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KNOWING THE HOLY SPIRIT – 8
PROPHECY

1 Corinthians 14:1-5 (NKJV)

    Prophecy: Inspired word from God in a known tongue.
                        Tongues + interpretation = prophecy

    Prophecy Edifies the church (Vs. 4 and 5)

        Acts 2:17   "…your sons and daughters shall prophesy."
                    "Young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams…"

[Three Categories For Prophecy]

1. Edification
2. Exhortation
3. Comfort

Edification: 1 Corinthians 14:4 (Amplified – *quoted*) "…one who prophecies **edifies** the church (promotes growth in spiritual wisdom, devotion, holiness and joy)."

- To promote **spiritual growth.**
- To build up and **encourage.**
- To **confirm** (Greek).

Exhortation: To encourage **spiritual progress**

- Provoking one another to love and **good works.**
- Remember Gods Word (promises).
- To implore in a positive way.
- To request urgently.
- Keep us on track.

Comfort: To **console**
- Brings an element of **ease or peace** to dealing with current or past failures, disappointments or troubles.
- Compassionate recovery vs. condemning failure.

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[Public Tongues?]

    1 Corinthians 14:26-28 (NKJV)

[Prophets Role?]

    1 Corinthians 14:29-33 (NKJV)

- "…let the others judge."
- We have to judge what is said.
- We don't judge the person; but we do judge the word.
    - Does it confirm what God has been saying?
    - Does it line up with the Word?
    - Does it minister peace or confusion?
    - Does it minister grace and mercy?
    - Does it condemn? (Edify/Exhort/Comfort)

  1 Thessalonians 5:16-22 (NKJV)
- <mark>Test all things.</mark>
- If someone is offended because you **test** something – they were not of God (flesh).
- Quench not the spirit?
- Ephesians 4:29-32 (NKJV)
- Ephesians 5:18-21 (NKJV)

[Take Away]

1. Be ready to **test** the prophetic words of others and have your prophetic words **tested.**
2. Don't try to make it come to pass – **be patient** on God.
3. Prophecy **confirms**; It does not lead us.
4. Does it produce **fear** or **faith**?
5. Get on a **ministry team**. (Jesus sent the disciples to by two)