

The Spiritual Gift of Prophecy

Definition

The gift of Prophecy is the God-given ability to reveal God's truth and proclaim it in a timely and relevant manner for understanding, correction, repentance, or edification.

Gifts in Action

Paul was transformed by God from a persecutor of Christians to a preacher for Christ. During his public ministry he made three missionary journeys in which he challenged people to live more fully for God. Paul drew from his background, training, and life experiences to proclaim the Gospel in such a way that it was easily understood and accepted. He was not afraid to expose the things that were contrary to God's Word. His preaching and writing inspired people to live for Christ.

Scripture References for Prophecy

- Romans 12:6
- 1 Corinthians 12:10,28
- 1 Corinthians 13:2

People With This Gift Like to...

- See a truth that others often fail to see and challenge them to respond.
- Understand God's heart and mind through life experiences.
- Expose sin or deception in others for the purpose of making things right.

Characteristics of People With Prophecy

- Discerning
- Compelling
- Uncompromising
- Authoritative
- Confronting
- Convicting

Potential Ways to Use the Gift of Prophecy

- Sunday school/Bible teacher
- Spiritual advisor
- Preaching
- Member of a board or council that sets future direction

RECOMMENDED READING:

Daniel: The Key to Prophetic Revelation by John F. Walvoord
Evidence that Demands a Verdict – Josh McDowell
Creative Bible Teaching by Gary J. Bredfeldt
Saving Eutychus by Gary Millar and Phil Campbell