

## **Prophecy**

### **Description:**

People with this gift link Biblical truths and God's will for today's living and are able to proclaim it in a timely and relevant manner for understanding, correction, or education. They do not foretell the future, but proclaim God's future by revealing God's perspective on current reality.

### **Distinctives:**

#### People with this gift:

- Expose sin or deception in others for the purpose of reconciliation.
- Speak a timely word from God causing conviction, repentance, and edification
- See truth that others often fail to see and challenge them to respond
- Warn of God's immediate or future judgment if there is no repentance
- Understand God's heart and mind through experiences he takes them through.

#### Traits:

- Discerning
- Compelling
- Uncompromising
- Outspoken
- Authoritative
- Convicting
- Confronting

#### Cautions:

- Need to be aware that listeners may reject the message if not spoken with love and compassion
- Need to avoid pride which can create a demanding or discouraging spirit that hinders the gift
- Should remember that discernment and scripture must support and agree with each prophecy.

### **Biblical Examples:**

Romans 12:6

1Corinthians 12:10,28 and 13:2

Peter 1: 19-21

### **Ministry Suggestions:**

Church Leadership Council  
Staff Parish Relations  
Lay Leader

Second Century Committee  
Small group leader  
Adult Discipleship Team