



THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

1 Cor. 12:4-11

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all *persons*. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy, and to another the distinguishing of spirits, to another *various* kinds of tongues, and to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills.

WHAT IS PROPHECY?

- Greek: *propheteia* – to speak the mind and counsel of God, declaring the purposes of God from divine inspiration.
 - Acts 2:17 – “I will pour out My Spirit and your sons and daughters shall prophesy”
 - Greek: *propheteuo* – to speak divine counsel whether present or future.
 - Prophecy played an important role in the early Church
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THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

- Rev. 19:10 – “Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Do not do that; I am a fellow servant of yours and your brothers *and sisters* who **hold** the **testimony** of Jesus; worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”
 - **Hold** (Grk. echo) – to have, possess, own
 - **Testimony** (Grk. martyria) – to give legal witness to a matter as before a judge.
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PURPOSE OF PROPHECY

- 1 Cor. 14:3 Edification, exhortation, and consolation
 - **Edification** (Grk. oikodome) – to build up as a house, to promote growth
 - **Exhortation** (Grk. parakalesis) – to call to one's side for help, comfort, implore, admonish, encourage, instruct
 - **Consolation** (Grk. paramythia) – tender persuasion, console, calm, encourage
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REALMS OF THE PROPHETIC

- Spirit of Prophecy
 - Gift of Prophecy
 - Office of the Prophet
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- WHO CAN PROPHECY? ALL can prophesy! – 1 Cor. 14:31
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HOW PROPHETIC REVELATION COMES

- Listening to God
 - Dreams / Visions
 - Impressions
 - In God's Word
 - In prayer / worship
 - Through others
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HOW TO RELEASE A PROPHETIC WORD

- Speaking, teaching, declaring
 - Prophetic acts
 - Writing
 - Music / Song
 - Prophetic art, dance, drama
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OBSTACLES TO RELEASING PROPHECY

- Fear of man
- Past negative experience

HOW TO PROPHECY

- Rom. 12:6 – “However, since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, each of us is to use them properly: if prophecy, in proportion to one’s faith.”
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THE PURPOSE OF THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

- To fulfill the great commission – Matt. 28:18-20

PROPHETIC WORDS NOT ONLY EDIFY PEOPLE BUT
DESTROY THE WORKS OF DARKNESS!

Do not neglect the spiritual gift given to you! – 1 Tim. 4:14

Father, thank you for including me in your great purposes for the world around me. Thank you for your grace and love to give me life and gifts to work with you in Kingdom purposes. Teach me, Jesus, to listen to your testimony and speak what I hear you say with wisdom and love. Break every fear and make me bold for your purposes on Earth as it is in Heaven! Holy Spirit, increase my capacity to receive revelation and release the waters of Yeshua's words to build destinies, and release serpent-head crushing decrees where needed! In Jesus' name, Amen.
