

## Lesson 4: The New Testament Gift of Prophecy

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1. **'My sheep hear My Voice'** John 10:27

God wants to communicate with us and is speaking to us all the time but we often don't recognise or hear Him. The New Testament gift of prophecy is one way God may choose to communicate with us.



Watch this short clip:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e45dVgWgV64>

2. Prophecy is only ONE way that God speaks to us. In the New Covenant, what is the primary way He speaks to us? 2 Timothy 3:16:

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3. What are some of the other ways God speaks to us? If you can, support with bible verse or example:

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4. Can you identify some unique ways in which God 'speaks' to you?

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5. What is the purpose of the New Testament gift of prophecy:

1 Cor 14:3: \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. How is this different to prophecy in the Old Testament?

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7. What do the following verses tell us about this gift?

1 Cor 12:-4-6: \_\_\_\_\_

1 Cor 12: 7: \_\_\_\_\_

1 Cor 13: 2: \_\_\_\_\_

1 Cor 13:8: \_\_\_\_\_

1 Cor 14: 5: \_\_\_\_\_

1 Cor 14: 7: \_\_\_\_\_

1 Cor 14: 22: \_\_\_\_\_

1 Timothy 4: 14: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Who can prophecy?

1 Cor 14:5; 1 Cor 14:26; 1 Cor 14:31

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## 9. The Right Attitude

Throughout the epistle Paul the apostle gives us detailed instructions and exhortations to adopt the right attitude to prophecy ( and all the other gifts). Complete the following chart by adding the instruction given in each scripture.

Scripture	Instruction
1 Cor 12: 1	Don't be ignorant about the gifts
1 Cor 12: 31	
1 Cor 14: 1	
1 Cor 14: 5	
1 Cor 14: 39	
1 Thess 5: 20	
1 Thess 5: 21	
1 Tim 1:18	
1 Tim 4: 14	
2 Tim 1: 6	
2 Chronicles 20:20	

## 10. The Right Spirit

Not only do we need the right attitude, we also need the right spirit – which should be one of love and desire to build up, encourage and comfort others and reflect the Father’s heart.

Read the following accounts in the Bible and write down what they reveal about having the right spirit in delivering prophecy.

- ✓ 2 Kings 1: 9-14 ( background to the event in Luke 9)
- ✓ Luke 9: 52-56
- ✓ 1 Cor 13: 1-13
- ✓ John 3: 17
- ✓ Luke 19:10
- ✓ Luke 5: 31-32

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## 11. Activation: The True Spirit of Prophecy

*‘And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy’. Rev 19:10*

The motive of New Testament prophecy is to express God’s heart and nature to others – to comfort, encourage, edify, build up, exhort. Jesus is the Saviour who came to show the world love, mercy, forgiveness and truth. Our prophetic insights and words should reflect His nature.

### a. Bible Study and reflection.

Read the following verses and then make a list of the characteristics and qualities of love.

1 Corinthians 13: 1-5  
1 Peter: 8

2 Corinthians 5: 14-15  
1 John 4: 7-11

Love is:

♡ Kind _____	♡♡ _____
♡ _____	♡♡ _____
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b. Small group activity

- Get in to small groups of 2-5 people.
- Take a few minutes to contemplate the above scriptures about love.
- Think of a recent situation in which you have not demonstrated the true spirit of love.
- Think how you could have changed your thoughts, behaviour or actions to line up with the Spirit of Love.
- If you can, share your thoughts briefly with the group perhaps hearing perspectives from the others you may not have thought of.

c. Personal Reflection -Thoughts from the throne: Imagine yourself standing before the Lord. What do you hear Him saying to about the spirit of love. Write down what he says.

d. Individual activity. Walk around the room or along a busy street. As you do this, ask God to show you a specific individual and to fill you with His love for that person. Ask Him to show you the potential n that person. Depending on the circumstance, briefly share what God shows you with the person. (This is New Testament prophecy!)