

## INTERPRETATION & PROPHECY

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### INTERPRETATION

Okay, praise God, we're going to move on here and move into the area of interpretation of tongues. As we move into tongues it can help us to move into other empowerments of the Spirit in such ways that were not available before the day of Pentecost. So it actually can help us to do greater things than the prophets of old did. It can help us be equipped even though we are just regular saints of God, regular Christians. We can move into some of these empowerments that in the Old Testament took special grace. Now we have an even greater grace because we have the Spirit of Christ within us. Tongues can help to set a foundation which we can build on into some of these other things. Interpretation of tongues is in one sense a bridge between the tongues and moving on into prophecy. In terms within the church, in terms of edification that is brought, interpretation of tongues and prophecy are equal because it is something that you understand.

In 1 Corinthians 14:1, "Pursue love and desire spiritual gifts [or spiritual things, gifts is in italics in the King James and New King James, meaning it is not in the Greek, there is no corresponding Greek word, it means "spiritual things" or "spiritual matters."] Pursue love and desire spiritual matters [in that order] especially that you may prophecy. Why does it say, "especially that you may prophecy"? Because Paul had already said, "I wish you would all speak in tongues because I speak in tongues more than all of you put together." He is not putting down tongues, but what he is saying is, remember the context, in the church that others may be edified. In that context he would rather that you prophecy. Why? So that the church will receive edification. It is not that prophecy is greater than tongues but it is greater in certain contexts. By reading this out of context it helps us to put tongues down and push it under the bed. We don't want to do that. In the context where it is meant to be used, tongues is actually greater, but in the context of the church, that the church may be edified, we want the prophecy; we want interpretation so

that we may understand. As long as we keep it in the context to whom Paul is writing and to what is the context that he is teaching , it can be understood , especially that you may prophesy. For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God for no one understands him, however in the Spirit he speaks mysteries, but he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men [people] in the church [in the group or in the gathering]. We come together and an interpretation or a prophecy speaks to those people and they understand. They learn something.

It says here if you speak in the Spirit and speak mysteries, that is tongues. However, what happens if that gets interpreted? What is it now? It is a mystery revealed. That is how they are revealed in the church , by speaking them in a known language. Verse 4, he who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. I wish you all spoke in tongues, but even more that you prophecy, for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks in tongues unless indeed he interprets that the church may receive edification. Automatically when you read that word "greater" you think that if that is the case then I want the prophecy and the interpretation and forget the tongues. The word greater is the Greek word used in Matthew 23:11 which says: But that he that is greatest among you shall be your servant and whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted. To be greater doesn't necessarily mean to be better but to be a servant. Can you see in the church where prophecy and interpretation is serving? In that context Paul is saying it is greater because it serves the church. Which is going to be greater in your prayer life? Tongues, probably. But in the church, so that we may receive edification, which is greater? Which one is going to serve best?

Romans 9:12 says, And it was said to her, "the older shall serve the younger." That is the same word "greater" talking about the older or elder. In other words we can start with tongues , we never want to belittle it, we never want to stop it , but it helps us grow into other things , elder things , more mature things. Because you grow into the place where you are serving others , that is something that we grow into. We become children of God but in time we become disciples of the Lord. It takes discipline. Is one greater than the other? Well in that sense of being elder. Yes. The younger submit to the elder. Ephesians 4:15 says, so that we receive those things and grow up in all things unto Him who is the head, Christ. So the elder serve the younger and thereby helping the younger to become older , the older serving the younger in the Kingdom. It is just the opposite of the world. What are you doing? You are helping the younger to become a servant.

James 4:6 says, But He gives more grace. Therefore he says, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble." That word "more" is that word in 1 Corinthians 14:5 that is greater. More grace, greater grace. How do you get greater grace? Humble yourself. How do you move into the greater grace where there is great grace upon the apostles? Humble yourself. In the Kingdom as we humble ourselves, we get greater grace. So, what does it mean then if we want to have a greater gift in the church, which would be interpretation of prophecy? What is the greater gift? It is so that you can be looked at as being more mature. Right? It is so that you can go around saying, "Well, I have a greater gift than tongues." No. It is so you can serve. Once again back to the attitude of walking in love; submitting to the Lord and submitting one to another and so therefore the interpretation

and the prophecy should be sought after so that we can give a greater gift to the body , to the church. Tongues is the greater in some other contexts; but in this context it helps us to serve the body in a greater fashion. If I had been up here all this time just speaking in tongues , you would have gotten tired of it by now. But when we can understand it we are edified and it builds up the church.

Verse 6, But now brethren, if I come to you speaking in tongues, what shall it profit you unless I speak to you either by revelation, by knowledge, by prophesying, or by teaching. For instance, by revelation, if the Lord put on me to speak in tongues right here and now, and He was to do a miracle like He did on the day of Pentecost or if somebody understood the tongue, by revelation, there would be profit here. Because I am obedient to speak, many times with revelation you are doing it out of obedience not knowing what the prophecy is going to be until after you obey. But, then there would be some profit if I did it by revelation, or if I spoke by knowledge, or if I prophesied, or if I taught. There would be some profit for you. If I just come here and speak in tongues all day, it is not going to profit you much. In context of prayer there is much profit, but we are talking about the body of the church. There is much profit for the individual. It is a foundation and as you grow in your Christian walk you can always come back to that foundation and build more , it is like another level. You move into interpretation; you move into prophecy; you move into healing. Always those tongues can be brought in to strengthen whatever those areas are that you are walking in. They can be brought back and lay a foundation of strength on what you have.

Verse 7, Even things without life, whether flute or harp, when they make a sound, unless they make a distinction in the sounds, how will it be known what is piped or played? For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, who will prepare himself for battle? So likewise you, unless you utter by the tongue words easy to understand... You see, the prophecy and interpretation is easy to understand. Why? Because they are in our language. How will it be known what is spoken? For you will be speaking into the air. There are, it may be, so many kinds of languages in the world, and none of them is without significance.

Romans 14:11 says, For it is written: "As I live says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me and every tongue shall confess to God." You also know many other verses where it talks about every nation and tribe is going to praise the Lord. Every language has significance somehow in God's plan , in His plan of praise and worship for all eternity , every language has a place. He's going to have worship in eternity in every language. The Word says, "Tongues of men and of angels." Praise God for that! There is not language that is without significance! When you have somebody that speaks in tongues and it sounds funny , and you say you would rather have one that sounds prettier than that , none of them are without significance. It may not sound like much to our ears, but somebody from China might not think English sounds too good either. The point is that in God's ears, they all have a purpose. Every language does.

Verses 11 & 12, Therefore, if I do not know the meaning of the language, I shall be a foreigner to him who speaks, and he who speaks will be a foreigner to me. Even so, since

you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.

This is what we want to do right now. We want to press in once again with the purpose of not being greater in terms of what we think, so I can be better than someone; but greater, meaning a greater servant. We want to seek that we may excel to edify the church. The tongues builds us up. It edifies us. If we are being edified, we then have a foundation or a platform to come from and edify others. This is what we want to do. We want to come to a place now where we can edify the church.

Verse 13, Therefore, let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. We read earlier, when you speak in tongues in the church be silent unless there is one that interprets. Most places where it is taught, is that one person will speak in tongues and another person will interpret that tongue. That is valid. That happens. But, I have had many discussions with different pastors and people who have taught on the subject. The question that always comes up is: How often is that one person speaking in tongues and another getting a word of prophecy, as opposed to merely interpreting it? Sometimes it is almost obvious that it is not an interpretation. You just know it. So what? The point is we are still edified by the words that come. Thank God somebody got up and spoke in tongues and inspired something to be said. On the other hand, when somebody speaks in tongues and a different person interprets, in reality I believe that is less mature, because what Paul says right here is, if you speak in tongues pray that he [means the same person, you] may interpret... Then you are not limited if you speak in tongues and nobody out there interprets. Why not do it yourself? That is actually what Paul is saying is the greater thing. But we would not be limited, we could at any time bring forth the word, when God inspires us we could just bring forth the word and interpret it. Many times I like interpretation even greater than prophecy for my own personal self. The reason is that sometimes my mind wants to get involved. I might be thinking and words might be coming up, "Is that you God, or is that Lloyd?" I don't want to speak the words of Lloyd. So what am I doing? For me, many times, I will speak in tongues and then interpret because it just takes my mind out of the picture. Even as much as I have walked in prophecy; as many times as I have laid hands on people, many times I will do tongues and interpretation. Sometimes, especially if I am in a situation where I have been ministering for a long period of time laying hands on people, I'll have to speak in tongues, whether it is interpreted or not, it re-energizes myself. The point is that the speaking in the tongues re-energizes me so I have the energy to continue praying for people. It is very good to be able to always come back to interpretation, even when you walk in prophecy, because sometimes you are getting hit and the devil is putting thoughts in your mind or he is questioning you, you can stop and back up, you can bypass your mind with the tongues and then when you go into the interpretation it comes right straight from heaven and not from your mind. Whereas prophecy, we need to be more mature, because we could prophesy from our soul and we don't want to. It might be right, but it might not be. But if we prophesy from our spirit it always will be right.

Verses 13-16, Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret. For, if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is the

conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit and I will also sing with the understanding. Otherwise if you bless with the spirit, how will he who occupies the place of the uninformed, say, "Amen" at your giving of thanks since he does not understand what you say." If I came up here and preached in tongues for an hour, how could you say, "Well, Amen to that Lloyd!" You couldn't with your understanding.

Verses 17 & 18, For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not edified. I would be giving thanks to God, God would be getting blessed; my spirit would be being built up; but your ears would be going, "What is this?" You are not being edified. I thank my God I speak in tongues more than you all. Many times I get into situations with Scriptural believers and I know I speak in tongues more than they do because I don't underestimate tongues. I know I can do that anytime, I can do it all the time. I can do it when my mind is being used on many other things, and it usually is, my mind is going other places, but my spirit is speaking continually, continually, continually. I have trained myself to just pray all the time. My mouth is almost always going. If I am sitting in a congregation I am praying for that person speaking or that person in front of me or I am praying for I know not what. Because my mind is taking notes or whatever it is doing, but my spirit is going because I have given it permission. I think it has helped me over the years to build a stronger base for me to springboard from, into the other gifts. We should train ourselves, we should discipline ourselves, especially when you now know what you know about tongues and how great it was and what God had to go through to get it to us. We should never underestimate it again. We should do it continually. We should do it quietly to ourselves. Make sure you let your mouth move. If you try to do it in your head you will go for thirty seconds and you will be on to something else. Why? Because your mind is going to be working and overpower that. But, when you speak it quietly to yourself, I have spoken in tongues for years under my breath with my mouth moving through board meetings, when I worked at the university, through many meetings with people who weren't Spirit filled, people who weren't even Christians. Never once did anybody look at me strange because people chew gum all the time, nobody looks at them strange. So, you can do that. You can train yourself to automatically pray all the time. But, in the church we want to bring interpretation and prophecy because it edifies the church. But to myself sitting in my chair, I am being built up spiritually, I am praising God. I am praying because I don't know how to pray for things as I ought, but I am interceding for people. We should all be doing that. We should all be like Paul and say, "Man, I speak in tongues more than all you guys." And get them going, get them fired up to do it too.

Verse 19, Yet in the church I would rather speak five words with my understanding that I may teach others also... So when you speak words that they can understand, you are teaching. So, when you interpret, when you prophesy, are you teaching? Certainly, you can. Because when I prophesied something, you learned something, maybe something you already knew, maybe it is just something you knew you needed to hear just now, but it could be totally new. I've said this before, but what I've found over the years is that on a number of occasions I have prophesied things or interpreted things that contradicted my doctrine. What are you going to do then? I'm going to figure out what is wrong with my doctrine. Because what I have found is that I can trust my spirit more than I can my

knowledge of the Scriptures. I believe when you get to that point it is a good feeling. It is not a good feeling when you first speak it, when you say something that is against what you understood and what you have even taught. One time I gave a prophesy in a big group. I was asked to bring forth a word and I did. I prophesied something and I sat down thinking, "Oh, man I really blew that." I was thinking obviously that my understanding was superior. But anyway I kept that in my spirit, and all the people that heard it judged it as being correct. I thought, "It's nice of them to overlook that." It was probably three months later when the Holy Spirit took me to a footnote in a study Bible that was from the Greek and showed me that what I had prophesied was exactly right, it was just not in the English Bible it is from the Greek. Now, only the Spirit would know that. My doctrine was wrong. The Scripture actually was a higher order of prophesy than something I would give, but I can actually prophesy at a level that it is higher than my understanding of Scripture. Who knows the Word better than the Spirit? Right?

In John 14:26, Jesus said, But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. Everything in the Bible is written down and inspired of God. The Holy Spirit knows the Scriptures. So, if we will honestly get our mind out of the picture and speak from the Spirit we will find we are learning new things in the Scripture. We are being taught of the Spirit. We have a Teacher, His name is Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Comforter that has come to teach us, the truth. That is very exciting, it is kind of scary the first time it happens, especially in public. Now it comes to a point when I hear, I just write it down and go find it. It has to be in the Aramaic or something. It is beyond my understanding.

Verse 19, ...in the church I would rather speak five words in my understanding, that I may teach others also, than ten thousands words from a tongue. Keep the context, in the church, in the meeting of the people.

Verse 20, Brethren, do not be children in understanding; however, in malice be babes, but in understanding be mature. In our hearts we should be little children but we should grow up here. We should let the Lord teach us. In our understanding we need to be mature.

Verses 21 & 22, In the law it is written: "With men of other tongues and other lips I will speak to this people; and yet, for all that, they will not hear me," says the Lord. Therefore tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe but to unbelievers; but prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe. We all have some kind of unbelief, until the day we are the perfect man that is prophesied in Ephesians. When we are the perfect man we have no more need of the gifts of the Spirit. But, until that day those things have been given to the church to help us mature. We all have places where we need to grow and be strengthened in believing, in faith. Now prophesying is not for unbelievers but for those who believe. When we already believe then we can be trusted to speak words without getting our mind involved.

Verse 23, Therefore, if the whole church comes together in one place, and all speak with tongues, and there come in those who are uninformed or unbelievers, will they not say

that you are out of your mind? Now these guys come in , they don't know what's going on. These guys have not been instructed at all and we are all sitting here speaking in tongues. They are going to think we are out of our mind. But, we read earlier where it says tongues is a sign to those who are unbelievers. One time I was witnessing to a non-believing friend of mine, and he said, "show me a sign." So I spoke in tongues. He said, "You're mad." Just like the next verse says. Oh, well, it's how you learn, I guess. He needed more instruction than I had given them. It wasn't much of a sign to him at that point.

Verse 24, But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is judged by all. When we prophesy or when we interpret, many times we speak those mysteries in a language we understand. It convicts the person in their heart. If I would have given him a word of prophesy, or have spoken in tongues and interpreted, the Lord might have given me a word that was a Word of Knowledge or something that just cut him to the heart. And he would say, "Oh, my goodness!" That is exactly what the next verse says.

Verse 25, And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you. Do you see what interpretation can do? Do you see what prophesy is meant to do? We humble ourselves, but the unbeliever says, "Oh, there is a God!" Tongues is not going to do that, but the interpretation or the prophesy will , if it is truly from God , if we really allow ourselves to let the Spirit speak and don't filter it with our minds. It is kind of scary though. You just let it come out. It is kind of scary to get up in front of a congregation and speak a prophesy that you don't know. But that is the only way you are going to get those little gems you didn't believe before.

When we were here before, Rick gave a great example when he was forced into the position of interpreting a word without having a chance to think about it. The nice thing about interpretation is there is not time to stop and mess it up with your mind. We can do that with prophesies. That's why I like to see people get fluent in interpretation. Even if you were to speak it to yourself quietly and then interpret the interpretation louder for everyone, that is fine. They might think it is a prophesy, but that is not the point. The point is that it is from God and it edifies them. When he spoke forth those words, he made the comment later to me that he never would have said those things if he had known what he was going to say. After he spoke it and went through the process of, "Oh, no, that was wrong", he realized, wait a minute that came from God and then he realized it was right! It was a wonderful blessing to the rest of us. That is how we receive these things from the Spirit. When we really let the Lord speak and let Him say what He wants. What it is doing is allowing us to put the Lord back in charge of the church. We aren't supposed to be the shepherd, He is. The best we could be is to be an under-shepherd working with the church. We should be an under-shepherd under the Great Shepherd Jesus. He should be the one that gets to speak to the church.

Acts 13:2, The Holy Spirit spoke and said, "Separate Barnabas and Saul." How come He talked to them back then and He doesn't talk to us now? He does talk to us now, if we

will let Him. We want to train ourselves to the point where we don't filter it , it all comes through the filter of our minds, our bodies, and our souls , the thing is that we don't want it to be filtered. It will have to come through that so we need discipline so we won't alter it. That is why interpretation of tongues is such a great blessing. It helps us to move into something that in days gone by it seemed you had to have a powerful anointing come on you before you could do it. Now we can actually be trained in the things of the Spirit by our own spirit in order to move into these areas.

In cases of large congregations, you have to have some order. If you have a microphone and let anyone come up and give a word of prophesy, you almost have to have people that you trust as prophets that are recognized as prophets , that are recognized as people that can bring an accurate word you trust. Obviously they need to be judged , and there is a way to do that. Therefore, if we are going to open the microphone and allow people who aren't recognized as prophets or haven't been tried and proven to bring a prophetic word, in that sense it is understandable they would need to be screened. With the popularity of what God is doing with the small groups, we ought to be able to just walk into these things. This is my own personal opinion, but obviously whatever group or church you are with, you need to submit to the way they do it. From the Scriptures you can see what is intended. We need to let God speak. We need to train ourselves to the point where it is God speaking and not us. Now that is scary to someone who is in charge of keeping order in the congregation. "Oh, my goodness. Anybody can come up here and say anything really nuts and I'll have to deal with it." That is why we judge prophesies. The Bible says to speak it and then let it be judged. What we try to do is judge it before we allow it to be spoken. In reality what we should have is people that know how to do it , people that can be trusted to speak the word of the Lord , and then let them speak the word of the Lord and judge it when it comes!

Verse 26, How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification. Now why were they coming and each one doing their own thing? Why? They weren't doing it in love. Between 1 Corinthians 12 and 1 Corinthians 14 is Chapter 13 on love. These guys were coming together in the Corinthian church doing it out of wrong motivation. "It is my turn to prophesy." "It is my turn to..." "You have had your turn...it is my turn." Everybody does and nobody is taking notes because all they care about is getting up there for their turn. There is no edification; there is just all this confusion , one against the other. Paul says, "Cut it out." It is supposed to be done for edification. It is supposed to be done in love. It is supposed to be done decently and in order. But, just remember, on the day of Pentecost they looked like they were drunk. So, God's order is different than our order. Just keep that in mind. Many times things happen that we personally would not consider orderly in a high school in certain contexts we would not want those things happening if we were the school teachers. But, God's order is different. He wants His will done. With that in mind , decently and in order. What is decently and in order to God? Things that edify. Things that are done in love. We are serving one another in love. Those are in order to God. Not so much what we see with our eyes.

Verse 27, If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret [or let each one interpret]. But if there is no interpreter [if no one has the faith or the understanding or the grace to interpret], then be quiet and speak to yourself and to God. But if we have somebody that can interpret, then let's do it. Speak in tongues and interpret it. So that the church may receive edification. So we want to seek that we may excel for the edification of the church.

We are going to move into interpretation right now. It is not very difficult especially once you have spoken in tongues you have already said "Jesus is Lord" by the Spirit. You have already walked into the place in the Spirit that no one can walk to without the Spirit of God. You have already reached that spot because you did it. You walked out and did something that your mind thought was nuts. You allowed the spirit deep within you to speak through without your mind being involved whatsoever except to argue with you. We are going to move into what is greater in the church , interpretation. Greater meaning you can now serve the church by bringing forth a word from God.

The way we need to do this is to break up into twos. Just as we instructed earlier how to let flow out of your bellies rivers of Living water. Let that sound come out. One of the problems that keep us from interpreting tongues is we get our mind involved. You speak in tongues and you are expecting your mind to tell you what it means. Your mind doesn't know what it means. If your mind could know what it meant then I could just stay up here and speak in tongues all day and you could figure it out. That is not it. This is spiritual stuff. These are spiritual matters. These are spiritual things. These are spiritual gifts. These are manifestations of the Spirit and they must not be submitted to the mind. So what we will do is speak in tongues and let your spirit give the interpretation. We're not talking translation. When we translate from the Greek to the English to make the New Testament we sit down , we go over this word , we try to figure it out , we get seventy different scholars together and look up different pieces and fit it with the other pieces and it takes years to get that done. They work real hard , that is translation. But, this is interpretation. It is the meaning , the gist of what God wants to say , it is brought into our language so we can receive edification.

What we are going to do is speak in tongues. One of you is going to speak in tongues to the other. When you speak in tongues, you will come to a place when you just know you are coming to the end of that message in tongues. When you get to the end of that message in tongues, you stop, and you speak the first English word. That is the trick. Don't expect a message. Don't expect a sentence. You just let an English word out. Whatever it is. You don't even really need a word , you just need a sound. It will be an English word when it is completed , then a second word and then boom the interpretation will be there. You don't need to be concerned about whether or not you are really interpreting it. Yes, it is your spirit unfolding the meaning of what you spoke in tongues. The message in tongues given by the Spirit is being transferred within your spirit to your voice apparatus and it comes out in English.

Lloyd speaks in tongues , the interpretation that he immediately gives is, "Know little children that truly the Lord is a great One, the mighty One. He had given great things for

you because he loves His children. Would the Lord hold back things from you that He died to bring to you? Of course not. So, reach up unto Him and receive these graces for they are given unto you for edification; for comfort; for greatness in the Kingdom. So, walk forth without fear knowing that the Lord loves you."

Now, you speak , if it's thirty seconds; if it's two seconds , you speak and then you interpret. Learn to interpret your own. We are going to jump right ahead to what Paul said to do. You are speaking to your partner , he is representing the church. You do that and then I want the other person to do it back to you. Remember you speak in tongues; you come to a stopping point; speak the first English word.

Examples:

1- How do you find the first English word? You just do the same thing you did when you first spoke in tongues. If you can speak a language you don't understand, you can surely speak one you know. Go ahead and speak in tongues. When you come to a stopping point just do the same thing. Just go ... aaannddd then my children .... or something like that.

You can do it.

I can't do it.

Yes, you can. Let me pray for you. "Lord, I just bless, this gentleman, right now. Lord, I just impart peace to him right now and I just bind the doubt or even the failure of even trying. Lord, we just release that in Jesus' name. Lord, I just pray grace upon him. He is standing in your presence ready to step out in places where he has never been. Lord, we just pray right now that you will give him that first word and as he speaks in faith the second word will be there. So Lord, I just ask you to bypass his mind right now. Mind, I just speak to you and I tell you to sit to the side as his spirit is going to speak in Jesus' name.

Go ahead , speak in tongues. He speaks in tongues and then interprets: "Oh, my son don't worry about the small stuff. I am there with you. This is a normal flow." He spoke in tongues again and then let his mind jump in and could not interpret. Lloyd told him to speak in tongues again and then interpret , to keep doing it until his mind realized he could do it and it is real. Lloyd said, "You did it once, you can do it a hundred times." He spoke in tongues again and then interprets: "Don't be impatient, you will learn these things. This is nothing of you. It is of me." Amen. Both of those interpretations were just what you needed to hear! Those were both edification to the church , what the church needed to hear right now. Your mind really wants to jump in but it gets easier.

2- Lloyd works with two ladies. Don't just try, do it. I could not make out what her interpretation was, but it came immediately. He had her do it again. She did. "Fear not, for these things truly are an utterance from Me and I will bless you." Praise God , as you

do that, try to speak in tongues and get into the English real quick before your mind can jump in there. Keep doing it back and forth. Praise God! You each did it twice , you should be able to do it as many times as you need to.

3- Are you guys having a little difficulty here? Okay, here's what we want to do. Speak in tongues like you were doing. Don't speak in tongues forever , you want to bring a message , especially as you are starting , a short one is good. God is very gracious in that sense. Lloyd speaks in tongues and then interprets: "Be at peace my children. My Spirit is with you. It has been given to you to keep fear at bay." Obviously this was for the church right here , what we need to hear. The ones I have been hearing around the room are exactly what we need to hear right now , not yesterday , not tomorrow , but right now. So, what I want you to do is the same thing: Speak in tongues , but not too long.

The lady says, "But my mind is just going: okay what am I saying? , what am I going to say?"

Right. That is your mind and we are going to bypass it.

But how do you do that?

What you do is just begin speaking in tongues and then immediately speak an English word. You probably won't have a word , maybe God will give you grace and it might be "as" or "your" , do you see what I am saying? The point is when you stop speaking in tongues you immediately go into English , you come with that same thing out of your spirit. You just let it out , just push into that with no fear. That is bypassing your mind. This is what's fun. By learning to do it here we're building for the future , we're going to bypass it in prophesy , we're going to bypass it in revelation , we're going to bypass it in laying on of hands for healing. That's why we build on these things. That's why these things are so great. They are actually like spiritual toys. Someday we are going to grow up out of them. Go ahead and speak in tongues. Let me pray for you first.

Lord, bless my sister in the name of Jesus Christ. I thank you for peace right now in her heart and I thank you Lord that you can just bypass her mind. I just rebuke this fear and this anxiety in Jesus' name. I rebuke it and by the power of God I intercede here and I just cover for her. Lord, I release peace in the name of Jesus Christ that she may interpret a great and wonderful word from her heavenly Father. Lord, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Just speak in tongues a short message and then you interpret.

"I can't."

No. You can, you can, you can. Your mind got in there. Your spirit didn't say, "I can't." Do you want to try it again? You both are going to do it. That's what I'm here for.

She spoke in tongues again...

Don't be worrying about us , thinking about what you do. You couldn't speak in tongues until just a little while ago , now you can speak in tongues. What better time than just to keep right on going. I have known people who say you have to speak in tongues for a while first, but hey, why not try. It's not hurting anything, right? So let me do it again.

Lloyd speaks in tongues. "Children. Know the simple things in this world are really great in My Kingdom so look to Me and truly I will make you great in other's eyes." It was just a simple little message, but it was for us. It was God speaking , but my mind was thinking, "All right Lloyd. What's going on here? What are you doing now?" I have gotten to the point where I don't think about it. That's where you are having the difficulty. That's what so fun about this , we are learning how to put our spirit over our minds. That is a big step to learn how to do that. You have already done that with tongues. Now we are going to move into interpretation.

Go ahead and try it again. Don't shake your head. Speak in tongues and then say a word. She spoke and then Lloyd waited.

She almost did it , it was almost like he could read her lips , it was almost like she was getting ready to say and---

That's okay. Try it again. Come on. You don't have to worry about feeling foolish. The devil is the one who feels foolish.

She spoke in tongues again , nothing.

It's right there. It's close, isn't it? It's close. Try again. Just speak in tongues again. Don't give up. Tell you what. Just ask the Lord first in English. Just say, "Lord, help me."

She prayed and then tried again.

Lloyd said, "Just let it out like you did in tongues. If you can speak a language you can't understand you can speak one you do." Don't expect to think it as a translation , that God is going to teach you the whole thing. You are not a mimeograph. You are going to speak that sound and it is going to turn into English. Try again."

She tried again and made a sound. She felt like the first word was "see" but she just couldn't say it. It felt like she was almost there. This time she got a few words , but stopped it.

Lloyd said, "You started it , if you can do the first couple of words you can keep going." Let me give you a break and work with your partner.

4- Lloyd says, "I'm not here to judge. I'm here to help you. You're going to interpret. You're going to bring forth the word of edification."

She prayed and asked the Father for help, then spoke in tongues. She got to the place where she knew where to stop , then she thought "okay there's no English word , what's going on?"

Okay, let's do it again. Let a sound out and it will turn into an English word, okay? Do the same things again.

She was not able to get her word out.

Go ahead and try it again. Back up and do it again. If you can get the first word you can get a thousand words. You got the first word and then your mind jumped in and said, "What are you doing? That's good!" You're doing fine. Praise the Lord!

"Yes, it will be done."

There was more, but don't feel bad about it. We will get a running start on it. We're going to do it again. You got five words that time! Let's do it again.

"Everywhere you go I will go with you."

Keep doing it. It will get easier and easier to bypass your mind. Try it again. Get another running start. Put your mind at rest. Ask the Lord for peace. It isn't work , it gets easier , you're going to find it will be a great blessing as you keep doing it. It actually becomes a great blessing in your private prayer life. I could tell you some stories about some interpretations I have given that you would never want to give in church. I just wanted to be sure they all came to pass. It is like, really amazing.

Is there anybody who hasn't done it at least once? No? Praise the Lord! I want to tell you something. If you will do it and practice it in your own private prayer life, you will learn to seek , to excel. Get with another person and do it -- get in a group. If you will do that you will find that some day when somebody stands up and speaks in tongues and then sits down you will be the one to say, "Okay," and you will stand up , there it will be. Once again , it's not going to come to your mind. It is going to come to your spirit , "Oh, it's me. I can do it," and you are going to give the interpretation. But, you are really going to be covering for that person because look how much more powerful it is if we have this many interpreters in the church. It's very powerful!

I should probably not tell these stories in public, but I will. Recently I was up in the woods praying and fasting in my cabin , which is pretty much in the middle of no where. I was praying about a phone call I needed to get when I got home. I ended up staying there an extra couple of days. When I came out, I called Terry and told her I was going to stay there longer. There was a message that Jim called. I thought, "Lord, I know he is leaving the country soon and I need to talk to him." At one point I felt like the Lord was telling me to speak in tongues and interpret. So I spoke in tongues and interpreted. The interpretation that came out was, "I shall call you Tuesday morning." Well, I didn't think Jesus used the phone , so sure enough I got home and I told a number of people that I

thought Jim was going to call me Tuesday morning. I wasn't even concerned about it. Monday, I was in no hurry to get home. Sure enough the phone rang about 7:30 Tuesday morning. It was Jim.

I said, "Jim, I've been expecting your call. I thought the Lord had told me you were going to call Tuesday morning."

He said, "I tried to call you yesterday, but I just couldn't get to a phone."

I said, "Yesterday was Monday."

"Oh."

If he had called me Monday, I wouldn't have been there to answer the phone.

I'll tell you another one: I'll tell you this one, but you might run me out of the church, but it really happened. I spoke in tongues and the interpretation was, "The rat shall die." I thought the rat must be the devil. That's what it was and 24-hours later I shot a pack rat outside the cabin. I'm serious. So, you see how you can kind of move into prophecy through interpretation? I never heard of such a thing before. What can I say? You can run me out of here if you want but it happened.

First Corinthians 12:11 says, But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills. The word "individually" means His own or one's own. Like where it talks about no Scriptures are for private interpretation, that is the same word as "individually." They're not of your own interpretation. They have to be interpreted according to the Scripture and according to the Spirit. It says that the one and the self-same Spirit works all these things distributing to each one individually as He wills. I was taught that this was "he" the man. You can get several of them as you will. So that is what I believed. That is why I said, "I'm going to get them all." But it's not saying that. In the New King James, they capitalize "He." It is as "He" the Lord wills. When you take it into the context of grace, He wills when you put yourself in a position to receive. He gives grace to the humble. The word "gifts" there is the word "charisma" which comes from the word "charis" which is grace. These are gifts of grace or empowerments of grace. When we put ourselves in the position to receive, He always gives. Once you speak in tongues, how often does He will for you to do it? It is his rule: anytime you want. Just do it in order, in the church. But, the point is that you can do it at your will now because it is His will that it be done. Once it is given, you have it. Does that make sense?

You can press into it for the edification of the church and as He wills, He lets you do it. Not you and not me. What has been taught too much is that there are nine of the gifts and somebody else gets one and somebody else gets one, etc. In other words: you got tongues and I got miracles, so I get on the front cover of Charisma. That is not the way it is. We need to have the attitude that it is as we will, but to have the humility to know that it is as He wills. It's not unmerited favor, meaning you get it if God feels like giving it to you,

but He might not feel like giving it to me. It's grace , meaning that it's an empowerment of spirit when we humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord, He gives grace to the humble. He raises us up. So when we humble ourselves in a certain way , like you guys were doing here , we talk , okay, that raises faith to the level where you could receive in a way you hadn't before. Then by that faith you placed yourself by humbling yourself in a place where God could give back grace. Now you can interpret. It's going to be the same with miracles. It's just the same.

As you get further in to some of these other manifestations or these empowerments, there certainly is more to getting into that spot. There is faith involved. For instance, the man who sat at the gate of the Temple Beautiful. It says he was laid there daily. When Peter and John came by they fixed their eyes on him and said, in Acts 3:6, Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk. And he got healed! But it says he was laid there daily. Who walked by there a lot? Jesus. Did Jesus heal him? No. Why? Was it because He didn't like him? No. They perceived something , there was grace there that day , something different , they moved in on it , whatever it was , maybe he heard something on his way there that day , something pricked in that man somehow , I won't even try to guess. The point is that he could have had that and still not gotten healed. It took somebody else to come in with that other piece to help him with his faith.

Just like the man that Jesus told, "Go, pick up your bed and walk." After he said, "I don't have anybody to dump me in the water when the angel comes." Jesus, said, "Too bad. Don't wait for the angel. Get up now." Because of Jesus' faith, he was able to get up.

How about the blind man that Jesus healed? He was blind from his mother's womb. He was an adult. When he was asked about who healed him, he said, "I don't know." He didn't even know it was Jesus. So, it couldn't have been that he had faith in Jesus. Somehow Jesus perceived that something was there and by adding His faith to the man's faith, He put clay in his eyes and he saw.

When you are going into other manifestations there are different places you need to be to receive that different grace. But they are still available because Jesus said, "These signs will follow those that believe" , not that have gifts , but believe. We are going to get into laying on of hands in a month or so and we are going to have people healing one another because we are going to bring you to a place where you can receive the grace to lay hands and heal , because all you need to do is believe. If I can help you get to that place and receive that grace, the body will be edified. Healing people is a great evangelistic tool. They don't always believe when you raise them from the dead, but sometimes they do.

So understand that these are not gifts that , you get one, you get one, you get one, as He wills , but we receive the grace , then He gives according to His will , but all are available to us. Because I wasn't hindered , I was taught originally that it is as "I will" so I wanted them all! Now I'm not saying that it happened overnight. But, I knew that I could get to that place where I'm doing miracles , where people are getting healed , where it is faith that can move mountains and so therefore I pressed into those things. Now I understand it

is as "He wills" so I'm not going to get haughty about it , but at the same time I understand grace so I can put myself in a position to receive those empowerments in my walk. This is once again one of the greatest things about tongues. It builds you up in your most holy faith. It helps you get to the places where you can reach places where you weren't tall enough to reach before.

Now I want to say something about the interpretation. Some of you interpreted , everyone did at least twice that I am aware of. Is that true? Did everyone at least interpret twice? Praise the Lord. If you can do it once you can do it forever. The thing is that it wasn't easy for all of you, so you want to do it again , like the old saying, "Practice makes perfect." Well, it is the same with this. Nail that fear to the wall. How do you do that? By doing it. Do it again tonight. Just keep forcing yourself to do it until it becomes easier. The more you do it the more your mind gets used to letting your spirit be the boss , which is what we want. You've done it now , now do it some more and do it some more. Do it at the breakfast table , do it in your prayer life , but keep doing it. Now some of you spoke in tongues and interpreted and your mind got in there. You started by the Spirit and then you added some things. But, God is gracious , He didn't strike you with lightning, did He? God will keep working with you and you keep working with Him. You will get to the point where that doesn't happen anymore.

Questions from the audience:

Q- When I started speaking by the Spirit and then my mind started to think "Well, what am I saying?" There was nothing there to think about and I got confused because my mind got confused. I got stopped at that point but I was able to go back and re-speak in tongues and interpret that tongue and learn. My mind tried to hear what I was saying and there was nothing there to hear. It is just like I was blank because the words weren't there until I spoke them. In other words, don't let your mind try to interpret the tongue because it doesn't understand. Thereby speaking now in a language you do understand, it is still coming out of your belly , the rivers of Living water. Now that you interpret can you see the logical projection as you become more fluent in interpretation? One of these days you're not going to speak in tongues, you're just going to give the word in English. That is called prophecy.

Q- Roger wanted to clarify the fact that we can individually in our quiet time speak and pray and sing in tongues as much as we want without the pressure of having to feel like we need to interpret that tongue. The interpretation is for the believers or the unbelievers in the group. Even in our own private prayer life we can interpret. Many times God will give us a word that was just what we needed to hear. It is part of the process of learning to let the Lord speak and not have our mind involved. If you get your mind involved and it says, "Thus saith the Lord I want you to jump off a cliff," you'd better make sure that you are good enough to hear the Lord and that you're not putting your mind into it. Now obviously God's not going to say that. The devil said that to Jesus , right? "Jump off the temple." It's a great time to learn to speak in tongues and interpret it in your prayer life with somebody or by yourself. Speak in tongues and interpret , do it a lot when there is no pressure on you.

Q- Dennis shared , in the past he was in an organization where speaking in tongues was in the service. Someone would say, "Speak in tongues," and the interpretation would be something simple like "God loves you." It would be kind of general. What do you think of that?

Well, you could only do that in a situation where everybody obviously speaks in tongues and interprets or prophesies. In other words, in order for me to say, "Cheryl, would you stand up and give a word of prophecy." Cheryl would have to be able to prophesy first. That is not too fair to her but she could stand up and give a word of prophecy. If it really wasn't inspired, it would still be from God but it is going to be a basic message. Whereas if somebody really knows they have a word , they might not know what it is but they give that word , it's going to be something that cuts to the quick. What you are describing is actually a good thing to do especially in small groups , especially where you are learning. Go ahead and do that. Ask that of each other. I think that's a good way to do it because it lets people use it often. Sometimes you're going to have people that are more outgoing than others. Those people that are more outgoing are going to bring words forth more often. If you have a leader that is a trainer , a teacher , someone who really has a heart to raise up people , sometimes they will pick on the ones that wouldn't normally speak up , it's good for them to speak that word. But, that's not done in most places. I've been in places where that is done and it has been a real blessing. There are some ministers of God that would have a problem with that because you don't actually see that in the Bible. Would so and so please give a word of prophecy. You always have the right to say, "No. I don't want to." It's not like anybody is twisting your arm. When you are seeking to excel, and when you are raising people up, I think that's a great tool , especially in small groups where we can hang out with people that we trust. We're not so concerned about our reputation or whatnot. That's what small groups are all about , to help us grow. In that sense I think that is good.

Q- Often times you will begin a prayer time with the Lord and you'll just be anointed and use your prayer language and just bubble and overflow with His presence. Does that mean I could have understood thirty minutes of that chatter?

No. I doubt it. I don't think so.

So it is not always a tongue you can interpret?

Do you really want to? Because tongues are not always for interpretation. So we need that , I hope we never forget what we learned earlier today , we need that rest to our soul , we need that interpretation , many times what will happen is when you speak in tongues and then you pray like we talked about earlier when we were speaking in tongues and praying with our understanding. We were not interpreting , but we were speaking inspired prayers. Thereby we found out that what we were doing is actually praying for the things he is getting ready to preach. We didn't know that. God knew it because He inspired him to preach those things. So, no I don't think that everything is meant to be interpreted. It's not all meant for us, yet we do need to press into this. That's why when

we are learning to do this, I think there is extra grace. God is very gracious. He will overlook some of our little quirks, that when we are older in the Spirit, He won't allow. That's the way we are with our kids, too. We expect certain things from some of our kids that when they get a little older they ought to know better. So, go ahead and speak in tongues , make it short so your mind doesn't have too much time to wander. Then give a short interpretation that will come. See, this is not your mind but this is learning to train your spirit. That's what I'm trying to do here , help to train your spirit.

Q- It seems that in those times of prophecy and interpretation things come more clearly when you are in the atmosphere of worship.

Right. A good example of that is when the king went to Elisha and said, "Bring me a word from the Lord." Elisha said, "Give me a minstrel first." He went into his tent and made the guy play some praises to God and then the Lord spoke to him. He came out and said, "Okay, King here you go , here's the word from the Lord." But, it didn't just come like a snap of the fingers. It was available in the same way , by grace, he with the minstrel's help , allowed himself to get into a position where he could hear God. That is what we are doing, putting ourselves in this position.

Q- That is what you were saying a few minutes ago when you said a leader would say, "I want you to prophesy or speak in tongues and interpretation." If you haven't been in a place of worship and you're just sitting there, you're going to be a bit dry when you are asked. I don't know how many contexts there really are where people do that unless you are in the context of people that you know and trust, etc.

One of the nice things about tongues and interpretation once again is that tongues can be worship. It is worshiping in your spirit. Many times when I have to bring a word of prophecy and I'm worn out, I'll speak in tongues for a little while and it will energize me and put me in that place that Elisha went to when the minstrel did it. The tongues will get me there and then the word comes through interpretation. It's not forced. Whereas, if I would have gone straight to prophecy, it would have been forced. It still could have been from God, but it probably wasn't going to be the beauty that came out with the interpretation. So, it is knowing when to do what according to our anointing.

Q- Getting back to what you said. I know my experience has been that whenever I do interpretation it is to put the flesh back. That is to feed your spirit and your mind. When you are speaking in tongues to edify and build up your spirit that is not to be interpreted. That's like Lloyd in the flesh, in his mind, was concerned about the phone call. The spirit gave the interpretation that it would come and it laid the other to rest. Tuesday night I was thinking about a financial thing and I was singing a song in tongues and it just seemed right to interpret and the Lord said, "I'm looking for people who will worship me in spirit and in truth. If you'll forget about finances and not focus on your needs and enter into worshiping Me, I'll take care of it." The peace that came was amazing. The joy that night in praise and worship was vivid. I heard the Lord say, "Don't you see the price I've already paid for you? You have the audacity to worry about \$1,507. Don't you see the price I've already paid for you?" That was just personal communion. I've never done that

before. It brought much rest to my mind , maybe a lot of interpretation is for rest to our minds as well as direction. When you do it for yourself it is good practice.

One thing I want to just impress upon you , some of you interpreted once or twice , it was your first time , but you did it. You did it! That's the biggest thing , you did it! Now don't stop. Don't let it go for a week. Don't let it go for an hour. Right now do it again. Do it in the car. Keep doing it. If you get half way through and put your mind in it , back up , ask the Lord to forgive you , thank God for grace , run at it again. What's going to happen is if you keep doing that, you're going to find out very quickly you're going to take dominion over your mind. It's not going to take that long, but it will take long if you don't keep trying.

## PROPHECY

I'm not going to have everybody stand up and do this because some of you are still struggling a little bit with the interpretation. I'm going to do something a little different. You're going to see that you can do this without any wear or tear. I'm not going to have you stand up and prophesy. In terms of prophecy for the church, it is a natural procession from interpretation. So, continue to walk in interpretation. If you can practice it in a prayer meeting , do it. If they're not used to you speaking in tongues out loud, fine, speak in tongues to yourself, but give the interpretation out loud. These are suggestions.

Right now get with someone you don't know well , someone you don't normally pray for. In reality what I'm going to ask you to do is not prophecy. What I want you to do is pray for the other , don't ask them what to pray for. No cheating. I want you to lay hands on them. If you get a picture of a little red wagon , I want you to pray, "I see a little red wagon and I think you fell on that when you were a child..." I want you to pray that. You don't need to worry about being wrong. You may not see something. I want you to pray for the person and whatever comes to your spirit, you pray it. You don't know that person well enough to know their situation so you let the Spirit work within you and you pray whatever comes to your spirit. You pray for that person for a little while. Go ahead and do that , decide who is going to pray first and then pray. Ask the Lord and pray for whatever is on your spirit. If you feel something in your knee , pray for their knee. If you think of a broken leg , pray for that leg. Don't wait , speak , pray.

After prayer , Now, I want to speak to those of you that were just prayed for. How many of you had them pray for something that really was a need that you want to be answered or it blessed you , something they could not have known about by their senses? Almost everybody. So, you just saw one of the best ways of seeing prophecy being used , I can't say that you prophesied , I couldn't hear everybody.

I had a nice conversation one time with Peter Wagner. We had lunch together and were talking about prophecy and intercession and things like that. He said, "Where do you draw the line between an intercessor and a prophet? Where do you draw the line between someone that is interceding and someone that is prophesying?" Sometimes you just can't draw the line. One of the greatest ways to be drawn into prophecy is to intercede for people. You'll find that as you begin to pray, you start with your mind and then your spirit gets involved, pretty soon you are just speaking words and your mind is bypassed and you have moved into either prophetic prayer or prophecy, whatever you want to call it. It's a great step. That's not talking about prophecy where we stand up in front and we edify the whole church, but you are certainly edifying that person you are praying for because it is the spirit of prophecy that you are speaking with. You are speaking those words which are edifying and comforting that are bringing faith because you are speaking words. They go, "How did he know that? That must be God!" Faith goes through the ceiling! Prayers get answered. Do you see how interesting it is when you start to speak and it moves into prophecy? That is the only way that you could have been getting prayed for with things they didn't know. It's that spirit beginning to work, but you started with your mind, didn't you? Almost everyone of you started with, "Okay, I'll pray and we'll see where it goes." Boom. You went on in and you began to pray by the Spirit even though it was with your understanding. That is moving into prophecy in one area.

Now let's switch places and pray for the other person.

I want to talk a little bit about prophecy. In 1 Corinthians 13:9 it says, For we know in part and we prophesy in part. If we get a word from the Lord and we speak it, whether it comes and the Lord tells us to speak and we do it that way. Or, if it just comes through utterance like you were doing here when you were praying, whatever information you get it is only going to be part. But, that part that you get can change a person's life. It can release them from bondage. It can release them into a place with the Lord that they couldn't get to. Those parts that He gives us are very important and a great blessing. When a person brings a word to you from the Lord, or when they pray over you, you can't have the attitude of, "Well they prayed for this much and not the rest of it, so they weren't listening to the Lord." Don't ever have that attitude because we all prophesy in part. But, those parts we get from the Lord change lives. 1 Corinthians 14:25 says that the secrets of the heart are revealed... When you were prayed for by somebody you knew didn't know you and those words that were prayed revealed something in your heart, like, "Man, I've been praying to God for that. Oh, wow. He definitely heard me." Your faith went up, didn't it? If you got prayed for something like a physical ailment that you have been praying for a long time and that person prayed for you and you knew they couldn't have known. Claim it. Claim that healing. Don't let it slip through your fingers. Just like you claim "I can speak in tongues now." Just like you claim, "I interpreted once and I can continue. I'm going to keep doing it." Claim it. You take it as yours. Take that healing, too. Take that word. If there was a word about financial blessing or about your children. Whatever it was that struck your heart, claim it. That was God speaking through your brother or your sister. The secrets of the heart were revealed!

In 1 Corinthians 14:29 it says, Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge. When we speak in the church and let the messages come. Two or three people can bring forth a prophesy. It says, let the others judge. Now the word "others" means others of the same kind. Somebody that doesn't prophesy has no right to be judging. For themselves they have to judge, but... Right now I'm going to quote you a prophecy that was said right here a few weeks ago. It was something along the lines of: "There is a great shaking coming to this community and to this nation. Those who have put their trust only in stored grain will go hungry. But, those who have learned now to enter into my presence and to seek my face will do well in those days. But, in those days they will need to come to me to learn new things. They will need to come to me to learn how to keep people from clinging to them and holding them back. But, I'll teach them then how to hold the people back and they may teach those people how to enter my presence." How are you going to judge that? Some of it you could judge. But that is talking about something in the future. How can you judge that? You must be a prophet or you must have a prophetic spirit to be able to say something. You aren't going to be able to go by Scripture are you? You're going to have to go by your inner witness, by your spirit. So it must already be working in prophecy in order for that person to really be judged because you can say some of these things and somebody that is not prophetic could say, "That's not in the Bible. That's wrong." How would you like to judge some of Elisha's prophecies if he spoke them in the church? You'd better be receiving from the Lord. We need to understand that. It's not always that case. The church is not that mature to where we have enough prophetic people to where there is always going to be somebody that is prophetic to judge the prophecy. But, that is what Paul is saying we should have. So, we should look forward to that. One day we will have enough prophetic people that we can judge. Certainly always judge for yourself, does that fit with my spirit? or do I reject it? You alone can make that decision. But, for the church it should be other prophets, people that can prophesy that can make that decision.

Verse 30, But if anything is revealed to another who sits by, let the first keep silent. I like to look at that let the first keep silent as when the first one is done, then the other person can bring theirs. Keep it orderly. Verses 31 and 32, For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged, and the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. I have to quote that often to prophetic people. Wait until that person is done, well Lloyd, the Lord spoke to me. He gave me a word. The spirit of the prophet is subject to the prophet. You can hold it. You can wait. As intercessors we learn this also. The Lord gives you a word. You are responsible to deliver that word but there may be a leader or pastor that is responsible as to when or how. You need to submit to that. You bring that word to them and in that congregation they want it done ahead of time. Fine, you need to submit to that. Do it to the best of your ability. Many times though you are given it so that you can pray it, not necessarily to bring it, especially if you are an intercessor. You are given that prophetic word so you may pray it prophetically and nobody needs to know but you and the Holy Spirit. That's very valid, especially for those of you that are intercessors. All prophets are intercessors. All intercessors are prophetic. But not all intercessors are prophets. Many times when you move into intercession you are going to cross that line in the prayer room. There are many people that I have laid hands on and the Lord has shown me the gift of a prophet, but I know it is only in the

prayer closet. I realize that is where that comes out. That's great. In the Bible the Law of First Mention in terms of interpreting the Bible , when you see a word first used in the Bible it generally gives you some information about that word which will hold true throughout the Bible. Genesis 20:7 is the first verse in the Bible that has the word "prophet" in it also happens to be the first verse in the Bible that has the word "pray" in it. So they go together. It's another place for trained love.

Verses 39 and 40, ..desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues, let all things be done decently and in order. In Deuteronomy 29:29 it says, The secret things belong to the Lord our God but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever that we may do all the words of the law. You see there are secret things which are shown forth , once they are shown forth they are no longer secret , they belong to us. It is just like you claimed it. When somebody prayed that over you , yes, I claim it. Now it belongs to you , take it , don't let the devil take it back.

1 Corinthians 2:11, For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. We can't know these things about our brothers and sisters except by the Spirit of God and yet no matter how often we may speak over somebody else, when somebody speaks that word over us it always increases our faith. It is just a wonderful blessing from God.

The last one that I will read about prophecy is 1 Timothy 1:18. This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage a good warfare. We can take the prophecies and the prayers that are spoken prophetically over us and through those things we can wage good warfare. We can be stronger in the spirit and the things of the spirit. Tongues and interpretation and prophecy are things we can build upon to move into other areas and to strengthen the church with these and also to be strengthened. So praise God, as we move into these things that were given to us so that we might be strong in the Lord. Take what you were given today. Claim these things , the things that were ministered to you , claim those things. Don't allow anyone to steal those things from you. Don't let the devil bring those doubts in. Practice the presence of God. Seek that you may excel to the edifying of the church.

Let's pray. Lord, you have made it so much easier for us as children of God to walk in empowerments that weren't even available to the greatest of priests and prophets of the Old Testament. Lord, I just minister once again peace and grace to each one of your children here today. That each one takes the empowerments that they received today and the information they were given today and not allow it to be taken. Lord, I seal it in their hearts, their lives. Lord, I speak to them wisdom also, that they be with others that are like-minded. That they are able to use these empowerments until they grow very strong in these because as we are growing and learning we need to use these things so that they are stronger in us. Just like we use our muscles and become stronger with them. Lord, let us use these spiritual muscles that we might become stronger in them also , that we might be stronger in our spirit and that the church may be edified and strengthened, also. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

