

- (3) Efforts to gain results may be seen as using gimmicks.
- (4) Focus on right and wrong may be judged as intolerance of partial good.
- (5) Emphasis on decisions may appear as neglecting spiritual growth.
- (6) Public boldness and strict standards may hinder intimate personal relationships.
- (7) The strong desire to convey truth may be interpreted as little interest in listening to another person's point of view.

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Gifts*



Questions & Answers

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The motivation to reveal and correct unrighteous motives or actions by presenting God's truth with authority.

- (1) The person with this gift is able to powerfully persuade in speech.
- (2) To bring to light things previously concealed.
- (3) To edify, comfort, and encourage fellow believers.
- (4) To reveal the secrets of men's hearts, causing them to fall down and worship God.

Four Important Characteristics for Prophets:

- (1) A prophet must depend more on the power of the Holy Spirit to convict than his persuasive ability.
- (2) A prophet must have love without hypocrisy.
- (3) A prophet must despise what is evil.
- (4) A prophet must grasp that which is good.

Dangers for a Prophet:

- (1) Being proud of his rhetoric and persuasiveness.
- (2) Become more dependent on his ability to speak than the power of the Holy Spirit to convict.
- (3) Seeing people as groups rather than individuals with personal needs.

Characteristics of the Prophecy Gift:

- (1) A need to express his message verbally, especially on matters of right and wrong.
- (2) The ability to quickly discern the character and motives of people.
- (3) The capacity to identify, define, and hate evil.
- (4) The willingness to experience brokenness to prompt brokenness in others.
- (5) The dependence on Scriptural truth to validate his authority.
- (6) A desire for outward evidence to demonstrate inward conviction.
- (7) A directness, frankness, and persuasiveness in speaking.
- (8) A concern for the reputation and will of God.
- (9) A personal identification with the sins of those with whom he ministers.
- (10) An eagerness to point out blindspots and flaws in order to see them repent.

Misunderstandings of the Prophecy Gift:

- (1) Their frankness may be viewed as harshness.
- (2) Interest in groups may be interpreted as disinterest in individuals.