



## CCC Small Groups Leaders Guide

Step Up & Serve  
Part 3 of 6

The Verbal Gifts

1 Corinthians 12:10

'Talking Like Jesus'

The Verbal Gifts (Prophecy, Tongues, Interpretation of Tongues)

### **Prophecy (1 Corinthians 12:10)**

Definition: A supernatural utterance in a known tongue, inspired by the Holy Spirit with the purpose of delivering Holy Spirit inspired communication to others.

The function of the gift (1 Corinthians 14:3) is in the,  
Edification of the Church - Building up.  
Exhortation to the Church - Stirring up.  
Comfort - Lifting up.

However, the Prophet has in addition to this, revelation about the future and a directional / correctional aspect to the ministry.

Prophecy is a manifestation of the Spirit of God, not of Intellect. (1 Corinthians 12:7)

Intellect, Faith & Will are all operative in this gift but its exercise is not intellectually based. It is calling forth of words from the Spirit of God.

Prophecy **is not** equivalent to scripture. It is a particular word for a particular congregation at a particular time through a particular person.

Scripture is for all believers in all places at all times.

### **Exercising the Prophetic Gift.**

Eagerly desire it - 1Cor 14:1,39.

It can come in times of personal prayer (Acts 2:17-18) and in an obscure manner requiring time for the Lord to confirm it.

Often words or visions come in an atmosphere of prayer & worship - Acts 13:2.

When you receive a prophetic word, you are not bound to deliver it there and then, it may be appropriate to wait for a later time and place.

- 1Corinthians 14:32, John 14:26.

Sometimes only the beginning of the prophesy is received. This calls for faith and we should speak it out in faith and the rest will follow.

Do not be surprised if the prophesy is brief. (for example - Haggai 1:13)

Beware of adding your own comments to the prophesy (1Corinthians 14v30)

Be alert to the fact that Prophecy often comes in the language of the scripture you are soaked in ... e.g. King James, N.I.V. etc..

At all times, Prophecy must always be spoken in love - 1Corinthians 14:1.

No-one should operate in this gift if they are not willing for the prophesy to be tested - 1 Corinthians 14v29.

Note; be swift to listen and slow to speak. Do not rush to correct someone publicly in case you 'throw the baby out with the bath water'. (Matthew 13:29).

## **Tongues (1 Corinthians 12:10)**

Definition: The Supernatural utterance under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in a language unknown to the speaker.

The Tongues of Men & Angels (1 Corinthians 13:1).

There is a distinction between Tongues used in private devotion (building up the believer Jude v 20) & Tongues for public utterance (1 Corinthians 14:4, 5-18).

The gift of Tongues serves as an evidence and sign of the indwelling and working of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes the Tongue is known to a person or persons hearing it.

The function of the gift is to build up the Church.

The manifestation of the gift comes through speaking in tongues or singing in tongues.

Tongues is a genuine timeless work of the Holy Spirit, a refreshing renewing personal resource in prayer.

- 1 Corinthians 14:5, Acts 2:4, Acts 11:15.

## **Interpretation of Tongues.**

Definition - A manifestation of the Holy Spirit wherein a person interprets a message in Tongues so that it might be understood by the hearers.

Note carefully, Interpretation is not Translation.

The function of the gift is to make meaningful a message given in Tongues.

The manifestation comes through either the deliverer of the message in tongues, or some other person in the gathering being prompted to interpret.

- Mark 16:17.
- Acts 2:4.