

Gift of Prophecy

I Corinthians 14

12 Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual *gifts*, *let it be* for the edification of the church *that* you seek to excel.

I Corinthians 12:1-11

Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant: **2** You know that[[a](#)] you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. **3** Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

4 There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. **5** There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. **6** And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. **7** But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*: **8** for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same[[b](#)]Spirit, **10** to another the working of miracles, to another **prophecy**, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. **11** But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Breakdown of the Gifts of The Spirit

Revelation Gifts

- Discerning of Spirits
- Word of Knowledge
- Word of Wisdom

Power Gifts

- Gifts of Healing
- Working of Miracles
- Gift of Faith

Inspiration Gifts

- Diverse Tongues
- Prophecy
- Interpretation of Tongues

Ephesians 4

11 And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some **prophets**, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, **12** for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, **13** till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; **14** that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, **15** but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all

things into Him who is the head—Christ— **16** from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Prophecy is a unique gifting because not only is listed as ‘Spiritual Gift’ but also a ‘**Office**’.

prophēteia

Thayer Definition:

1) prophecy

1a) a discourse emanating from divine inspiration and declaring the purposes of God, whether by reproof and admonishing the wicked, or comforting the afflicted, or revealing things hidden; especially by foretelling future events

1b) Used in the NT of the utterance of OT prophets

1b1) of the prediction of events relating to Christ’s kingdom and its speedy triumph, together with the consolations and admonitions pertaining to it, the spirit of prophecy, the divine mind, to which the prophetic faculty is due

3 Personalities of Prophecy

Spirit of Prophecy

Rev 19

10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “See *that you do not do that!* I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the **spirit of prophecy.**”

Uction or anointing preachers may feel, which enables them to preach far above their own mentality.

Gift of Prophecy

For anyone who desires it and it filled with the HS and will manifest itself whenever the Spirit so leads.

-An anointed utterance (word) proclaiming/foretelling for edification.

Office of a Prophet

-has within it, the resident Spirit of a prophet as we find throughout the OT

-will also likely possess the revelation gifts

-Word of Knowledge

-Word of Wisdom

-Discerning of Spirits

Throughout the Bible NT

Acts 11

27 And in these days prophets came from Jerusalem to Antioch. **28** Then one of them, named Agabus, stood up and showed by the Spirit that there was going to be a great famine throughout all the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius Caesar.

Acts 13

Now in the church that was at Antioch there were certain prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.

Acts 15

32 Now Judas and Silas, themselves being prophets also, exhorted and strengthened the brethren with many words.

Acts 21

9 Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied. **10** And as we stayed many days, a certain prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. **11** When he had come to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his *own* hands and feet, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews at

Jerusalem bind the man who owns this belt, and deliver *him* into the hands of the Gentiles.”

I Cor 12:28

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. **28** And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. **29** *Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Are all workers of miracles?* **30** Do all have gifts of healings? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? **31** But earnestly desire the best[d] gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.

I Cor 14:29-33 (No Confusion)

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.

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7 But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*

-Prophecy should be able to prophet ALL!

- Understood. Not mysterious. Not scary in presentation
- Communicated clearly.

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2 Moments You Can Receive a Prophetic Word

1. When hands are laid on you by ministers
Acts 19

And it happened, while Apollos was at Corinth, that Paul, having passed through the upper regions, came to Ephesus. And finding some disciples **2** he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?”

So they said to him, “We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.”

3 And he said to them, “Into what then were you baptized?”

So they said, “Into John’s baptism.”

4 Then Paul said, “John indeed baptized with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus.”

5 When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **6** And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

2. When there is high worship

I Samuel 10

5 After that you shall come to the hill of God where the Philistine garrison *is*. And it will happen, when you have come there to the city, that you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with a stringed instrument, a tambourine, a flute, and a harp **before them**; and they will be prophesying. **6** Then the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man.

What proceeds receiving a Word of Prophecy in corporate worship

-You must a spirit of obedience and submission (v.5 ‘come’)

-You will encounter Worship before Prophecy

(v.5 ‘before them’)

-You will hear a prophetic word (v.6 'and they will be prophesying')

-The Spirit of The Lord will come upon you (v.6)

-You will be turned (transformed) into another man (v.6)