



Prophecy (propeteia): A discourse emanating from divine inspiration and declaring the purposes of God, whether by reproving and admonishing the wicked, or comforting the afflicted, or revealing things hidden; esp. by foretelling future events.

1 Corinthians 12:10 AMPC To another the working of miracles, to another prophetic insight (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose); to another the ability to discern and distinguish between [the utterances of true] spirits [and false ones], to another various kinds of [unknown] tongues, to another the ability to interpret [such] tongues.

I. Inspiration Gifts

- A. Prophecy is a spoken word of inspiration from God to man via the Holy Spirit.

2 Peter 1:21 NKJV for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

- B. Gifts of tongues is vocal utterance (without human understanding/knowledge) under divine inspiration.

1 Corinthians 13:1 NKJV Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

1. Tongues of _____

2. Tongues of _____ – **Acts 2:2-4**

- C. The Gift of interpretation is the supernatural ability to understand the heavenly language uttered by people under inspiration of the Holy Spirit. This language is not previously understood.

II. Biblical Operation of the Gift of Prophecy

- A. Prophecy is not:

1. Rebuking, _____, or Judgment.

2. Disruptive Guidance or insight, but instead it should be confirmation from the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 14:31 NLT In this way, all who prophesy will have a turn to speak, one after the other, so that everyone will learn and be encouraged.

a. Prophecy doesn't _____ what God has already told you

b. Prophecy doesn't contradict God's Word

c. Prophecy doesn't confuse.

3. Humiliating or discouraging

- B. Why does the gift of Prophecy exist?

1 Corinthians 14:12 AMP So it is with you, since you are so very eager to have spiritual gifts and manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in ways that will build up the church [spiritually].

1. _____ (oikodome): The act of one who promotes another's growth in Christian wisdom, piety, happiness, holiness. To build up.

2. _____ (paraklesis): Exhortation, admonition, encouragement.

3. _____ (paramythia): consolation, comfort-*the easing or alleviation of a person's feelings of grief or distress. Freedom from physical pain or constraint.*

III. Biblical Operation of the Gifts of tongues and Interpretation

1 Corinthians 14:2-4 NKJV For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.³ But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.⁴ He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

- A. Again, we see that this gift is done in submission to the Holy Spirit and is to build the body not self. Both the gift of tongues and of interpretation require humility and obedience to function freely.
- B. Tongues should not be publicly declared without interpretation. But it can be privately or individually uttered as a conversation/prayer between the person and God.
- C. Benefits of these gifts in the lives of believers:
 - 1. Personal edification that leads to spiritual refreshing and soul rest, as well as peace.
 - 2. Allows for direct fellowship with God, which increases the individual's sensitivity to the work of the Holy Spirit.
 - 3. It helps to build God's presence in the atmosphere which can increase our experience
 - a. Which in turn can build and confirm our faith in God and His word.
 - b. As a warning we shouldn't make an interaction with the Holy Spirit primarily about a feeling, and we should never seek the gift apart from the gift Giver, our father in Heaven.