


ENJOYING THE PRESENCE

LIFE
IN THE
SPIRIT

AND POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



WEEK SIX

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT PART II

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1. DESIRE TO PROPHECY

1 CORINTHIANS 14:1-25 CSB

¹ Pursue love and earnestly desire spiritual gifts, and especially that you may prophesy. ² For the person who speaks in another tongue is not speaking to people but to God, since no one understands him; he speaks mysteries in the Spirit. ³ On the other hand, the person who prophesies speaks to people for their **strengthening, encouragement, and consolation.**

1. DESIRE TO PROPHECY

1 CORINTHIANS 14:1-25 CSB

⁴ The person who speaks in another tongue builds himself up, but the one who prophesies builds up the church. ⁵ I wish all of you spoke in other tongues, but even more that you prophesied. The person who prophesies is greater than the person who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets so that the church may be built up.

WHAT IS “PROPHECY” IN THE NEW TESTAMENT?

MICHAEL GREEN: “A word from the Lord through a member of his Body, inspired by the Spirit and given to build up the rest of the body.”

SAM STORMS: “the human report of a divine revelation.”

SCRIPTURE > PERSONAL REVELATION

1 CORINTHIANS 14:37 CSB

³⁷ If anyone thinks they are a prophet or otherwise gifted by the Spirit, let them acknowledge that **what I am writing** to you is the Lord's command

SCRIPTURE > PERSONAL REVELATION

1 THESSALONIANS 5:19-21 ESV

¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ **Do not despise prophecies,** ²¹ but **test everything;** hold fast what is good.

GROUND RULES FOR GIVING WORDS

1. Never give a prophetic word that starts with “God told me to tell you...”
2. The gift of prophecy has a **purpose**: strengthening, encouraging, comforting, building up.
3. If you sense God impress a particular picture, word, thought, Scripture, or revelation into your heart, write it down, pray over it, and share it if appropriate.

GROUND RULES FOR RECEIVING WORDS

1. Be cautious, but not cynical.
2. Hold it loosely, yet prayerfully.
3. Ask, "Does this word contradict what God has said in the Scriptures?"
4. Ask, "Does this line up with what I know God is doing in my life?"

2. THE GIFT OF TONGUES

1 CORINTHIANS 14:1-25 CSB

⁶ So now, brothers and sisters, if I come to you speaking in other tongues, how will I benefit you unless I speak to you with a revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching? ⁷ Even lifeless instruments that produce sounds—whether flute or harp—if they don't make a distinction in the notes, how will what is played on the flute or harp be recognised? ⁸ In fact, if the bugle makes an unclear sound, who will prepare for battle?

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⁹ In the same way, unless you use your tongue for intelligible speech, how will what is spoken be known? For you will be speaking into the air. ¹⁰ There are doubtless many different kinds of languages in the world, none is without meaning. ¹¹ Therefore, if I do not know the meaning of the language, I will be a foreigner to the speaker, and the speaker will be a foreigner to me. ¹² So also you—since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, **seek to excel in building up the church.**

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¹³ Therefore the person who speaks in another tongue should pray that he can interpret. ¹⁴ For if I pray in another tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. ¹⁵ What then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with my understanding. I will sing praise with the spirit, and I will also sing praise with my understanding. ¹⁶ Otherwise, if you praise with the spirit, how will the outsider say “Amen” at your giving of thanks, since he does not know what you are saying?

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¹⁷ For you may very well be giving thanks, but the other person is not being built up. ¹⁸ I thank God that I speak in other tongues more than all of you; ¹⁹ **yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding, in order to teach others also, than ten thousand words in another tongue.**

3. GOD IS REALLY AMONG YOU

1 CORINTHIANS 14:1-25 CSB

²⁰ Brothers and sisters, don't be childish in your thinking, but be infants in regard to evil and adult in your thinking. ²¹ It is written in the law,

I will speak to this people
by people of other tongues
and by the lips of foreigners,
and even then, they will not listen to me, says the Lord.

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²² Speaking in other tongues, then, is intended as a sign, not for believers but for unbelievers, while prophecy is not for unbelievers but for believers. ²³ If, therefore, the whole church assembles together and all are speaking in other tongues and people who are outsiders or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your minds?

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²⁴ But if all are prophesying and some unbeliever or outsider comes in, he is convicted by all and is called to account by all. ²⁵ The secrets of his heart will be revealed, and as a result he will fall facedown and worship God, proclaiming,

“God is really among you.”

“I’m talking about a congregation of born-again followers of Jesus who are gospel-centred, who maintain a high view of the sovereignty of God in salvation, and who are intolerant of manipulative excess and self-serving fanaticism, yet who also delight in speaking in tongues, praying for the sick, and prophesying to the edification, encouragement, and consolation of other believers.”

SAM STORMS

“I’m talking about individual Christian men and women who are intellectually exhilarated by complex biblical truths yet unafraid to give public expression to deep emotional delight and heart-felt affection for Jesus. I’m talking about theologically sophisticated followers of Christ who are open to and hungry for the present tense voice of the Spirit while always subject to the functional and final authority of the written text of Scripture.”

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