

Encourage, Edify, Exhort

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 14:3
On the other hand, he who prophesies speaks to men for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation
1 Cor 14:3

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. *Brown = Word of God, Commandments, Prophecy*

Principles for Hearing:	
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

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

Reflection

As you read *1 Cor 14:3* what does the Holy Spirit speak to your heart (be aware of thoughts and feelings)? Use *Lectio Divina*.

Prophecy is given to the Church to

Encourage Comfort
dify Clarify
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Examples:

Word of Encouragement/Comfort -

"My people, I am a loving Father seeking always the good of His children. With this in mind, come to Me and trust Me."

Word of Edification/Clarify—

Little ones, I am not asking you to add more penances to your life, I am asking you to simply offer Me the love that you give others. This will console My most merciful heart.

Word of Exhortation/Command—

Listen to Me and harken to my words, It is time for you to lay aside your self concerns and step forth in faith to lead others to my Kingdom trusting that I will give you the words to speak.

NOTE: When using the gift of prophecy there are some things to avoid. See the Seminar booklet "Hearing the Voice of God" pg 17.

Using the "4 Keys to hear God's Voice" ask the Holy Spirit to give you words of prophecy in each of the areas for which prophecy is given.



1. **Be still**
2. **Fix your eyes** on Jesus as you pray in tongues. Ask the Holy Spirit, to give you a word of Encouragement, a word of Edification, and a word of Exhortation.
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.

Word of Edification/Clarify—

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Word of Exhortation/Command—