

**Chapter 1 : What is the Gift of Prophecy? - Fruit of the Spirit**

*Spiritual Gift of Prophecy. The spiritual gift of prophecy is an extraordinary and unique gift. Paul says in 1 Corinthians to " Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy."*

What is the gift of prophecy referred to in the New Testament? Is it available to the church today? If so, how is it to be exercised? In an open, frank way, he deals with the questions surrounding the controversy and offers some fresh insight. He is clear " at least in his mind " that he is not advocating two kinds of prophecy, but rather differences in the type of authority which attaches to the words spoken in the prophecy. These core concepts are: Chapters three through five offer the grounds for the third concept, but here the case is not made quite as well. If God actually were speaking his words through a prophet to the church, it would be important for the church to hear those words! Yet, challenges to this view are not even considered. Additionally, why must we conclude that the portion of the prophecy left unspoken by the first prophet " the one required to sit " was hopelessly lost? Is it not possible that God could complete the thought of the first prophet who spoke through the words of the second? And, again, he sometimes falls short of building his case completely. One such instance is in his discussion of Acts Nevertheless, even with these weak links, he forges a chain of thought that is persuasive. Although the argumentation has some flaws, the argument is not lost. Yet, there are occasions when he makes assertions that are not well substantiated. One example will suffice. The believer who had one of these gifts could put it to use at any time. But prophecy was more spontaneous and could only be used when the prophet received a revelation. This distinction between the exercise of certain gifts does not appear to be as clear as Grudem implies. Different believers would come to a service with different contributions to make 1 Cor. Apparently, each had received something from the Lord that was to be offered for the edification of the body. If not, then how is the work of the Spirit that directs the exercise of these gifts different from that which directs the exercise of the gift of prophecy? Considering the practical and application-oriented approach he has taken, it is unfortunate that he did not apply himself to the task of delineating the relationships between these gifts and prophecy, as he did with the gift of teaching with respect to prophecy. It was wonderful to find a section dealing with application at the end of every chapter. His discussion of the duration of the gift of prophecy beyond New Testament times was excellent; he offers a clear argument for the perpetuity of the gifts. In drawing attention to the shortcomings of this work, there is no intent to discount its value. The Gift of Prophecy is a biblical, readable, and practical treatment of the subject. Unlike Grudem, Houston finds both levels in the Old Testament as well. Prophecy " A Gift for Today? InterVarsity Press, ], Broadman Press, , Christian Research Institute Our Mission: To provide Christians worldwide with carefully researched information and well-reasoned answers that encourage them in their faith and equip them to intelligently represent it to people influenced by ideas and teachings that assault or undermine orthodox, biblical Christianity. Do you like what you are seeing? Your partnership is essential.

## Chapter 2 : The Gift of Prophecy

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Subscribe to the CompellingTruth. The spiritual gift of prophecy €” What is it? The gift of prophecy is mentioned in Romans 12 and 1 Corinthians 12 and In 1 Corinthians Prophecy or "prophets" is also mentioned in verse First Corinthians 14 discusses prophecy in more detail, teaching, "The one who prophesies speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation" v. Verse 5 teaches that the goal of prophecy is "so that the church may be built up. If a revelation is made to another sitting there, let the first be silent. For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets" 1 Corinthians This fourth aspect is important, since some at Corinth were apparently involved in disorderly worship that may have included emotional or mystical aspects of religion that reflected the pagan religions of their surrounding culture. What is the gift of prophecy? There is much misunderstanding regarding its definition. Many understand prophecy as speech that predicts the future. Prophesying can also mean to proclaim as a pastor does during a sermon. In this sense, a person can be gifted in prophesying still today. However, there do not appear to still be people in the church with the ability to regularly tell the future as some did in the Bible. Those who claim to do so were often considered false teachers in the church. For example, 2 Peter 2: However, it is clear that prophesying was more than just telling the future and that there was much caution concerning how prophets operated in the early church due to the threat of false prophets. No further predictive prophecy is necessary to understand His will or teachings.

### Chapter 3 : Six Simple Keys to Receive the Gift of Prophecy

*The spiritual gift of prophecy, in the sense of receiving new revelations from God to be proclaimed to others, ceased with the completion of the Bible. During the time that prophecy was a revelatory gift, it was to be used for the edification, exhortation, and comfort of men (1 Corinthians ).*

So one sign you have a prophetic gift is that you are not satisfied with a shallow relationshipâ€”you want to be close to Him. That is because God has called you to be one who hears the whispers of what is on His heartâ€”to learn what His intention is and pass it on to others. This is the hidden stage of a giftâ€”where very few people, except those who are close enough to know the desires of your heart, are aware that you have the ability. But God knowsâ€”He has placed that desire within you because He is drawing you towards your destiny. You Tend to Pray Prophetically A gift of prophecy often shows up in prayer before it manifests in other ways. As 1 John 5: And if we know that he hears usâ€”whatever we askâ€”we know that we have what we asked of him. You Have Had Confirmation that you Accurately Hear from God A sign that you have a gift of prophecy is that you build up a track record of hearing from God accurately. You find yourself in a place where you need to respond and act on what you hear. Someone you are praying with needs a word of encouragement from God, or You have some personal circumstances where prophetic guidance is necessary 7. So if you have had difficulties, or you have felt shut down in the area of prophecy, be encouraged. This may well be a sign you are gifted and called in prophecy. God has an end in mind. Leave a message in the comments section to let us know which ones you relate to. If the comments box is not visible, click on this link and scroll down. What to read next: In *Grow Your Prophetic And Prayer Gifts* , you will discover the six phases of development of prophetic and prayer gifts from desire and birth through to maturity. This book includes practical tools and the information you need to develop a plan for the next stage of growth in your spiritual gift. Available for download in either PDF or ePub formats If you recognize signs you may have a gift of prophecy, *Grow Your Prophetic And Prayer Gifts* is written to help you grow in your prophetic gifts and break through stuck places â€” at whatever stage or season you are on the journey. Visit our eStore for this eBook and more resources to empower you in your gifts and ministry.

## Chapter 4 : 8 Signs You May Have the Gift of Prophecy

*Prophecy: A Spiritual Gift the characteristics of a motivational gift A Christian's motivational spiritual gift represents what God does in him to shape his perspective on life and motivate his words and actions.*

It is the preaching or declaring the Word of God by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. It is one of the inspirational gifts, along with tongues, and interpretation of tongues. They are for the uplifting of the church and their purpose is edification, exhortation, and comfort. Paul felt it is the most important I Corinthians What Prophecy is and is not The gift of prophecy is not telling the future or foretelling. New Testament gift of prophecy is limited to edification, exhortation, and comfort. Prophecy can be given by any spirit filled believer, while the Office of the Prophet, is one of the five-fold ministries and holds an office. According to Ephesians 4: The gift of prophecy is not preaching in the sense of declaring a Biblical message. Prophecy comes from the mind of the Holy Spirit, through supernatural utterance. The gift of prophecy is usually given to the person, who will hear the voice of God, and is willing to deliver it to a person, group or congregation for that immediate time. The gift of prophecy is not used to rebuke or chastise, the body of Christ, but to encourage it. The Prophetic Word has Purpose The gift of prophecy is never to be given for show, but for a specific purpose ordained by the Lord. It can take place during a time of praise and worship. I have seen many times as this high worship has ushered in the sweet presence of the Holy Spirit, followed by the gift of prophecy being released. This prophetic word is usually given to minister to several people in the congregation. Prophecy can lift up a person going through depression, or remind someone that God will never leave or forsake him. God will move where the spirit of God is welcome. If you are in a congregation that does not honor the Holy Spirit or believes in the gifts of the Spirit, ask the Lord to lead you to a congregation where the spirit of God can be fully expressed. The Spirit of God flows freely when his presence is welcome. There are many churches that were once on fire but have lost their former glory because the Holy Ghost was quenched or hindered. We are subject to God, but we should all be subject to one another and to some authority over us. It is very easy to go astray without the input of other spiritual men and women. Where no counsel is, the people fall: They are the ones who cause confusion in the Body of Christ and lead weak, or immature believers astray. Just like Jesus was accountable to the Father, we have to be accountable to spiritual leadership. God Wants to Use you God will never force you to submit to a prophetic word. You have been given free will and you can decide to obey or grieve the Holy Spirit at any time. If you are new to this gift, it can be a little scary when you have to stand up in front of other and speak. The Holy Spirit will rest on you for a time. If you do not step out and speak, He will give it to someone else. The next person will give the word and you will see that it was the same word the Lord was giving you. Continue to make yourself spiritually prepared, by prayer and study of the scripture. The more in tune you are with the Lord, the easier it will be to hear and obey God.

## Chapter 5 : What is the spiritual gift of prophecy?

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Bkmrk Prophecy is largely despised by the church. It has been surrounded by misunderstanding, confusion, and fear. Yet, from the standpoint of the Scriptures, the gift of prophecy is the most important spiritual gift. Paul considers it vital to the upbuilding of the church. Just what is the role of prophecy for the church today? Prophecy has been despised before. Moses, finally convinced that God wanted to delegate his governing authority to a larger number, called seventy elders to a "committee meeting" at the tabernacle. Two failed to show up. The Spirit of God fell on the sixty-eight who attended. But the Spirit also came upon the two who remained in the camp who began to prophesy as well. They reported the incident to Moses and demanded that he stop them. This is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: The New Testament Scriptures make it clear that the Spirit is a universal gift to the church, and that prophecy is the characteristic gift of the Spirit. The Apostle Paul indicated that the gift of prophecy was for every believer: When we try to build churches without this gift being active, it is like trying to walk across America on crutches: He commands the Corinthians to "earnestly desire to prophesy" 1 Corinthians Only in the two passages where Paul speaks of gifted men prophets rather than of the gift prophecy do prophets fall into second place behind apostles 1 Corinthians My zeal Greek zeloo to prophesy or encourage prophecy in the church certainly was not conformed to the Word. But as I discovered what God intends prophecy to do for His church, my desire and faith for the gift increased. Why is prophecy so important? Just what is its purpose? Its several functions may all be subsumed under the purpose of building up the Church. Since love for the brethren is to be the motive for desiring the spiritual gifts 1 Corinthians 13 , the purpose is to build up the brethren. The Greek word oikodome was first used of building houses, temples, and pyramids, but quickly moved to a figurative sense in secular Greek. The Spirit is in the business of constructing people and the community. The ways in which prophecy builds up the body are spelled out in detail in 1 Corinthians Exhortation and Encouragement Exhortation and assurance are two common purposes of prophecy. Paul contrasts tongues a Godward speaking with prophecy a manward message: Its root carries the idea "to call alongside to help. Another idea expressed by paraklesis is "appeal, request," even "pleading". The word also extends to the idea of "comfort, consolation" Romans Paul uses the word paramuthia in 1 Corinthians This word means "encouragement," especially "comfort, consolation,"[8] but is difficult to distinguish clearly from paraklesis. It derives from para, "beside" and muthos, "speech, word, saying. A Specific Revelation for the Occasion Revelation is the particular characteristic of prophecy which sets it off from preaching and teaching. Although the gift of prophecy has a great breadth, we should not imagine that its primary purpose is the setting forth of doctrine, even though "instruction" was part of its original function 1 Corinthians Rather, the gift of prophecy was a revelation from God with a word for the particular moment. It is given through a specific individual, to a specific individual or group of individuals, at a specific place, and within a specific time frame. Within that context it may be said to have a specific message with specific value. At the Antioch church the Spirit spoke through a prophet to confirm Paul and Barnabas in their missionary calling Acts Grudem observes, "Prophecy, then, is superior to the other gifts because the revelation on which it depends allows it to be suited to the specific needs of the moment, needs which may only be known to God. Paul suggests to the Corinthians how prophecy can work in this way: If all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, the secrets of his heart are disclosed; and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you 1 Corinthians Problems with individuals in the body or with the body itself may also be pinpointed by the gift of prophecy. James Dunn observes, "Prophecy prevents a man pretending to be other than he is--prevents the believer hiding behind a mask of pretended righteousness, of apparent spirituality. At any time the prophetic word may expose him for what he is. The variety of ways the church is built up by prophecy accentuate its necessity for the present day church. We cannot afford to despise the gift of prophecy. Nor can we allow its capacity for misuse and misunderstanding prevent us from embracing it. Rather we must

diligently seek to curb its abuses by the guidelines of Scripture and "test all things" 1 Thessalonians 5: Notes [1] That Luke and Paul believed that any believer could prophesy is affirmed by a number of New Testament scholars, e. Dunn, *Jesus and the Spirit Philadelphia: Westminster Press*, p. Eerdmans, ET [] VI, p. University Press of America, , with different pagination. University of Chicago Press, p. Zondervan, reprinted , edition , p. Eerdmans, , p. John Knox Press, , p. Eusebius records, "But the people of the church in Jerusalem had been commanded by a revelation, vouchsafed to approved men there before the war, to leave the city and to dwell in a certain town of Perea called Pella" *Church History*, III, 5, 3. For guidelines in judging prophecy, see Cecil M. *Servant Books*, , pp. This article is part of a chapter on prophecy in Ralph F. The three articles in this series found in the Christian Articles Archive are: A single copy of this article is free. Do not put this on a website. See legal, copyright, and reprint information. We respect your privacy and never sell, rent, or loan our lists.

## Chapter 6 : I Know Some Servants with the Spiritual Gift of Prophecy

*The Gift of Prophecy is a biblical, readable, and practical treatment of the subject. He offers evangelical Christians who believe in the perpetuity of the gifts a fine resource for developing a sound and workable view of prophecy that preserves the authority of Scripture and avoids the snare of subjectivism.*

Michael Bradley This next gift may just be the greatest of the 9 gifts of the Holy Spirit. The reason I say this is because the apostle Paul, in the second verse above, purposely singles out this gift when telling you to seek after the spiritual gifts. And when you think about exactly what this gift is all about, I believe that he may be right on the money. The gift of prophecy is when you get a direct Word from the Lord to usually give to someone else. And when I say a direct word, I mean the message from the Lord that will be given to you will literally be word for word. When you get one of these, you need to try and either write or type all of it out if you are in a place to be able to do so. I do not believe there is anything greater than to be able to receive a direct, clear, prophetic Word from the Lord to be able to give to someone else in order to help edify and build them up, or to help them out with something specific they may be dealing with, with you being the actual messenger of that prophetic word to that someone. As such, they all need to be recorded and written down if at all possible. However, there will be times that you will not be able to record it. All of a sudden the Holy Spirit will give you a direct, clear, prophetic word to give to someone else. You speak out the word to this person and then you will be done with it. It might be a very short word and it really does not need to be recorded or written down. But there will be other times that you will be in a place to properly record it. And depending on what the Lord is giving you a direct message on and how long it is, you should make every attempt to get it down on paper, as they are real trophies and treasures when they do come in from the Lord. The Bible tells us that God uses the gift of prophecy to speak edification, exhortation, and comfort to other people. Here is the specific verse giving us this direct revelation on what the main use of prophecy is all about: Sometimes God will confirm for you what He has already told you earlier so you will know that it really was Him all along giving you that specific message. And one of the ways that He can confirm a previous message that He has already given you is by giving you a direct prophecy through another believer. Prophecies from the Lord can cover an extremely wide range of situations and issues, covering everything from predicting future events like they use to do in the OT, to giving someone counsel, encouragement, confirmation, instruction, and possible correction when it may be needed. Also, all prophecy needs to be properly tested, as the Bible tells us that there will always be false prophets walking among us, along with the possibility of well-meaning believers prophesying out of their own imaginations. Here is the verse giving us this direct warning: Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good. If it does not, it should be immediately rejected. God will never go against His own Word when delivering a prophetic word to someone. Again, any believer can have the Lord manifest this gift through them at anytime that He will want to do so. You do not have to hold the actual office of a prophet in order for God to manifest this gift through you from time to time. The Bible tells us that in the latter days God will be pouring out His Holy Spirit upon all flesh and when He does, it says our sons and daughters will be prophesying. This means that there are going to be many believers who are going to be getting this gift manifesting through them with a lot of frequency in the coming years. Again, if you would like the Lord to manifest this gift through you from time to time so you can be a direct messenger for Him to someone else, just go to Him in prayer and tell Him that you would be more than happy to be a willing and yielded vessel for Him to manifest this particular gift through if He would like to do so. And then keep your radars up, always being open and sensitive to the Holy Spirit if He will want to start manifesting this gift through you so He can use it to help build others up and bring some comfort, joy , peace , or direction into their lives.

**Chapter 7 : The Gift of Prophecy | Gateway Church**

*Grudem correlates the Old Testament prophet to the New Testament Apostle, while arguing that the New Testament gift of prophecy is not infallible, verbally inspired speech; it is simply God bringing a thought to the mind of a believer.*

This entry was posted in Spiritual Gifts - Fit in Ministry. Now the distinction between these two approaches you show above succinctly captures where I am with others, and what I am doing wrong with friends and colleagues and especially my husband and my children not believers. I know I apparently have worn some of them down, and actually have lost one close friendship to just exactly what is described above. Thank you so very much for these discernment-filled examples. MinTools on November 15, at 9: I praise God for your teachable spirit. Understanding these tendencies is a starting point to making changes. Truth is ever so important but so is grace. If you make a conscientious effort to stop and pray and think about BOTH grace and truth, it should help you in future relationships. I pray you keep that zeal but that it is tempered with grace in its expression. Young and older have told me this so many times but I could never really understand what it all meant.. Thank You for the explanation, as I have been asking God quite a bit to make it plain to me if this is real. MinTools on March 19, at 1: I praise God He has used this post. As your experience has shown, God can use the spiritual gifts He has given us even when we have not yet identified a gift within us. The key is that we yield to Him in whatever we do. Knowing our gifts, however, can be helpful to keep us on track with His design in our lives whereby we bring glory to Him as we are used by Him to build up others. K on March 19, at 1: I struggled with it for a very long time. I heard many sermons about prophecy misleading people, people who claim to have this kind of ministry have ulterior motives, and quite frankly the atmosphere is not usually set for the certain things to go forthâ€¦ I have also been used quite a bit in the gifts of tongues with the interpretation which is not ironically held back Is there anywhere else you might be able to direct me as far as direction these types of things could leadâ€¦ I am very serious about the gifts and the ministry God wants me to operate in MinTools on March 19, at 1: Yes, K, there are definitely guidelines God gives for the use of spiritual gifts. He devotes an entire chapter, 1 Corinthians 14, to the two gifts you mentioned. For God to devote so much space to it lets us know that it matters to Him so we need to take note of what He says and line up with Him. GOD defines the use of spiritual gifts not our experience, background, or personal bents. It gives some broad ministry areas gifts might fit under and some specific tasks within those. God will use all of who you are, not just your spiritual gifts, so your personality and passions will factor in as well. K on March 19, at 2: I really appreciate this time and this site. I have most certainly been blessed today. Shared it with my wife also who is a teacher and has gifts in administration as wellâ€¦ She definitely saw herself in the descriptions. I will share this with whomever I can.

**Chapter 8 : Understanding the Gift of Prophecy: II. The Purpose of Prophecy Today - Christian Articles Arc**

*I don't think the gift of prophecy today has the authority of the Old Testament prophets or the authority of Jesus and the apostles. Or, to put it more positively, this sort of prophecy is prompted and sustained by the Spirit and yet does not carry intrinsic, divine authority.*

Bringing to light secret motives of the heart. Example Jesus speaking forth the strengths and weaknesses of the seven churches in Asia Revelation The gift of prophecy edifies, exhorts, and comforts I Corinthians It is the ministry of the Holy Spirit to convict of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment to come John Prophecy is divinely inspired and anointed utterance; a supernatural proclamation in a known language. It is the manifestation of the Spirit of God - not of intellect I Corinthians It is calling forth words from the Spirit of God. The gift of prophecy operates when there is high worship I Samuel There is a ministry of the prophet, but not everyone is a prophet. For example, a boy may wear a Cubs baseball cap, but that does not mean he plays professional baseball for the Chicago Cubs. You may prophesy, but operating in the simple gift of prophecy does not qualify you to stand in the office of a prophet, much like wearing a Cubs hat does not qualify you to play baseball for the Chicago Cubs - you must be gifted. To stand in the office of a prophet, one must have a consistent manifestation of at least two of the revelation gifts word of wisdom , word of knowledge , or discerning of spirits plus prophecy. Prophecy is not the interpretation of tongues. The Bible says that "greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues" I Corinthians Tongues, of course, is inspired utterance in an "unknown" tongue. The interpretation of tongues is inspired utterance telling that which was spoken in tongues. Prophecy, on the other hand, is inspired utterance in a "known" tongue. The difference between interpretation and prophecy is that interpretation is dependent upon tongues, whereas prophecy is not. Prophecy is not prediction.. People sometimes think that "prophecy" means to predict foretell what will happen in the future. Actually, the simple gift of prophecy is essentially forthtelling; it is a ministry to make people better and more useful Christians now. Prophecy in the New Testament church carries no prediction with it whatsoever, for "he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort" I Corinthians Notice that there is no mention of the word prediction here. Prophecy is not the same thing as preaching.. The words preach and prophesy come from two entirely different Greek words. To "preach" means to proclaim, announce, cry, or tell. The word prophecy means to "bubble up, to flow forth, or to cause to drop like rain. The Bible tells us that we are to "Despise not prophesyings. When a prophecy is given, we are to test it and hold on to what is good in it. Seven Ways to Judge Prophecy 1. By their fruits you shall know them.

**Chapter 9 : The spiritual gift of prophecy –“ What is it?**

*The gift of prophecy (I Corinthians 12) and the office of the prophet (Ephesians ) are not the same thing. There is a ministry of the prophet, but not everyone is a prophet. For example, a boy may wear a Cubs baseball cap, but that does not mean he plays professional baseball for the Chicago Cubs.*