



Spiritual Gifts

Topic: The Spiritual Gift of Prophecy Part 1

What is the Gift of Prophecy?

The believer with the spiritual gift of prophecy has the supernatural God-given ability to communicate a message from God that strengthens, encourages, comforts, warns, or directs His people according to His will.

Key Topic Scripture: 1 Corinthians 14:3

Understanding the Gift of Prophecy

The gift of prophecy is a spiritual gift given by the Holy Spirit according to His will. Through this gift, God uses individuals to share messages that encourage, strengthen, comfort, and build up the Body of Christ. Like all spiritual gifts, prophecy is not given for personal recognition, but to serve others and help the Church grow in faith and unity.

Statistical Breakdowns

Roughly 1% to 2% of the general population professes to have the spiritual gift of prophecy, while among active practicing Christians, that average ranges between 3% and 5%. Because "prophecy" is heavily tied to religious and spiritual frameworks, statistical data on this claim is primarily tracked through comprehensive religious research organizations like the Barna Group, where I have derived this data from.

- General Public/Total Population: Less than 2% of all adults claim this specific gift.
- All Self-identified Christians: Approximately 3% specifically state that they have the gift of prophecy. For context, it ranks significantly lower than other professed spiritual gifts like teaching (9%), service (8%), and administration and faith (7%).
- Evangelical and Charismatic Christians: upwards of 5% to 13% claim to operate in "Charismatic Gifts", which is a broader category including healing, prophecy and tongues. **1 Corinthians 12:7-11**

NOBFBC DATA

Of the 46 Spiritual Gift Surveys that were completed correctly, the following results were identified:

- Total surveys completed: 46
- Gift of Prophecy indicated: 5 participants received a rating of 3
- Gift of Prophecy not indicated: 41 participants received a rating of 0, 1, or 2



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Percentage Breakdown

1% of participants indicated the gift of prophecy, while 89% did not.

These results show that the gift of prophecy was identified in a small portion of those who completed the Spiritual Gift Survey.