

## *Edification, Exhortation, and Comfort*

In First Corinthians 14:3, Paul said that all prophesy is given in edification, exhortation, and comfort. But in order for someone to exhort, there has to be a foundation from which to exhort. This is where the Word comes in, and this is why Paul said in this verse that a person will prophesy according to the proportion of faith given to him.

In other words, this type of prophesying is a form of exhortation based on God's Word that the individual who is prophesying is walking in. A person prophesies in proportion to the faith given to him. Since we know that faith comes only by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God (Rom. 10:17), all true prophesying must therefore be from the foundation of His Word.

The difference between the teaching gift that is working in me and the simple gift of prophesy for exhortation that God has given me is this: "The teaching gift is activated when the anointing brings to the forefront a revelation from God's Word that is stored in my spirit. The anointing will then use my mind as a teaching tool to transfer the revelation from my understanding to yours.

But when the anointing shifts to prophesying—the kind that is in proportion to the faith given unto us, the true spirit of prophecy unto edification, exhortation, and comfort—I suddenly feel a shift as the mind of Christ drops into my spirit and I begin to prophesy out of the mind of Christ for that moment.

Paul said I would prophesy in proportion to the faith given to me. That means Jesus will take everything I know and every revelation that has ever been given to me, and He will use it to edify the Body of Christ. He pulls up from my spirit the parts of revelation that He needs at a given moment in order to speak to the present moment or to the future. He may want to address present problems that I know nothing about within the church or a body of believers by exhorting, edifying, and comforting the listeners...or He may give forth prophetic words as answers to future problems even before they happen.

I believe you will be miraculously blessed and edified by these prophecies and comments. Your fellowship with God is the most important thing in life, and I ask that you would, please, pray over these words as you read them and fellowship with Him. It is in that fellowship and place of peace where you will get understanding about what He is saying and how each message applies to your life.

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**I will remind you that in the days to come there will be waves of My glory sweep through and there will be spontaneous worship that will last for hours. Not only will many of you pioneer struggling past the flesh but you will be inviting Me in giving Me something to work with so that when My glory is resident here, then My power will be here also. And when My power is here, I will visit you with waves of My glory and presence and many of you will find yourselves caught up for hours and hours. In doing so, I will be able to escalate the next steps that you will take, both towards personal victory and the factory of your lost loved ones and the purpose that I have placed you in Tulsa for My pursuit. – Dave Roberson**