

Sermon Title: "Build the House – Prophecy in Real Life"

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Holy Spirit

The Spirit gives the prophetic gift to evidence Christ's transforming presence.

### 1. Prophecy is a tangible revelation of the love of God. (1 Cor. 14.1, 8.1)

- All prophecy should be \_\_\_\_\_. (1 John 4.1-2, 7)(1 Thess. 5.19-21)
- True prophecy always points to and reveals the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus! (Rev. 19.10b, John 15.26)(Luke 24.27).

### 2. Prophecy is a powerful demonstration (gift) of the grace of God. (1 Cor. 14.3, 24-25)

*"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear." (Eph. 4.29)*

*"Thoughtless words can wound as deeply as any sword, but wisely spoken words can heal" (Prov. 12.18).*

### 3. Prophecy is an open invitation to fellowship with God and his Son. (Acts 21.7-14)

- Some Observations:
  - The prophetic does not \_\_\_\_\_ God's will for us, but rather, helps us to \_\_\_\_\_ God's will.
  - The Holy Spirit may use the prophetic to help \_\_\_\_\_ our minds and hearts for what God wants to do.
  - The prophetic must not be taken \_\_\_\_\_ the revelation given.
  - The prophetic will never \_\_\_\_\_ the Word of God.
- *Responding to Personal Prophecy ...*

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#### Questions for discussion for House Churches, Triads and Devotions

- 1) Paul tells us in 1 Thess. 5.20 not to despise prophecies. What might have motivated this instruction?
- 2) Recall a time when you heard a prophetic message that reflected the character of Christ? What about a time when the reverse was true? Describe the differences.
- 3) How does a genuine prophetic message "build up" a believer (1 Cor. 14.3)? How might it impact a non-Christian? (vv.24-25)
- 4) How does 1 John 4 help us to assess whether a prophetic message is of God?
- 5) What is the difference between a prophetic message and Holy Scripture? What should you infer from 1 Cor. 13.9 ?

*Fill-in answers: tested, person/work, define/discern, prepare, beyond, contradict*