Holy Spirit at the same time.
2. Pay careful attention to what the Holy Spirit reveals to you as you focus on the person you are with. Pay attention for things such as:
 - Scripture verses or passages that come to your mind.
 - Simple phrases which seem to come into your mind (which may hold significance to them even if not to you.)
 - Pictures or visions you see with the eyes of your heart (which you must then describe to them.)
 - Revelation of the call of God on their life or some aspect of how God has gifted them.
 - Discernment of the time or season of life with God that they are in and God's purpose in it.
 - Instructions from God for what they are to do next.
 - Insight into an area of their life which God desires to heal.
 - Invitations to deeper trust in God and His ways.
 - Warnings of danger ahead.
 - Calls to repentance or rebuke for ungodliness or unbelief.
 - A scene or prophetic act the Lord wants you to do to demonstrate His message to them.
3. Share the insights you receive from the Lord with the person you are with or do what the Lord tells you to do.
 - Encourage them to test the word and take it to the Lord in prayer for application.
 - Give God all the glory for speaking through you!

NOTES: _____

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

1 Corinthians
14:1-5, 29-33, 39

Acts 11:28

Acts 13:1-2

Acts 21:8-14

Acts 21:9

1Thessalonians
5:19-22

1 John 4:1