



5-Day Devo

for Individuals and Groups

based on

Church in the City | Chapter 14
The Gift of Prophecy

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Day 1: The Beacon of Hope

Devotional In a world filled with challenges, the gift of prophecy serves as a beacon of hope and encouragement. Prophecy is not about predicting the future; it's about speaking God's truth into someone's life. This gift is inclusive, breaking down social and gender barriers, and is meant to build up, guide, and comfort believers. When we embrace prophecy, we become vessels of God's divine strength and comfort, sharing his message with those around us.

Bible Verse "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams." – Acts 2:16-18

Reflection Question How can you use your words to encourage someone today?

Point to Ponder When you offer the hope of the gospel to another human being, you are, in fact, prophesying.

Prayer "Lord, help me to be a vessel of your strength and comfort as I engage in my corner of the world. Give me the courage to share your message of acceptance, love, and salvation today. Amen."

Day 2: The Inclusive Gift

Devotional Prophecy is a gift of God's love and is available to all his children, regardless of status or background. When we open our hearts to hear his voice, we become vessels of his strength and comfort, speaking life into others. This inclusive gift reminds us that God's power is not limited to a select few but is poured out generously for the benefit of all.

Bible Verse "Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy." –1 Corinthians 14:1

Reflection Question As you consider the last meaningful interaction you had with someone, based on what you said, were you more of a divider or a unifier?

Point to Ponder Prophecy is inclusive, breaking down social and gender barriers, and is meant to build up, guide, and comfort believers.

Prayer "Heavenly Father, help me to embrace the inclusivity of prophecy. Teach me to listen to your voice and only speaking words that build up, and not tear down, those around me. Amen."

Day 3: Testing and Discernment

Devotional Discerning true prophecy is vital to sharing God's message. 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 urges us to test everything, ensuring it aligns with Scripture and seeking confirmation from trusted friends, a practice that keeps us grounded in God's truth and protects us from missteps. By prioritizing prayer, wise counsel, and Scripture, we can confidently speak words that honor God and encourage others.

Bible Verse "Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good." –1 Thessalonians 5:19-21

Reflection Question What would you say is the difference between useful counsel and prophetic words of encouragement?

Point to Ponder To discern true prophecy, 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 advises testing everything against Scripture and seeking confirmation from trusted friends.

Prayer "Lord, grant me the wisdom to discern true prophecy. Help me to test everything against your Word and seek confirmation from trusted friends. Give me confidence and boldness to share your truth with someone today. Amen."

Day 4: The Foundation of Love

Devotional Love is the foundation of every spiritual gift, including prophecy. First Corinthians 13 reminds us that without love, even the most eloquent words or profound insights amount to nothing. Nothing! Instead, true prophecy flows from a heart aligned with God's love, seeking to strengthen, encourage, and comfort others. When we prophesy with love, we reflect God's heart and reveal his care for his people.

Bible Verse "If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal." –1 Corinthians 13:1

Reflection Question How can you ensure that *love* is the foundation of your words and actions, especially when sharing God's message?

Point to Ponder Prophecy that is not rooted in love is not prophecy at all.

Prayer "Heavenly Father, fill my heart with your love. Help me to prophesy out of love and reflect your heart in all that I do. May my words bring true encouragement and comfort to others. Amen."

Day 5: Embracing the Miraculous Gift

Devotional The gift of prophecy is a miraculous invitation to partner with God in bringing his hope and love to others. By praying for discernment and courage, we open our hearts to hear his voice and share his message. In a world filled with weakness, discouragement, and sadness, God empowers us to be vessels of his strength and comfort. Lean in, listen, and trust that he will guide your words, using them to uplift and inspire those in need of his hope.

Bible Verse But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort. - 1 Corinthians 14:3

Reflection Question How can you embrace the gift of prophecy in your daily life today?

Point to Ponder Practically, prophecy involves listening to God's voice and speaking words that strengthen, encourage, and comfort others.

Prayer "Lord, help me to embrace the gift of prophecy. Give me the discernment and courage to share your message and become a vessel of your comfort and strength. Amen."