

SPIRIT & POWER: Hearing the Voice of God

Joel 2:28

I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on servants—men and women alike.

1 Corinthians 14:1

Let love be your highest goal! But you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives—especially the ability to prophesy.

Three Purposes of prophecy in the NT:

1. _____

1 Corinthians 14:2-3

For if you have the ability to speak in tongues, you will be talking only to God, since people won't be able to understand you. You will be speaking by the power of the Spirit, but it will all be mysterious. But one who prophesies strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them.

2. _____

1 Corinthians 14:22-25

So you see that speaking in tongues is a sign, not for believers, but for unbelievers. Prophecy, however, is for the benefit of believers, not unbelievers. Even so, if unbelievers or people who don't understand these things come into your church meeting and hear everyone speaking in an unknown language, they will think you are crazy. But if all of you are prophesying, and unbelievers or people who don't understand these things come into your meeting, they will be convicted of sin and judged by what you say. As they listen, their secret thoughts will be exposed, and they will fall to their knees and worship God, declaring, "God is truly here among you."

3. _____

1 Timothy 1:18

Timothy, my son, here are my instructions for you, based on the prophetic words spoken about you earlier. May they help you fight well in the Lord's battles.

1 Timothy 4:14

Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received through the prophecy spoken over you when the elders of the church laid their hands on you.

Testing What You Hear:

1. Agreement with _____
2. Fruits of the _____
3. Fruits of the _____
4. Agreement with _____

Helps to Prophesying:

1. Keep your focus on _____
2. Move in God's _____
 - a) _____
 - b) _____
 - c) _____
3. Be _____
4. When alone, _____
5. Don't _____
6. Desire _____
7. Take _____

Toward Purer Revelation:

1. Grow in _____
2. Grow in _____
3. Grow in _____
4. Have a _____