

Prophecy and Prayer Language Part 2
The Ministry of the Holy Spirit
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WELCOME

PRAYER

SHARE

Ice Breaker:

- Share a personal experience where you felt spiritually uplifted or edified through someone else's use of their spiritual gift.

Read: 1 Corinthians 14:4-12 (MSG)

⁴⁻⁵ The one who prays using a private “prayer language” certainly gets a lot out of it, but proclaiming God’s truth to the church in its common language brings the whole church into growth and strength. I want all of you to develop intimacies with God in prayer, but please don’t stop with that. Go on and proclaim his clear truth to others. It’s more important that everyone have access to the knowledge and love of God in language everyone understands than that you go off and cultivate God’s presence in a mysterious prayer language—unless, of course, there is someone who can interpret what you are saying for the benefit of all. ⁶⁻⁸ Think, friends: If I come to you and all I do is pray privately to God in a way only he can understand, what are you going to get out of that? If I don’t address you plainly with some insight or truth or proclamation or teaching, what help am I to you? If musical instruments—flutes, say, or harps—aren’t played so that each note is distinct and in tune, how will anyone be able to catch the melody and enjoy the music? If the trumpet call can’t be distinguished, will anyone show up for the battle? ⁹⁻¹² So if you speak in a way no one can understand, what’s the point of opening your mouth? There are many languages in the world and they all mean something to someone. But if *I* don’t understand the language, it’s not going to do me much good. It’s no

different with you. Since you're so eager to participate in what God is doing, why don't you concentrate on doing what helps everyone in the church?

Discussion

1. Benefits of Personal Prayer Language:

- Discuss how speaking in tongues as a personal prayer language benefits the believer through praising God, praying with spiritual revelation, and being spiritually built up. How do these benefits contribute to one's personal faith journey?

2. Benefits of Prophecy:

- Considering that prophecy serves to build, encourage, and comfort the church community, discuss instances where you have witnessed or experienced this in action. How does prophecy enhance communal worship?

3. Practical Applications:

- **Within Omni Group and Corporate Gatherings:** How can we better incorporate the use of these spiritual gifts in our group and larger church meetings to edify all present?
- **In Personal and Family Settings:** Discuss how you can use these principles in personal prayers, especially as mothers praying over your children and household. How might this change the spiritual atmosphere at home?

4. Expanding the Impact:

- Paul stresses that the gifts should be used to strengthen the whole church. Share thoughts on how individual edification through spiritual gifts can lead to communal growth. How can we ensure that our spiritual practices benefit not just ourselves but also those around us?

Application:

- Reflect on your own experiences with spiritual gifts. Are there new ways you could use these gifts to benefit both your personal spiritual growth and the community?

Prayer Requests / Praise Reports

REMEMBER TO TAKE ATTENDANCE

CARE: Follow-up during the week