

BECOMING ESTABLISHED IN PROPHECY.

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1. *1Cor 14:1* Desire **spiritual gifts** especially that you may **prophecy** Pray with expectation for the full release of this gift in your life, *Mat 7:11, Lk 11:13*
2. Prophecy results in **edification, exhortation, comfort and encouragement**, *1Cor 14:3*. (The Holy Spirit does not produce condemnation, heaviness, and despair.)
3. **Praying in tongues** edifies one's spirit, *1Cor 14:4*, and quickens a release of the spirit of prophecy, *Jude 20*.
4. In many cases the gift of prophecy is imparted by **laying on of hands**, *1Tim 1:18, 4:14, 2Tim 1:6*.
5. **Worship, praise, thanksgiving**, and rejoicing in the Lord keeps the channels for prophecy and revelation open. God reveals Himself and His Word as we worship and praise Him. *Eph 5:18-20, Ps 16:11, Is 12:3, Ps 89:15, See Rev 19:10*. The testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy, *Lk 12:12, Mat 10:20*.
6. Be encouraged, **it is God's will** for you to prophesy, *1Cor 14:31*, and be an encouragement to others.
7. **Pray, seek, and ask** for prophecy regularly in your prayer times, (in fact all the gifts of the Spirit).
During a time of praise and worship **make yourself available** to the Holy Spirit to prophesy. **Ask for it. Wait expectantly.**
"Listen" to the witness of the Spirit. He may give you one word, or a thought to start you off, and as you step out in faith the Holy Spirit will gradually unfold the full flow of prophecy.
8. Always **judge prophecy**.
 - a. Is it in harmony with the truth of God's Word?
 - b. Does it glorify Christ?
 - c. Does the spirit in you witness to it positively?
 - d. Is it in accord with *1Cor 14:3*?
 - e. Do other mature believers have a positive witness to it?

If you do not feel that a "prophecy" fulfils these conditions you have a responsibility to speak up and say so.