

## “UNDERSTANDING THE MANIFESTATION GIFTS - PART 3”

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**INTRO:** Let’s work our way through the Manifestation Gift instructions [protocol] Paul gives us in chapter 14.

1. We’re to pursue love AND desire spiritual gifts, especially prophecy (vv. 1-2, 5) - most versatile, predominate gift.
  - A. We wouldn’t be told to desire this gift unless God wants us to move in this gift (see verse 31)!
2. Prophecy should edify, exhort and comfort (vv. 3-4).

### **TWO PREDOMINATE THEMES (throughout this chapter):**

- 1) The whole Church edified over individual edification (vv. 4-5, 12, 17, 26, 31).
- 2) This requires understanding (vv. 2, 5-11, 13-16, 18-19).
3. Paul emphasizes the importance of understanding in order to be edified (vv. 9-11).
4. Seek to excel at edifying the church (v. 12).
5. Tongues in corporate worship should be interpreted (vv. 13-19, 27-28).
6. Tongues are a sign for the unbeliever and prophecy for the believer (vv. 22-25).
7. We should bring something to contribute to corporate worship to edify the church (v. 26)! What did you bring?
8. Prophecies should be orderly and judged (vv. 29-33).
  - A. Be teachable and coachable!
  - B. The filters:
    - 1) Will this edify the church?
    - 2) Will this be understood by the people present?
    - 3) Is this in order (fits current flow, will contribute)?
9. What did Paul mean when he wrote for women to keep silent in the churches (vv. 34-35)? See Ex. 15:20-21; Jud. 4:4; 2Ki. 22:14-15; Neh. 6:14; Isa. 8:3; Lk. 2:36-38; Acts 2:17; 21:9).
10. The mature will accept Paul’s instructions (vv. 37-38).

**Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. Let all things be done decently and in order. (1Cor. 14:39-40)**

**CONCLUSION: Desire spiritual gifts; follow protocol.**