

Empowered Pt. II, Week 7 - August 9, 2026

Sharing God's Word with God's People

Acts 13:1-3

- Another pair of gifts found in Ephesians 4:11
 - Focused around the idea of sharing God's Word
- Both teachers and prophets mentioned in Acts 13:1-3
 - As they worshiped and fasted together the Holy Spirit spoke to them
 - God spoke in community about His plans

Teaching

- **Definition:** The Spirit-given, Bible-centered capacity to instruct, explain, and expose God's written word so that believers not only understand Scripture but are empowered to obey it. (*Jon Thompson*)
- It's about interpreting God's unchanging Word
 - To the changing dynamics of the world we live in
- Teaching is not a gift we should seek lightly (James 3:1)

Indicators of Teaching

- You are drawn to deeply engage with Scripture and you are an enthusiastic learner

- You have a sensitivity to the misreading or misapplication of Scripture
- People consistently understand and apply what you teach
- You often hear responses such as "It's like you were talking directly to me"

Prophecy

- **Definition:** The Spirit-given ability to report in one's own words what God has spontaneously brought to mind, delivering insight, direction, encouragement, or conviction to a group in a specific situation. (*Jon Thompson*)
- God hasn't stopped speaking to His Church
- We shouldn't be afraid of prophecies, but we should test them

Indicators of Prophecy

- You are not afraid to speak out publicly or take a strong Biblical stand on issues
 - You tend to see the needs of the group as a whole
- You have an inner sensitivity to God and experience the Holy Spirit giving you a word for others
- When you share the word it brings clarity, comfort, or conviction to others