

PROPHECY

<p>Prophecy is a gift that God uses to convict His people of sin and their need for repentance. This gift is a Holy-Spirit-empowered ability to speak God's Word—truth—into a situation, calling people to turn back to God, warning of the consequences of not doing so, and reminding people of God's promises and of His justice and judgment. Knowing the right timing to speak a word from God depends on the person with the gift of prophecy being prayerful and sensitive to the Spirit's leading.</p>	<p>This is one of my gifts _____</p> <p>I am unsure if I have this gift _____</p> <p>This is not one of my gifts _____</p>
<p>Questions on the assessment that pertain to Prophecy:</p>	<p>Review each question and jot down what comes to mind:</p>
<p><i>I often say things that people in the church need to hear, even though it may make them uncomfortable.</i></p>	
<p><i>God sometimes leads me to ask difficult questions and point out inconvenient truths.</i></p>	
<p><i>God uses me to point out his plans and purposes when others may be straying from the path.</i></p>	
<p>Some words that describe people with this gift:</p>	<p>Put a checkmark below if you feel the word describes you:</p>
<p>Reveals</p>	
<p>Exposes</p>	
<p>Challenges</p>	
<p>Bold</p>	
<p>Warns</p>	
<p>Discerns</p>	
<p>Potential negatives to this gift:</p>	<p>Check the ones that feel like particular warnings for your use of the gift:</p>
<p>Sometimes people with this gift deliver the message harshly.</p>	
<p>People with this gift can get frustrated that listeners do not hear God's message and repent.</p>	
<p>People with this gift can feel rejected and be tempted to either stop speaking or to leave the church.</p>	



Some possible ways to serve using this gift:	Check which ways to serve sound like a potential fit for you, or add to the list:
• Adult Education teacher/Bible study leader/assistant/ Sunday School teacher	
• Elder/preacher/worship leader	
• Prayer team member/coordinator	
• Prison ministry	
• Spiritual gifts advisor/ mentor/coach/counseling ministry	
• Youth leader	
• Anywhere	

Quotations from individuals with this gift:

KF: "I do have the gift of prophecy....much to my family's dismay! Everyone loves the person with the gift of prophecy who uses it to encourage and to shed light on a situation, the person who acts as a cheerleader ...but when it comes to being an instrument for God convicting others of the need to repent and change their ways---like John the Baptist--- or to rise up higher in their walk with Him, both the messenger and the message can be less enthusiastically received!"

LP: "In all honesty, I suppose it's the gift that feels most uncomfortable to talk about because it seems so...well, bossy. In the mix of gifts that God has given me, Prophecy seems to work in partnership with Teaching and Discernment. The mix of prophecy and discernment shows up in how I view the communities I'm involved in. Often I'll see needs or gaps in how that community is functioning--for example, in my family, I'm generally the one who identifies areas where we can work together more effectively or improve how we relate to each other. In my work, I sometimes see future directions in education that would help our program. The teaching gift then kicks in and prompts me to suggest courses of action. In a healthy community, I think Prophecy should be weighed against the wisdom of Scripture and/or the broader communal wisdom so that the ideas/practices that come from it are confirmed."

JK: "With some people, I have a knack for 'speaking forth' and helping them decipher God's intents and purposes in their life...even if they resist (which is how people often respond to prophets!). I have some reluctance in embracing the 'prophet' label because of the misconception of predicting the future, but I have recognized that God has given me unique access and connections to so many people who seem willing to open up to me, which then enables me to 'speak forth' key aspects of God's will in their lives."

If you think you have this gift, write your own quotation (a description of what this looks like in your life):

Having reviewed this gift in detail above, who else do you think exhibits this gift?

Jot down your reactions/reflections here: