

# Gift of Prophecy

**1** Start with prayer: Pray to the Father and ask the Father to send you the Holy Spirit to be with you as you consider the following questions. Thank Him for the blessings you are about to receive. Ask for His help. End your prayer “in Jesus name.”

**1 Cor 14:1**  
Make love your aim, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.  
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**2** Read the Word: Look up and prayerfully read this scripture. Take your time and allow God’s Word to soak into your heart. Allow the Holy Spirit to minister meaning to this Word from God, your Father, to you. You have spoken to Him through your prayer; now allow Him to speak to you through this scripture.

**3** Commit this passage to memory this week. Your packet will have a business size card with this scripture written on it. Carry it with you and read it through out the day. Make sure to look this up in your Bible so that you will know where it is located.

**4** If you are using a color-coding system to mark your Bible, use orange to mark this passage. *Green = Prayer, Spiritual Gifts*

<b>Principles for Hearing:</b>	
1) God is my Father	1 Jn 3:1
2) My Father has a plan for my life	Jer 29:11
3) My Father wants to make known the plan for my life.	Is 30:21

<b>Lectio Divina</b>	
Lectio	to read
Mediatio	to meditate
Oratio	to pray/speak
Contemplatio	to contemplate

# Reflection

As you read *1 Cor 14:1* what does the Holy Spirit speak to your heart (be aware of thoughts and feelings)? Use *Lectio Divina*.

Prophecy is the gift whereby the Holy Spirit manifests his presence by speaking in first person through a believer to another believer or to the Church.

Prophecy sounds like this

{ "Thus saith the Lord, my people..."  
"My people, I would say to you..."  
"For the Lord would say..."  
"Hear me, for I am the Lord, and I say..."

## Examples of New Testament Prophecies

Zacharias (Luke 1:67-79); Agabus (Ac 11:27-30; Ac 21:10-11)

## Manifest the Presence of God

1 Cor 14:24-25

But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, the secrets of his heart are disclosed; and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you.



1. **Be still**
2. **Fix your eyes** on Jesus as you pray in tongues. Ask the Holy Spirit, "Why does prophecy would manifest the presence of God?"
3. **Surrender** to the flow of the Holy Spirit. Let words and images flow into your sanctified imagination.
4. **Write** what comes to your heart.

### Practice *Lectio Divina* with these scriptures:

Num 11:29 *Green = Prayer, Spiritual Gifts*

But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!"

1 Thes 5:19-21 *Green = Prayer, Spiritual Gifts*

Do not quench the Spirit, do not despise prophesying, but test everything; hold fast what is good...