

How to Prophecy in the Meetings

Scripture Reading:

- 1 Cor. 14:1 Pursue love, and desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.
- 1 Cor. 14:23-24 If therefore the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak in tongues, and some unlearned in tongues or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are insane? But if all prophesy and some unbeliever or unlearned person enters, he is convicted by all, he is examined by all;
- 1 Cor. 14:31 For you can all prophesy one by one that all may learn and all may be encouraged.

I. The denotation of prophesying.

- A. To speak for God and Christ, to speak forth God and Christ, and to minister and dispense God and Christ to people-Eph. 3:2,9.
- B. In 1 Corinthians 14, foretelling not being included-1 Cor.14:3, 24.

II. Prophesying in the way of 1 Corinthians 14 being carried out in the church meeting and being for the building up of the church-1 Cor.14:23-24, 4-5.

III. Prophesying in the way of 1 Corinthians 14 causing the seeking one to excel to the building up the church-1 Cor. 14:12.

IV. Having the capacity, the obligation, and the earnest desire to prophesy:

- A. All believers having the capacity to prophesy-1 Cor. 14:23, 31; Rom. 12:6-8.
- B. All believers having the obligation to prophesy-1 Cor. 14:23-24; Rom. 1:14-15.
- C. All believers needing to pursue, to seek and to desire earnestly to prophesy-1 Cor. 14:1, 12, 39.

V. The composition of a prophecy according to the way in 1 Corinthians 14:

- A. The knowledge and experience of God, Christ and spiritual things.
- B. The utterance to speak forth what we know and have experienced of God, Christ, and spiritual things.
- C. The sight under the divine enlightenment concerning the situation and environment in which we are
- D. The instant inspiration of the indwelling Spirit that stirs up our spirit to speak-
2 Chron. 15:1; Ezek 11:5; 2 Tim. 4:22.

VI. The basic constituents of a prophecy:

- A. The personal knowledge of the scriptures.
- B. The personal experience of life.
- C. Not adhering to personal experiences, testimonies, feelings, thoughts, opinions, affections, and reactions to any persons, matters, and things.

Further Readings:

The Practice of Prophesying, Witness Lee

Prophesying in the Church Meetings for the Organic Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ (Outlines), Witness Lee

Speaking Christ for the Building Up of the Body of Christ, Witness Lee

Life Study of 1 Cor. Messages 21-24, Witness Lee