Spiritual Gifts

Topic: The Spiritual Gift of Prophecy Part 2

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

1. Characteristics of Believers with the Gift of Prophecy:

- **A deep burden for righteousness:** They feel a strong reaction against sin, lies, and hypocrisy, and they deeply desire obedience to God's Word.
- **They focus on edification:** Their primary goal is to bring spiritual growth, encouragement, comfort, and conviction to the community.
- **Discernment:** They possess a sharp ability to perceive truth, detect false teachings, and recognize the real motives behind people's actions.
- **A Boldness for the Truth:** They speak with deep conviction and courage, often addressing moral issues or injustice without worrying about popular opinion.
- **High sensitivity:** They are deeply attuned to spiritual atmospheres, the feelings of others around them, and the promptings of the Holy Spirit.
- **Strong Biblical Grounding:** They hold a high confidence in Scripture and measure all messages and insights against the truth of the Word of God.
- **Humility:** Mature prophetic individuals remain humble, recognizing that their insights must be tested and weighed by the church community.

Key Scriptures: Ephesians 4:11-13; Amos 3:7; 1 Thess. 5:19-21; 1 John 4:1; Acts 11:27-28

2. Purpose for the Gift of Prophecy

A. To Edify the Church - **1 Corinth. 14:3-4**

- Strengthens believers
- Encourage believers
- Comfort believers
- Builds up the church

B. To Reveal God's Heart - **1 Corinth. 14:24-25**

- Convicts the heart
- Reveals hidden things
- Leads people to worship

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C. To Give Direction and Confirmation - **Acts 13:1-3**

- The Holy Spirt spoke concerning the ministry of Barnabas and Saul.
- The church responded through prayer and obedience.
- The Prophet Agabus warned Paul of future events.