



In Christ Washington Church

Spiritual Gifts In Us

Gift of Prophecy

Lesson 3

Connection

- Do you experience something you know about others through dreams, visions or prophetic intuition?
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Recap

- Definition: The gift of teaching is the ability to communicate the information in such a way that the members of the body of Christ understand how to apply the word of God to their own lives and ministries so that they may be built up, unify and mature in the body of Christ to be Christ's witnesses in word and deed in this world.
- Discerning the gift:
- Those who have this gift are good students of the word of God and seek the truth passionately; communicate the word of God in a clear and relevant way systematically, structurally and specifically; defends the truth of God with grace and love.; cares for others through their teaching.; acquires knowledge of the word of God through others under the supervision of the Holy Spirit. ; teaches through the examples.
- Dangers of misusing the gift: Proud of Knowledge; Criticizing practical applications; Seeking Self-glory;

- Examples of Those who had the gift of teaching : Jesus, Paul, Apollos; Aquila and Priscilla; Timothy.

Important of the gift of Prophecy

- 1 Corinthians.14:1
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- Numbers 11:29
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Definition of the gift of Prophecy

The gift of prophecy is an act of intelligible communication, rooted in spontaneous, divine revelation and empowered by the Holy Spirit, which results in words and action that can glorify to God and which must be received by those who hear or read them as absolutely binding and true.

The Greek words for prophecy is Profiteia . Pro means ‘forth’ and phew means ‘to speak.’ So prophecy means to forth tell. But at the same time, prophecy is also to foretell also. In General, the prophetic gift is all about to fore and forth tell of God’s word. Revelation (Special guidance/message from God) and Reiteration (Spokesperson for the revelation) are drawn from the Holy Spirit based not eh word of God. Some say that this gift no longer exists and preaching the word of God replaces it. It is not correct. This gift functions today as the gift of the Spirit based on the word of God.

Purpose of the gift of Prophecy

- **Edification. 1 Corinthians.14:3**

- **Exhortation.1 Corinthians.14:3**

- **Comfort. 1 Corinthians.14:3**

- **Encouragement. 1 Corinthians.14:31**

- **Conviction. 1 Corinthians.14:24-25**

- **Those who have this gift teaches through the examples. Titus.2:3-5**

Function of the gift of Prophecy

- **Those who have this gift call attention to sin and wrong attitudes and expose the truth and convict believers and non-believers.**
1 Corinthians.14:24-25
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- **Those who have this gift discern the Holy Spirit 's divine insights.**
Acts.20:23; 21:10-11.
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- **Those who have this gift have a deep capacity to trust God based on what God has revealed. Romans.12:6**
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- **Those who have this gift share the prophecy in an orderly manner.**
 - **1 Corinthians.14:31-33**
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- **Those who have the gift are subjected to the discernment.**
1 Corinthians.14:29
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Testing of the gift of Prophecy

- **Warning of False Prophecies. 1 Thessalonians.5:19-22; Jeremiah.14:14**

- **Agreement with the Bible. 2 Peter.3:16**

- **Witness to Jesus. 1 John 4:1-2**

- **Glorifying God. John 16:14**

- **Edifying the Body of Christ. 1 Corinthians.14:3**

- **Subject to the discernment. 1 Corinthians.14:29**

- **Self-Control. 1 Corinthians.14:32**

- **Fulfilled. Deuteronomy 18:22**

Reflection

1. Why is it so easy for the gift of prophecy to be viewed negatively by others inside the church who don't have their particular gift?

2. Prophets see the wrong in order to make it right. Share your story of this kind of experience you have experienced?

3. Why is it important for those who remember that the intention of the gift is to help not hurt? How can we keep this in front of our thinking when dealing with a prophecy?

4. In what ways was Jesus the perfect demonstration of what the gift of the prophet should look like?

5. Have you ever skeptical about the prophecies? How do you test them?
