

Activating Our Position in Christ

1 Corinthians 12:7-11

Spiritual Gifts Explained – The Proclaiming Gifts

...Last time we broke down the gifts into groupings...

→ **The Grouping of Spiritual Gifts...**

The Grouping of Spiritual Gifts		
Perceiving	Power	Proclaiming
Wisdom	Faith	Prophecy
Knowledge	Healings	Tongues
Discerning of spirits	Miracles	Interpretation of tongues

Today we are going to dive deeper into our first grouping known as PERCEIVING GIFTS...

1. The Spiritual Gift of Prophecy

1 Corinthians 12:10 (ESV) — For to one is given through the Spirit ... prophecy ...

Προφητεία - prophateia

the capacity or ability to utter inspired messages

→ **Spiritual Gifts Explained – Proclaiming 1**

Proclaiming	
Prophecy	A supernatural utterance given by God to an individual in a language known to the person
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Interpretation of tongues	A supernatural _____ given by God to an individual for the _____ of a _____ in an _____ language

First, Prophecy is very important in the Church!

In the very first sermon preached after the coming of the Holy Spirit the Apostle Peter began with this Scripture...

Acts 2:17–18 (ESV) — ‘And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

This is a quote from Joel 2:28-29...

1 Corinthians 14:1 (ESV) — Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.

We are told here to “earnestly desire the spiritual gifts” and then he goes on ...

“...especially that you may prophesy”

In this verse we are given TWO IMPERATIVES/DIRECTIVES...

Pursue Love...

Earnestly desire spiritual gifts...

Second, Prophecy has problems...

Matthew 24:11 (ESV) — And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray.

1 John 4:1 (ESV) — Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

As I have said many times...

There is both the PROPHETIC and the PATHETIC...

Prophecy is subject and secondary to Scripture

Today, a prophetic word neither competes nor contradicts, but rather complements the Scripture.

Third, some guidelines regarding prophecy...

1 Corinthians 14:3 (ESV) — ... the one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation.

Upbuilding – To increase the potential of someone, with focus on the process involved

Encouragement – To cause someone to be filled with courage

Consolation – To bring comfort to someone

So...

1 Thessalonians 5:19–21 (ESV) — Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good.

2. The Spiritual Gift of Tongues

1 Corinthians 12:10 (ESV) — For to one is given through the Spirit ... various kinds of tongues ...

γέννη γλωσσῶν – gena glosson

γένος - genos

“A category or class based upon an implied derivation and/or lineage”

This is where we derive our word, “genus”

Which means, “A kind or class having common attributes”

This is also where we derive our word, “genre”

Which means, “A particular type or category”

γλῶσσα - glossa

“A language, with the possible implication of its distinctive form”

BOTH WORD ARE IN THE PLURAL

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→ **Three Divisions of Tongues**

**Tongues
Three Divisions**

Human	Angelic	1 Corinthians 13:1
Known	Unknown	1 Corinthians 14:14
Private	Public	1 Corinthians 14:2,4

→ **Human & Angelic**

1 Corinthians 13:1 (ESV) — *If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.*

→ **Known & Unknown**

1 Corinthians 14:14 (ESV) — *For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays but my mind is unfruitful.*

→ **Private & Public**

1 Corinthians 14:2 (ESV) — *For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the Spirit.*

1 Corinthians 14:4 (ESV) — *The one who speaks in a tongue builds up himself, but the one who prophesies builds up the church.*

→ **IMPORTANT** ←

1 Corinthians 12:28–31 (ESV) — *And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.*

The Four Genres...

→ **PROCLAIMING Tongues...**

Acts 2:11b (ESV) — *... we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."*

→ **PROPHESYING Tongues...**

1 Corinthians 14:5 (ESV) — *Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues,*

unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.

→ **PRAYING Tongues...**

1 Corinthians 14:15a (ESV) — What am I to do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also ...

→ **PRAISING Tongues...**

1 Corinthians 14:15b (ESV) — What am I to do? ... I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also.

3. The Spiritual Gift of Interpretation of Tongues

1 Corinthians 12:10 (ESV) — For to one is given through the Spirit ... the interpretation of tongues.

ἑρμηνεία γλωσσῶν – ermaneia glosson

→ **Spiritual Gifts Explained – Proclaiming 3**

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Recognizing Interpretation

- **Rarely a Word-for-word translation**
- **An understanding of the tongue**

Receiving Interpretation

- **An inner impression of words, thoughts, or Scripture**
- **Hearing or seeing words**
- **Seeing a picture**

Releasing Interpretation

- **Conveyed in a way that can be understood by the hearers**
- **According to the personality of the interpreter**

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	Perceiving	Wisdom	Knowledge	Discerning of spirits

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