

“UNDERSTANDING THE MANIFESTATION GIFTS - PART 4”

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INTRO: In this series we have worked our way through 1Corinthians chapters 12-14. Remember, corporate worship should be about the edification of the whole body and for that to happen, people need to understand what’s going on.

I. DESIRE SPIRITUAL GIFTS (1Cor. 12:31; 14:1, 39)

II. STIR UP SPIRITUAL GIFTS (1Tim. 4:14; 2Tim. 1:6)

A. Gifts require ongoing nurturing and stirring up.

B. Stirring up spiritual gifts involves practice and use, as well as faith (Heb. 5:14; Rom. 12:6).

III. GUIDELINES FOR PROPHETIC MINISTRY IN THE CHURCH

A. All things should be done decently and in order – with honor and dignity (1Cor. 14:40).

B. Every church should establish proper prophetic protocol.

1. Proper protocol facilitates the effective use of the gifts.

2. No order is out of order!

C. General Guidelines

D. Questions to consider before giving a word:

1. Does the word fit the service’s current flow & theme?

2. Will the word take the service higher?

3. Is the word meant just for you or for the whole body?

4. Does the word edify, exhort, and comfort the body (1Cor. 14:3)? Avoid giving words of correction/rebuke.

IV. WHAT *NOT* TO PROPHECY:

A. Any word that if you’re wrong may be devastating.

B. Be extremely cautious about prophesying specific timing.

C. Avoid requesting or responding to requests to prophecy concerning specific areas.

Characteristics of true prophecy

Practical advice when giving a personal word

Practical advice when giving a public word

Practical advice for prophetic ministry in the marketplace

Practical advice for responding to prophetic ministry

Understanding Prophetic Process