

Hearing the Voice of God

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Week 4

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“For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.” - Revelation 19:10

1 Cor. 13: 1-7 – How we minister

Exhort, Equip, Encourage...the saints for the work of ministry

I. **Exhort** the saints to prophesy

- A. *“Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.”*
- 1 Cor. 14:1, 1 Cor. 14:37-39, 1 Cor. 14:31

II. **Equip** the saints to prophesy

- A. *“What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up.”* - 1 Cor. 14:26

- B. Revelation (Prophecy) – something revealed.

1. *A report of something God spontaneously brings to mind* – Wayne Grudem
2. Two purposes of prophecy
 - a. All things done for edification, encouragement, comfort, and “building up” of the church – 1 Cor. 14:3, 12, 26
 - b. Reveal the manifest presence of God. *“God is really among you”* – 1 Cor. 14:22-25
3. Prophetic ministry universal to those indwelt by the Spirit - 1 Cor. 14:3
4. NT prophecy’s content is not universal. It’s non-normative – 1 Thess. 5:19-21
5. Prophecy manifests corporately/individually in: (Forth-telling, Fore-Telling)
 - a. *Affirmation* – 1 Cor. 14:3, Acts 15:32 (corporate, team prophetic ministry)
 - b. *Confirmation* – Acts 21:11 (Personal prophecy)
 - c. *Prediction* – Acts 11:28 (Congregational prophecy)
 - d. *Impartation* ** – 1 Timothy 4:14, 2 Tim. 1:6 (Presbytery prophecy)
 - e. *Direction* ** – Acts 13:3 (Leadership serving prophecy)** *...manifests significantly through, and to, pastoral authority/initiation*
6. Prophetic Processing
 - a. Distinguishing *“prophetic speech”* – JD Greear
 - *Word of Knowledge* – unction of timely knowledge from Scripture, or about a person or situation from the Holy Spirit.
 - * John 4:18 – Jesus and the woman at the well
 - * Acts 5:3 – Peter with Ananias

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- *Word of Wisdom* – A timely application of knowledge, or a directive from the Holy Spirit to act on knowledge
 - * Acts 16:6 – Paul kept from preaching in Asia
 - * Acts 9:10-19 – Ananias directed to serve Paul
 - * Acts 5:8 – Peter given wisdom in dealing with Sapphira
 - * Acts 6:10 – Stephen spoke with wisdom
- *Discerning of Spirits* – Insight into a person, or group’s motivation, and/or the spirit realm’s influence on a situation
 - * Acts 16:18 – Paul casts out a demon from the slave girl
 - * Matt. 16:23 – Jesus rebukes Peter
 - * Acts 13:8-10 – Paul discerned Elymas’ attack from Satan
- *Prophecy* – Reporting something God reveals for edification, encouragement, and comfort of an individual or the church
 - * Acts 11:27 – Agabus prophesies a famine
 - * Acts 13:3 – Holy Spirit said through prophets, “Set apart...”
 - * Acts 15:32 – Judas and Silas, prophets said many things
 - * Acts 21:11 – Agabus prophesies over Paul

7. Disciplines of delivery

- a. *Brevity* – Be “brief and anointed”
- b. *Clarity* – Precise and concise
- c. *Humility* – Submitted to authority (James 4:6, Eph. 5:21, 1 Cor. 14:32)
- d. “...*We prophesy in part*” – 1 Cor. 13:9
“...*through a mirror dimly*” (ESV) – 1 Cor. 13:12
- f. *Sequence of the prophetic*: - Rick Joyner
 - Revelation – Verbal or Visual impression
 - Interpretation – Meaning or understanding of the message or vision
 - Application – Delivery method, timing, context, individual or group

III. Encourage the saints to prophesy

- A. Have a Barnabas Heart – Acts 11:23

Evaluating personal and/or congregational prophecy

- 1 ~ Is the message Scriptural? (1 Thess. 5:19-21)
- 2 ~ Does the message glorify Jesus Christ? (John 16:13-14, 1 John 4:2-3)
- 3 ~ Does the message include gospel themes? (Rev. 19:10)
- 4 ~ Is the message’s primary thrust “felt needs”/man-centered, or God/Christ-centered? (John 16:14)
- 5 ~ Does the message confirm the Spirit’s leading up to and during the meeting? (1 Cor. 14:33)
- 6 ~ Does the message bear witness in our Spirit? (Rom. 8:16, John 16:7-13)
- 7 ~ Does the message edify, encourage, comfort the church? 1 Cor. 14:3
- 8 ~ How does the person envision delivering the message? (1st person or paraphrase – Col. 4:6, Eph. 4:29)
- 9 ~ Is the message excessively predictive, directive, or corrective? (Submit to pastors for approval first)
- 10 ~ Is the message’s interpretation of the vision clear, intelligible, anointed?
- 11 ~ Is the message clear, concise, and compassionate?
- 12 ~ Is the person sharing known, reliable, and/or proven to deliver sound prophetic ministry?