

Growing in Spiritual Gifts I Corinthians 14:1

What spiritual gifts are we to desire?

We can see what gifts Paul has in mind from I Cor 12:7-10.

What is prophecy?

Prophecy involves a revelation from God (I Corinthians 14:29-31).

Prophecy must be evaluated by Scripture (I Corinthians 14:29).

Why should we earnestly desire spiritual gifts, especially prophecy?

Because we love people (I Corinthians 14:1).

Because God gives these gifts in response to earnest desire and prayer (I Corinthians 14:13).

Because Paul commands it (I Corinthians 14:1).

How should I share a spiritual gift?

Not with a "thus saith the Lord."

Share it humbly and tentatively as something you think God has given you.

How should I receive a spiritual gift?

You should weigh it, seeing if it fits Scripture and if God personally confirms it to you (I Corinthians 14:29).

Questions?



HOME GROUP DISCUSSION OF SUNDAY'S TEACHING

(Sometimes in our home groups we talk about Sunday's teaching, so we can work together on responding to God's Word — asking questions, sharing insights, talking together.)

What was the Holy Spirit saying to you Sunday through this passage?

What questions, ideas, objections, encouragements did you come away with?

What's your background with spiritual gifts? No background? Over-emphasis? Under-emphasis? How has this affected you?

What keeps you from earnestly desiring and praying for spiritual gifts?

Do you tend to lean more to the natural gifts or more toward the supernatural gifts? Why?

What could we do to see God pouring out His gifts even more lavishly Sunday mornings, at home group, and during the week?

Do you agree that every prophecy should be weighed according to Scripture? Why or why not?

Do you agree that we should share prophecy humbly and tentatively? Why or why not?

Why is it so important that we not assume someone else's prophecy for us is God's gift for us?

What's your take-away from this message? What are you going to do differently? When? How?

