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teaching  
exhortation  
apostleship  
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prophecy  
gifts of tongues  
interpretation of tongues  
intercession  
faith  
discernment of spirits  
healing  
works of power  
words of knowledge/wisdom  
celibacy

# spiritual gifts

there are different  
kinds of gifts, but  
the same Spirit  
distributes them



## Sunday March 17th

### LET'S TALK:

Last week the gift of intercession was reviewed. Intercession is praying on behalf of others. For some this is a gift and for the rest of us, it is a discipline. What is one obstacle you experienced to praying for others since your last group meeting?

POWER Gifts demonstrate the power, presence and reality of God.

As Joel was describing the power gift of Prophecy in this sermon, did you find you now understand it better? In what ways?

### GO TO THE WORD:

Read Acts 2:17-18 and Acts 21:8-11.

How do these passages contribute to our understanding of the spiritual gift of prophecy? What role does the Holy Spirit play in the passages? Re-read the passage about Agabus and continue reading Paul's response. What aspect of this historical account impacts you most?

Read 1 Corinthians 14:3 and 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

What are the benefits of prophecy, when it is properly used? What is the difference between prophecy and Scripture?

The spiritual gift of teaching is the ability to understand and communicate Scripture. How is the gift of teaching different from the gift of prophecy?

Read 1 Corinthians 14:29-30 and 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21.

Why does prophecy need to be tested? Discuss how to test a prophetic word.

## **WHAT NOW:**

Read through this helpful definition. Do you find yourself resonating with this power gift? Who else do you know has the gift of prophecy?

The gift of prophecy is exercised when someone, usually in a congregation or large gathering, has the capacity to deliver truth of a predictive nature or a situational word from God. The result is to exhort the community, edify or comfort believers, or convince non-believers of God's truth. Definition by J. Robert Clinton.

Recall and share an experience when you or another used the gift of prophecy to tell the will of God. How did you respond? Now that you have learned more about this gift, is there something you intend to do differently when a similar experience occurs again?

Have you identified your spiritual gifts? How are you practicing the gifts and using them to serve the body of Christ? What one thing will you commit to do this week which enables you to serve others using your spiritual gift(s)?

## **PRAY:**

Pray that God will guide your group as you examine truth about the spiritual gifts. Ask God if the gift of prophecy is available for members in your group and boldly ask that He would give it to those who earnestly want it. Pray that your connect group will be a safe place to practice and nurture spiritual gifts.

## **BEFORE NEXT TIME, ON YOUR OWN:**

Take time to further study the gift of prophecy. Read and study Acts and take note of each time a prophetic word or vision occurs. Record the details you discover.

Read an additional Resource:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/the-new-testament-gift-of-prophecy>

Read 1 Corinthians 13:8-12.

What does this section of Scripture remind us about prophecy? Take time to thank God that one day "completeness comes" as we look forward with hope for Christ's return.