

## **Spiritual Gifts: Prophecy Superior** **1 Corinthians 14:1-12**

### **I. PRIORITIES: "pursue love...prophecy" (v.1)**

#### **A. Spirituals: "desire earnestly spiritual gifts" (v.1a)**

1. Commands: "pursue love...desire earnestly gifts"
2. Choices: "especially that you may prophesy"

#### **B. Speaking: "especially that you may prophesy" (v.1b)**

### **II. PROBLEMS: "I wish...you would prophesy" (vv.2-9)**

#### **A. Contrasts: "speaks in a tongue...prophesies" (vv.2-5)**

1. Secret or Significant: "speak to God (or) to men" (vv.2-3)
2. Selfish or Selfless: "edify self (or) the church" (v.4)
3. Self or Saints: "in a tongue (or) prophesy" (v.5)

#### **B. Confusion: "what shall I profit you?" (vv.6-9)**

1. Ignorance: "speaking in tongues" (v.6)
2. Intelligence: "flute...harp...bugle" (vv.7-9)

### **III. PRACTICES: "abound for edification" (vv.10-12)**

#### **A. Explanation: "know the meaning" (vv.10-11)**

1. Variety: "no language is without meaning" (v.10)
2. Vanity: "one who speaks shall be a barbarian" (v.11)

#### **B. Expectation: "abound for edification" (v.12)**

1. Gifts: "since you are zealous of spiritual gifts" (v.12a)
2. Goal: "seek to abound for...edification" (v.12b)

*Next week: Read 1 Corinthians 14:13-19*