

SPIRITUAL GIFTS - Part V
"Spiritual Gifts Descriptions"
Reference: miscellaneous Scripture
Pastor Larry Webb

GROUP ONE... the SPECIAL GIFTS

- 1) APOSTLE
- 2) PROPHET
- 3) EVANGELIST
- 4) PASTOR/TEACHER

GROUP TWO... the SPEAKING GIFTS

- 5) TEACHING
Reference: **Romans 12:7**

Definition: the Spirit produced ability to communicate God's truth through a careful _____ and _____ of scripture so as to cause people to both learn and change.

- 6) EXHORTATION
Reference: **Romans 12:8**

Definition: the Spirit produced ability to _____ others especially if they are discouraged and struggling.

- 7) KNOWLEDGE
Reference: **I Corinthians 12:8**

Definition: the Spirit produced ability to discover, collect, analyze, organize and retain _____ that is vital to individual Christians or the entire Church.

The Hebrew word translated as "to know" or *knowledge* is *yada* and *yada* is used more than _____ times in the Old Testament. The Greek word translated as "*knowledge*" is *gnosko* and *gnosko* is mentioned more than _____ times in the New Testament. God puts great emphasis on knowledge.

WARNING: Be careful!
Reference: **I Corinthians 8:1b**, "... *Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.*"

8) WISDOM
Reference: **I Corinthians 12:8**

Definition the Spirit produced ability to _____ God's perspective on people and situations and communicate those insights in a simple and understandable manner.

9) PROPHECY
Reference: **I Corinthians 12:10**

Definition: the Spirit produced ability to persuasively communicate God's truth so that it _____ non-Christians and both challenges and encourages Christians.

One of the characteristics of the New Apostolic Reformation (or Restoration) movement is an emphasis on receiving extra biblical prophecies.

The big problem is that more and more of those prophecies aren't accurate and prophecies that aren't totally true should be considered false prophecies.

Reference: **Deuteronomy 18:20-22** (see screen)

QUESTION: If someone claims to receive a prophetic message that does turn out to be correct does that mean this person has the biblical gift of prophecy?

ANSWER: _____

Reference: **Acts 16:16-18** (see screen)

God has warned us about false prophets
References: **Matthew 7:15** and
Acts 20:29-30 (see screen)

God speaks to us through four basic means:

- S _____
- C _____
- C _____
- I _____

The actual word "*prophet*" in the original languages meant "*to speak before*" and so a prophet was someone that *spoke before* and a prophet *spoke before* in two basic areas:

1) a prophet spoke about something **before it** _____

That was the same as **predicting** and the *predictive* part of prophesying does not now exist in the exact same sense it did in biblical times. We are able to predict accurately only what God has already predicted in Scripture.

I am a "prophesier" only in the sense I am preaching what God has already said. Once the New Testament was completed, prophesying changed from announcing new revelation from God to announcing the revelation God has already given us.

Reference: **Jude 1: 3**, "*Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to **contend earnestly for the** (Christian) **faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.***"

2) a prophet spoke about something **before** an _____
This is the **preaching** component to prophesying and that means a prophet would stand before a group of people and actually preach.

IMPORTANT: *preaching* (not *predicting*) is the _____ usage of the term "*prophecy*" in Scripture.

That means in modern times the spiritual gift of prophecy is the **preaching** gift!