

**GIFTS OF SPIRIT – 5**  
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**REVIEW:**

- Supernatural manifestations of the Spirit of God.
- Have nothing to do with natural ability, power or learning.
- For every believer, to benefit the church.
- To be desired by all.

**CONTINUE:**

**PROPHECY – 1 COR. 12:10**

**1. What it's not.**

- A. Fortune telling. DEUT. 13:1-5** – Believers are not to be involved with psychics, astrologers or false prophets. Jeane Dixon claimed her ability to tell the future was the gift of prophecy. She was more wrong than right.
- Russia would be first to land a man on the moon.
  - WWII would begin in 1958.
  - Vietnam War would end in 1966.
- B. Foretelling or predicting the future.**
- Jeane Dixon predicted there would be a cure for cancer by 1967. She is considered a false prophet.
  - Prophecy is not to be confused with the prophetic office. Prophets prophesy, but not all who prophesy is a prophet.
  - **IS. 53** - Prophecy was the vehicle through the Word of Wisdom came. Isaiah was foretelling, not just forth telling. Nathan also. **2 SAM. 12:7-14**
- C. The ability to preach.**
- To preach means to proclaim, announce, cry or tell. This can be learned.
  - **EZ. 37:3-10** – Prophecy is a gift that isn't learned.
- D. God's primary means of guidance.**
- **ROM. 8:14** – A woman was told through prophecy that her mother would die in six months and her husband would leave her within the year. Both were wrong.
- E. To be despised.**
- **1 THES. 5:19-20** – Misuse can lead to despising the gift.

**2. What prophecy is. 1 COR. 14:3**

- A. Inspired utterance that edifies, exhorts and comforts. If it tears down, drives away and promotes discomfort, it's being misused.**
- B. Inspired utterance that stimulates faith. 1 TIM. 1:18-19**

**3. Biblical examples of prophecy.**

- A. LUKE 1:46-55** – Mary's song of thanksgiving.
- B. ACTS 19:4-6, 21:8-9** – There's no mention of predicting the future. They were magnifying God.
- C. ACTS 21:10-11** – The prophet through prophecy gives a Word of Wisdom.

**CONCLUSION:**

We are to covet prophecy. Not to predict anyone's future, but to speak to men that which edifies, exhorts and comforts. **1 COR. 14:1-4** – Through tongues we edify self, with prophecy, we edify the church. **1 COR. 14:39-40** – Paul was correcting their use of the gifts and promoting order in their services.