



## Part 2: PROPHECY: “I knew you were going to preach on that!”

‘In the last days,’ God says,  
‘I will pour out my Spirit upon all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy.’  
-- Acts 2:17a (NLT)

...Paul highlights ‘prophecy’ as the gift which will build up the church, and hence as the gift people should seek and pray for if they want God to use them in constructing, beautifying and strengthening the whole community rather than their private spirituality.  
-- N.T. Wright, *Paul for Everyone: 1 Corinthians*

Prophecy is a gift that all Christians should seek from God and thus not a gift reserved for a particular group of Christians.  
-- Ben Witherington III  
*Conflict and Community in Corinth*

The point of everything in corporate worship is not personal experience in the Spirit, but building up the church itself.  
-- Gordon D. Fee  
*The First Epistle to the Corinthians:*  
*The New International Commentary on the NT*

No spiritual gift makes any Christian superior to any other.  
-- Paul Achtemeier  
*Romans, Interpretation Commentary*

When Paul says ‘prophecy’, he doesn’t just mean ‘foretelling the future’, though that may sometimes happen.  
-- N.T. Wright, *Paul for Everyone: 1 Corinthians*

Prophecy is an intelligible phenomenon that does not require the sort of interpretation that tongues requires, but it does require weighing or sifting.  
-- Ben Witherington  
*Conflict and Community in Corinth*

...tongues, prophecy and the like will not be needed in the age to come, even though they may serve in the present time as messengers from the future world the creator has in mind.  
-- N.T. Wright, *The Resurrection of the Son of God*

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”  
-- Jesus, *Acts 1:8 (NLT)*