

The Gifts of the Holy Spirit pt.4

Welcome to Harvest Community Church

Series: The Holy Spirit

Text: 1 Corinthians 14:1-5

The Utterance Gifts are:

- The Gift of Prophecy
- Different kinds of Tongues
- Interpretation of Tongues.

* Remember - God gives us gifts we can use. When we minister, we need creative information to help solve problems and touch lives.

The Gifts of the Spirit are practical not mystical and not play things.

The word Prophecy literally means to speak forth.

Prophecy – An inspired message from God in one's language. A divine disclosure on behalf of the Spirit. A greater insight of the Spirit that brings strengthening, instruction, encouragement and comfort.

Prophecy is given for the edification / building up of the church. **1 Corinthians 14:5**

God speaks to us primarily through His written Word.

The Bible is our infallible guide. All Prophecy is to be judged, no one gets a pass on this.

1 Corinthians 14:29, 1 Thessalonians 5:21

Five areas Prophecy is to be judged by:

- Content - Is it true? Is it helpful? Is it edifying?
- Alignment with God's written Word.
- Maturity of the one used, attitude, submitted to authority **1Thessalonians 5:12, 1 Corinthians 14:37** The Bible tells us to know those who labor among us.
- Relevancy to the meeting. Does it flow? **1 Corinthians 14:33,40** Not to be used to preach another message. Does it compliment what God is already doing?
- Does it draw attention to God or to the person using the gift?

There have been abuses of this gift and mistakes made. That is why God warns us not to allow the enemy to disrupt one of God's powerful tools.

1 Thessalonians 5:19-20, 1 Corinthians 14:39 We should never quench the Holy Spirit.

Several ways we quench the fire of the Holy Spirit:

1. An apathetic response or a disruptive, exaggerated response to the use of gifts and not to God.
2. When we allow the excitement of crowds to dull our ears to hearing the foundational truths of the Holy Spirit's counsel.

3. When we look to the visitation of the Spirit to shore up weaknesses in the local church rather than correct problems.
4. When we allow an attitude of pride or showmanship to distort the simplicity of God's workings.
5. When we allow breakdown of authority and unity through prayerlessness or functioning outside of individual boundaries and giftings.
6. When we look to "professionals" instead of releasing ministries that God has placed in the body. Remember there is order in public meetings. Revival isn't about meetings, it's about ministry.
7. When we lose the focus that worship is for God and not a means of stimulating desired responses from people.
8. When we allow busyness and excitement to keep us from prayer and intercession.
9. When we see the gifts as an end and not as a tool of ministry.
10. When we use God's enablement to build ourselves up and not the body of Christ.

There are standards by which those who minister must follow.

1 Corinthians 14:26-28, 1 Corinthians 14:32 Although the gifts are supernatural we have control over when, how and with what attitude and demeanor we deliver them.

The Gift of Prophecy is often confused with predicting the future and guidance. The Gift of Prophecy is not to be confused with the office of a prophet. The functions, giftings and responsibilities are very different.

The Satanic counterfeit to the Gift of Prophecy and the Word of Knowledge is fortune telling.

The Gift of Prophecy has three main purposes:

- To edify the church. Literally BUILD UP, encourage and bless.
- To exhort this means a calling near; can mean move from sin and draw near to God, involves correction, not a harsh judgmental rebuke.
- To comfort - consolation in trials, assurance of His mercy and grace. Word of His forgiveness.

All the gifts are to be ministered with humility, grace, faith. **Romans 12:3-8**

Gifts of Tongues and Gift of Interpretation are equal to prophecy. **1 Corinthians 14:5**

Gift of Tongues - The ability to give a message from God in a language not understood by the hearers – except that it is interpreted.

Gift of Interpretation- the supernatural ability to show forth by the Spirit the meaning of an utterance of tongues in a language understood by the hearers.

- Tongues are a sign for unbelievers. **1 Corinthians 14:20-25**
- Tongues must be interpreted. **1 Corinthians 14:6-19**
- There are guidelines that help direct the use of these gifts
1 Corinthians 14:26-33,39-40