

An aerial photograph of a river with white-water rapids. The water is a vibrant blue-green color, and the surrounding rocks are dark and jagged. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

# The River of God

**Part 8 - The Gifts of the Spirit #4**



***37 "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ...***

***John 7:37-39 (ESV)***

***...39 Now this he said about the Spirit,  
whom those who believed in him  
were to receive, for as yet the Spirit  
had not been given, because Jesus was  
not yet glorified.***

***John 7:37-39 (ESV)***



***There will be swarms of living things  
wherever the water of this river flows.***

***Fish will abound in the Dead Sea,  
for its waters will become fresh.  
Life will flourish wherever this water  
flows...watered by the river flowing  
from the Temple.***

***Ezekiel 47:9,12 (NLT)***



# The Holy Spirit

# Speaks





***Among the prophets and teachers of the church at Antioch of Syria were Barnabas, Simeon (called “the black man”), Lucius (from Cyrene), Manaen (the childhood companion of King Herod Antipas), and Saul...***

***Acts 13:1-5 (NLT)***



***...One day as these men were  
worshiping the Lord and fasting,  
the Holy Spirit said, “Appoint Barnabas  
and Saul for the special work to which  
I have called them.”...***

***Acts 13:1-5 (NLT)***



***...So after more fasting and prayer,  
the men laid their hands on them  
and sent them on their way.  
So Barnabas and Saul were sent  
out by the Holy Spirit.***

***Acts 13:1-5 (NLT)***



***...And the Spirit said to Philip,  
“Go over and join this chariot.”***

***Acts 8:29 (ESV)***



***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; 4:14 (NIV)***



***...Do not neglect your gift,  
which was given you through  
prophecy when the body of elders  
laid their hands on you.***

***1 Timothy 1:18; 4:14 (NIV)***





# 7. Gift of Prophecy



***To another prophecy.***

***1 Corinthians 12:10 (NIV)***



**Prophecy:** *A Spirit-empowered message of strengthening, encouragement, and comfort from a person to those who are listening.*





***Let love be your highest goal!  
But you should also desire the special  
abilities the Spirit gives—especially the  
ability to prophesy...***

***1 Corinthians 14:1-5 (NLT)***



***...For if you have the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God, since people won't be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit, but it will all be mysterious...***

***1 Corinthians 14:1-5 (NLT)***



***...But one who prophesies strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them. A person who speaks in tongues is strengthened personally, but one who speaks a word of prophecy strengthens the entire church...***

***1 Corinthians 14:1-5 (NLT)***



***...I wish you could all speak in tongues,  
but even more I wish you could all  
prophecy. For prophecy is greater than  
speaking in tongues, unless someone  
interprets what you are saying so that  
the whole church will be strengthened.***

***1 Corinthians 14:1-5 (NLT)***



Prophecy Operates by Our Faith

*Romans 12:6*



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*Romans 12:6*

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*1 Corinthians 14:29*

Prophecy Can Be Controlled

*1 Corinthians 14:30-33*





# 8. Gift of Tongues



***to another speaking in different  
kinds of tongues.***

***1 Corinthians 12:10 (NIV)***



**Tongues:** *A Spirit-empowered message  
in a language unknown by the person  
speaking the message.*





***I thank God that I speak in tongues more than any of you. But in a church meeting I would rather speak five understandable words to help others than ten thousand words in an unknown language.***

***1 Corinthians 14:18-19 (NLT)***



***No more than two or three should speak in tongues. They must speak one at a time, and someone must interpret what they say...***

***1 Corinthians 14:27-28 (NLT)***



***...But if no one is present who can interpret, they must be silent in your church meeting and speak in tongues to God privately.***

***1 Corinthians 14:27-28 (NLT)***





# 9. Gift of Interpretation of Tongues



***and to still another the interpretation  
of tongues.***

***1 Corinthians 12:10 (NIV)***



**Interpretation:** *A Spirit-empowered message that expresses the thought or intent of a message in tongues.*





***Prophecy is greater than speaking in tongues, unless someone interprets what you are saying so that the whole church will be strengthened.***

***1 Corinthians 14:5 (NLT)***



***So, my dear brothers and sisters,  
be eager to prophesy, and don't forbid  
speaking in tongues. But be sure that  
everything is done properly and in order.***

***1 Corinthians 14:39-40 (NLT)***