



YOUR WORDS ARE POWERFUL!

What God says about what you say

IN Favor video teaching series

#19. "PROPHETIC WORDS"

New Testament prophecy is a spiritual gift

1 Corinthians 12:4 *There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them ...*

⁷ *Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom ... ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy ...*

Romans 12:1 *We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;*

Prophecy is the gift we should desire and pursue

1 Corinthians 14:1 *Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy ...*

⁵ *I would like every one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy.*

What New Testament prophecy is, and what it is not

<i>The Old Testament office of prophecy</i>	<i>The New Testament gift of prophecy</i>
Prophets repeated words directly from God	Believers speaking human words
These words were recorded as Scripture	God brings these words to our minds
Introduced by "Thus saith the Lord"	These words must be tested by others

It is *not* restricted to foretelling the future, or exposing sin, or condemnation and judgment.

It is speaking to strengthen, encourage, and comfort others:

1 Corinthians 14:3 *But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort. ⁴ Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies edifies the church.*

1 Corinthians 14:31 *For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged.*

1 Corinthians 14:23 *So if the whole church comes together and everyone speaks in tongues, and inquirers or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are out of your mind? ²⁴ But if an unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying, they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all, ²⁵ as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, "God is really among you!"*

We can all prophesy!

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Acts 2:17 *In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.*

Prophecies should be evaluated

1 John 4:1 *Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.*

1 Corinthians 14:29 *Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said.*

1 Thessalonians 5:20 *Do not treat prophecies with contempt ²¹ but test them all; hold on to what is good*

THINK ABOUT IT ...



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