

The Gift of Prophecy

Prophecy in the local church is a biblically based message from God to the church that will bring strength, encouragement and comfort as well as conviction of sin.

Two Aspects of Prophecy

- 1. A function in the local church as in this passage**
- 2. A recognised prophet who is similar to the O T prophets who denounce injustice and expose motives**

Acts 2:17 - 19

The gift of prophecy was a sign that a new age has dawned - the age of the Holy Spirit

In The Corinthian Church

- **Eagerly seek this gift 1 Cor 14:1**
- **It will strengthen, encourage and build up 1 Cor 14:3**
- **It will bring unbelievers to faith in Jesus 1 Cor 14:24,25**

How to Exercise This Gift

- **All must be done decently and in an orderly way 1 Cor 14:40**
- **Two or three are to speak**
- **It is to be carefully evaluated**
- **One speaking at a time**
- **The speaker should always be in control**

We Should Ask

- 1. Does it build up? What is the fruit of the prophecy?**
- 2. Is it biblically sound?**
- 3. Is it appropriate?**
- 4. What is the character of the person giving the prophecy?**
- 5. Is the motive pure?**

Guidelines

for exercising this gift at CHBC

- 1.If it is simply an encouragement share it with the person concerned**
- 2.If it is a revelation of the person's heart, then be sensitive and check it with a trustworthy and mature believer**
- 3.If you have a message for the church write it down and share it with myself**