

## **SPIRITUAL GIFTS & PROPHECY- PART 2**

Old testament prophets explained the plans and purposes of God and told what God would do in the future

In the old testament there are at least 44 different prophecies that were fulfilled through the life of Christ

There more than 300 prophecies pertaining to Christ Himself

The person giving the prophecy does not necessarily know at that moment that his words are prophetic

Prophecy can be either foretelling or forth telling

Forth telling is when the Lord gives you a word that you give to someone else that is meant to encourage, build up, stir up and/or comfort

Prophecy is NOT the will of man, it is the will of God

Don't shrink up in small thinking, spiritual Parkinson's, but let the encouragement flowing from the throne of God encourage you into big thinking

To encourage means to put courage into someone

Prophecy is a part of our inheritance from God

Sharing a prophetic word from the Lord is a great way to encourage someone

To get started in prophecy, see notes from last Sunday (9/28/2014)

To find out what your giftings are, you can take a spiritual gifts assessment

You have a calling, you have a gift

You need to understand what that gift is so that you can begin using it

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire the gifts

Prophecy can prepare us for what is coming in the future

One way God can speak to us prophetically is through dreams

Another way is through visions

Another way is through the voice of the Holy Spirit, a gentle whisper, a still small voice

We need to quiet ourselves to hear the Holy Spirit

Another way is through the voice of other people

Seek the Giver of the gift more than you seek the gift

If you believe you received a prophetic word, test it

Don't believe every spirit, voice or message. Test it with the Word of God

Test it by waiting on the Lord

Ask the Lord if that prophetic word is for prayer, care and/or share

Don't do:

Don't say thus saith the Lord

Don't act overly spiritual

Do not add or take away from the word

Do not try to interpret the word if you are unsure of its meaning

Don't confuse something you think or feel strongly, with a prophetic word

Don't think more highly of yourself more highly than you ought to

Don't be someone's personal prophet, we do not take the place of God in anyone's life

## **SCRIPTURE LIST**

Psalm 22:16-18

1 Corinthians 14:3

2 Peter 1:20-21

1 Corinthians 14:1

Acts 11:19-30

John 1:48

1 Kings 19:12

1 John 4:1

Deuteronomy 13:1

Revelation 22:19

Romans 12:3

2 Corinthians 12:6-10