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**The Gifts of the Spirit (Part 4)**  
**I Corinthians 12:7-11**

God still knows the future, and because He knows He can give you insight. God is still willing to share information about you and your future.

Gifts that SAY Something – prophecy, tongues & interpretation of tongues.

- Speaking in tongues is the gift of speaking supernaturally in a language you do not know.
- The gift of interpretation is the supernatural ability to articulate what the supernatural has said.

**The Gift of Prophecy** – a spontaneous spirit inspired message that is given to an individual or a gathered assembly.

The gifts that *say something* are **foretelling** and **forthtelling**.

- Foretelling is sharing a future event spoken to you by the Holy Spirit. (Acts 11:27-28)
- Forthtelling is speaking by the spirit explaining the present situation from God's perspective. (**Acts 13:1-3**)

We must remember to not be dismissive of a Word from God that might change our life. (**I Thessalonians 5:19-21**)

*“God is bigger than your knowledge of Him. As much as you think He knows, He knows more.” – Pastor Billy R. Johnson.*

- **Do not quench the spirit.** Carrying the idea of dampening or putting out the fire of the Holy Spirit.
- **Do not despise prophecies.** Do not treat what others say as worthless.
- **Test all things.** *Test* means to observe, look over and carefully inspect. When you are given a word test it to the Word of God.

*“The prophetic ministry is not designed to control your life, but to minister to you.” – Pastor Billy R. Johnson.*

### **Practical Insights:**

- Just because you are used to prophesying does not make you a prophet.
- Prophecy is for edification not manipulation. (**I Corinthians 14:26**)
- Prophecies need to be judged. (**I Corinthians 14:29**)
- Just because you CAN prophesy does not mean you HAVE to. (**I Corinthians 14:32**)

### **What happens after the prophecy?**

- When He uses you, something can happen to the **believer**:
  - Edification, exhortation, & comfort to men (I Corinthians 14:3)
- Something can happen to the **unbeliever**:
  - They will be convinced, convicted, & converted (I Corinthians 14:24-25)