

DESIRING SPIRITUAL GIFTS

“Eagerly pursue Love, yet desire Spiritual Gifts...”

- 1st Corinthians 14:1

Class 15

Prophecy

- Literal Meaning:

- To speak before

- The ability to reveal truth and proclaim it in a timely and relevant manner for understanding, correction, repentance and edification.

- Supporting References:

- 1st Corinthians 12:10 & 28-29

- 6) Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith;

- 1st Corinthians 12:10 & 28-29

- 10) To another the working of miracles; to another prophecy; to another discerning of spirits; to another divers kinds of tongues; to another the interpretation of tongues:

- 28) And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.

- 29) Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all workers of miracles?

- Ephesians 4:11-12

- 11) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

- 12) For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

• 2nd Peter 1:19-21

- 19) We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:
- 20) Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.
- 21) For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

• 1st John 4:1-3

- 1) Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.
- 2) Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God:
- 3) And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

• 1st Thessalonians 5:19-21

- 19) Quench not the Spirit.
- 20) Despise not prophesyings.
- 21) Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

• Characteristics:

• People with this Gift:

- Speak a timely word from God causing conviction, repentance or edification
- See truth that others often fail to see and challenge them to respond
- Warn of God's coming judgment if there is no repentance

• Traits:

- Discerning, Compelling, Uncompromising, Outspoken, Convicting, Confronting

• Cautions

• People with this Gift:

- Need to be aware that the listeners may reject the message if not spoken in love and compassion
- Need to avoid pride or speaking your own opinion
- Need to remember that Scripture must support what you say