

A collage of various tools including a screwdriver, pliers, wrench, whisk, and pencil sharpener.

POWER TOOLS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1Corinthians 12.7-11 (NIV11)

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit,

to another faith by the same Spirit, to
another gifts of healings by that one Spirit, to
another miraculous powers, to another
prophecy, to another distinguishing between
spirits,

to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

1 Corinthians 12.31, 14.1, 12, 29 (NIV11)

- Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.
- Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual things, especially prophecy.
- Since you are eager for spiritual things, try to excel in those that build up the church.
- Be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues.

Prophecy

Joel 2.28-29 (NIV11)

“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.”

Acts 2.17-18 (NIV11)

“No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: “ ‘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. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.’””

1Corinthians 14.1,24,31 (NIV11)

Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual things, especially prophecy.

But if an unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying, they are convicted of sin.....

For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged.

Romans 12.6 (NIV11)

We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;

Ephesians 4.11 (NIV11)

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers,

What does Paul mean by prophecy?

1Corinthians 14.29 (NIV11)

Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said.

...speech that God spontaneously brings to mind or “reveals” to the speaker, but this is spoken with merely human words, not words of God. ESV Study Bible

Speaking what the Holy Spirit
spontaneously brings to mind. Wayne Grudem

A word from the Lord through a member of his body, inspired by the Holy Spirit and given to build up the rest of the body. This word is not for the individual themselves. Michael Green

1Corinthians 14.3 (NIV11)

But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.

To strengthen, encourage and comfort

Revelation

Passing it on, tone of voice (adding bits)

How it's received

Interpretation

Application

The prophecy Paul writes about in his letters is not the same as Prophecy and Prophets in the Old Testament Scriptures

Will it strengthen, encourage or comfort?

Be humble “I believe that...” “I think that...”

Be loving (follow the way of love)

Be submissive, open, accountable

Be brief (give what you’ve been given to give)

not necessarily your role to give an interpretation or application

Be tactful and gentle (if it’s a negative word)

Be faithful (“in keeping with your faith”)

1Thessalonians 5.19-22 (NIV11)

Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil.