

PROPHECY NEEDS TO BE JUDGED.

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1. Let two or three prophets speak and let the others judge, *1Cor 14:29*.
2. Is the prophecy true to the facts we already know? God's Spirit is the Spirit of truth, *1Jn 5:6, Jn 16:13*.
3. True prophecy must glorify Christ. This is the Holy Spirit's ministry, *Jn 16:14*.
4. Prophecy is given by the Holy Spirit to the Church to edify, exhort and comfort, *1Cor 14:3*.
5. God's Spirit does not condemn, cause guilt, striving, and bind people up, *Rom 8:1, Jn 3:17*.
6. Prophecy should line up with the inner witness of the Holy Spirit in God's holy praying people, *1Jn 2:27, Jn 14:26*. There should be an agreement in the spirit among mature believers.
7. Prophets who stand forth to speak the Word of God are required to show good fruit in their lives, *Mat 7:15-20, Gal 5:22,23, Mic 6:8, Eph 4:32*, the good fruits of holiness of life.
8. Legalism produces bondage but Christ has set us free and brought us into liberty, *Gal 5:1,13*, in His Spirit, *Rom 8:2*. Prophecy must not produce legalism and bondage. *Col 2:14-16, Rom 10:4*.
9. *1Cor 14:32* says that the spirit of the prophet is subject to the prophet and where prophecy is compulsive and not under the will and control of the one speaking, then the force operating is not the Holy Spirit.
10. Timing and place is important in prophecy. Sometimes a prophecy is given personally to an individual and therefore it ought not to be spoken out in a meeting. Also a prophecy should fit the flow of the Holy Spirit in a meeting and if it does not it should be held back until God releases it.
11. *1Cor 14:30*. Do not prophesy if the Word has already been spoken out by someone else. Rejoice that the Holy Spirit gave you the Word too.
12. Does the prophecy come to pass if it is foretelling? *Ac 11:28*.
13. Lastly, but most importantly, is the prophecy in line with the truth of God's Word? *Jn 17:17*. Does the prophecy agree with God's Word as a whole and not just with one isolated verse.