

Prophet or Non Prophet?

1 Corinthians 14
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¹ Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy. ³ ... the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.



1. Prophecy is open to the entire church and is something to pursue with eagerness.



2. You probably believe in prophecy though you may not use that terminology.



3. When you think prophecy, don't think foretelling, rather think forthtelling.



4. Definition: speaking what God brings
to your mind for the strengthening,
encouraging and comfort of fellow
believers



1 Corinthians 14:29-33

29 Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said.

30 And if a revelation comes to someone who is sitting down, the first speaker should stop.

31 For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged.



1 Corinthians 14:29-33

³² The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets. ³³ For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord's people.



5. The prophecy of the NT is not the same thing as the prophets in the OT.



6. The NT clearly teaches that we are to weigh and evaluate prophecy.



1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ Do not treat prophecies with contempt ²¹ but test them all; hold on to what is good, ²² reject every kind of evil.



7. Prophecy played a vital role in the life of the early church and it can today as well.



8. The abuse and misuse of anything should not lead us to no use.



1 Corinthians 14: 34-35

³⁴ Women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the law says. ³⁵ If they want to inquire about something, they should ask their own husbands at home; for it is disgraceful for a woman to speak in the church.



1 Corinthians 14:36-38

³⁶ Or did the word of God originate with you? Or are you the only people it has reached? ³⁷ If anyone thinks they are a prophet or otherwise gifted by the Spirit, let them acknowledge that what I am writing to you is the Lord's command.

³⁸ But if anyone ignores this, they will themselves be ignored.



1 Corinthians 14:39-40

³⁹ Therefore, my brothers and sisters, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. ⁴⁰ But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.



9. God wants to strengthen, encourage and comfort other believers through your words.



1 Corinthians 14:3

... the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.



CHECKLIST

- Godly in lifestyle?
- Under authority of God, Scripture & local church leaders?
- Exhibit self control?
- Humble enough to receive correction or feedback?



CHECKLIST

- Glorify Christ?
- Consistent with Scripture?
- Endorsed by church leaders?
- Did it strengthen, encourage or comfort?

