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The Holy Spirit
is a Person



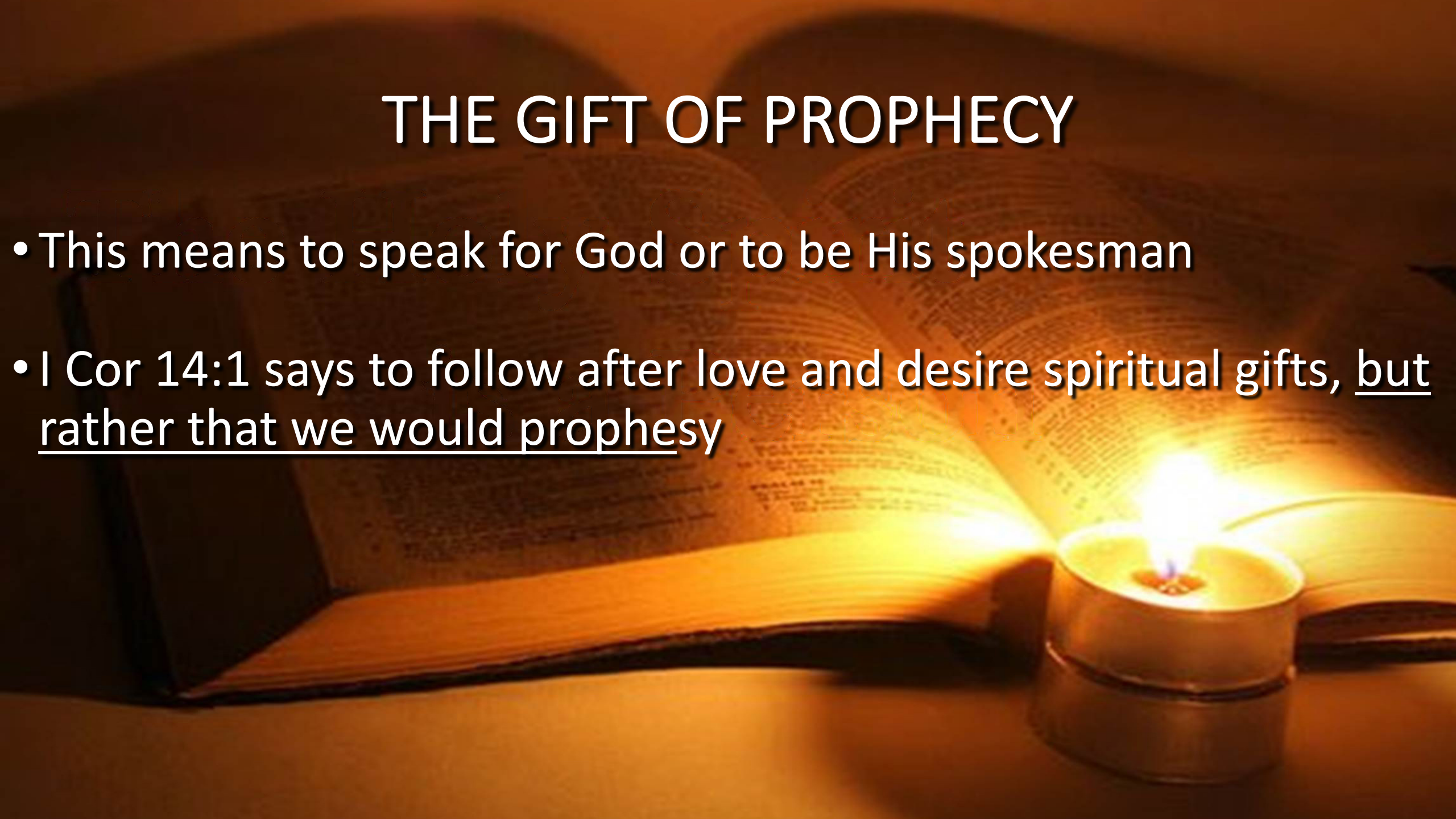
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PAUL'S THIRD AND FOURTH JOURNEYS
(Acts 18:23–21:16; 27–28:16)

- Third missionary journey (c. A.D. 53–57)
- Fourth missionary journey (c. A.D. 59–62)

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

- This means to speak for God or to be His spokesman
- I Cor 14:1 says to follow after love and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that we would prophesy



THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

- This does not mean we should not desire the other gifts, but we should desire to prophesy.
- The simple gift of prophecy should not be confused with the prophetic office (**Acts 11:27-28,21:9-11**)
- Simple prophecy is speaking to men to edification, exhortation, and comfort (1 Cor. 14:3)

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

- When the prophetic office is operating, there is often revelation given through prophecy.
- This means that the Revelation Gifts such as the Gift of the Word of Knowledge, The Gift of the Word of Wisdom or the Gift of Discernment of Spirits would be in operation.

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

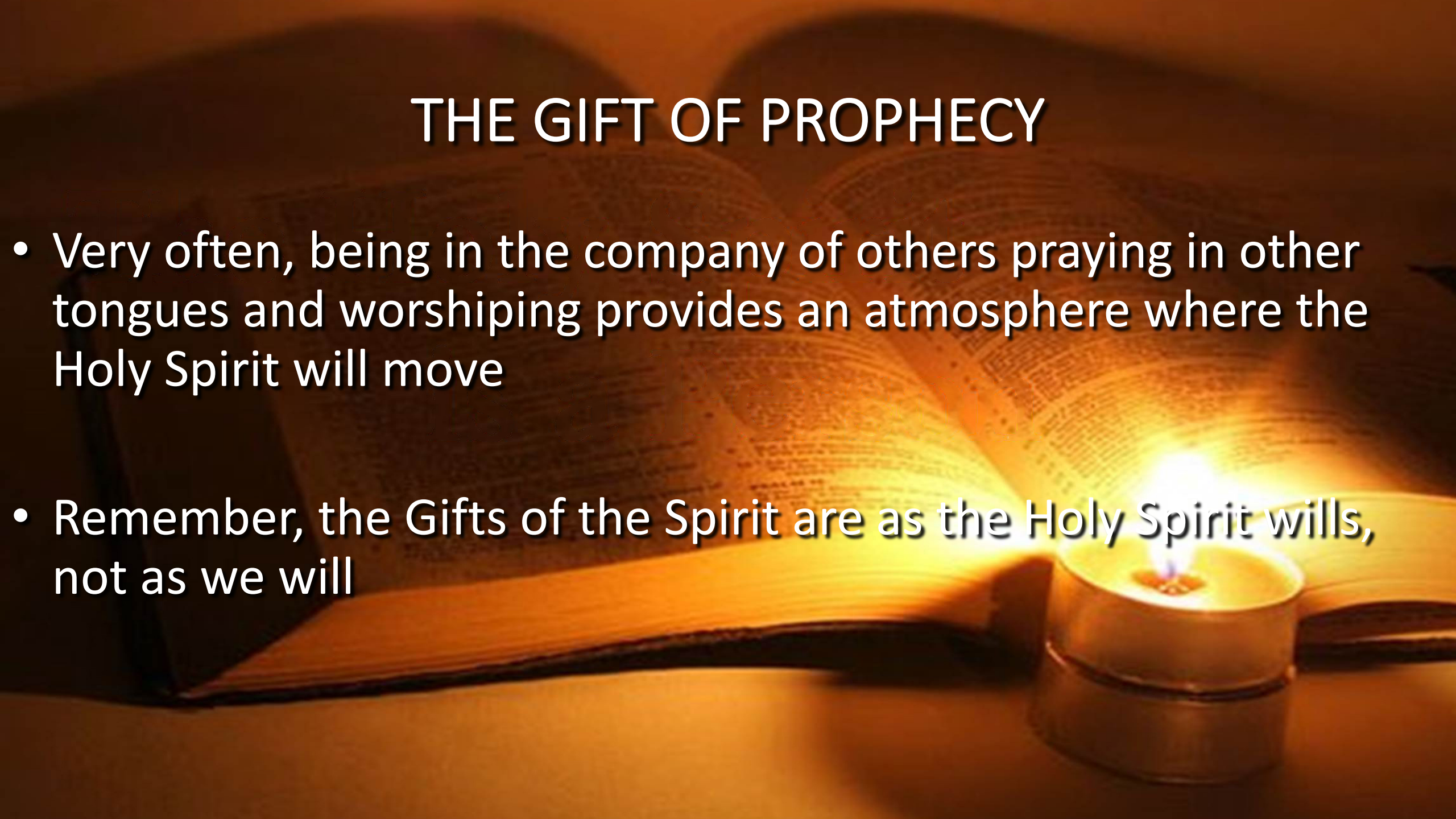
- Prophesying in the Old Testament often included an element of “forth telling”
- This means it provided revelation concerning the future.
- New Testament prophesying often does not contain future revelation, but more preaching or proclamation
- (1Sam 10:5-6, 1Kings 22:8-18)

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

- Obviously prophecy today can include revelation to include the Word of Knowledge and Word of Wisdom
- Some believe preaching is prophesying, but this is not correct
- Preaching can be God-inspired, but preaching means to proclaim, announce, or to tell/cry aloud
- Prophesying means to edify, exhort, and to comfort

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

- Very often, being in the company of others praying in other tongues and worshiping provides an atmosphere where the Holy Spirit will move
- Remember, the Gifts of the Spirit are as the Holy Spirit wills, not as we will



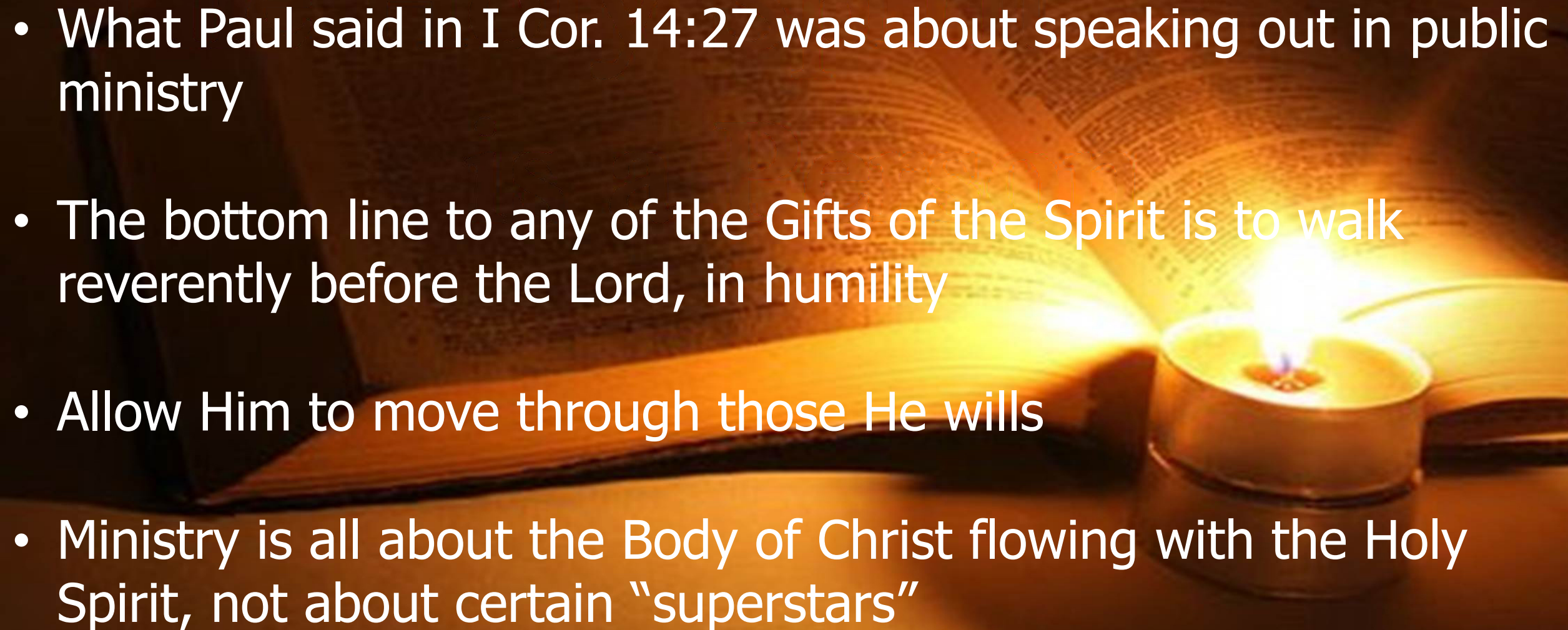
DIVERS KINDS OF TONGUES

- The different (divers) kinds of tongues is the most prominent of the inspiration gifts
- Divers kinds of tongues is the supernatural utterance by the Holy Spirit in languages never learned by the speaker, not understood by the mind of the speaker, nor necessarily understood by the hearer
- Speaking in tongues has nothing to do with a person's linguistic ability
- Has nothing to do with the mind or intellect of man

DIVERS KINDS OF TONGUES

- Divers kinds of tongues is a vocal miracle
- There are two types of tongues, one is personal, and one is for public ministry
- Tongues is primarily personal, or devotional, to assist us in the worship of God
- That is what the scriptures talk about (Jude 20)

DIVERS KINDS OF TONGUES

- What Paul said in I Cor. 14:27 was about speaking out in public ministry
 - The bottom line to any of the Gifts of the Spirit is to walk reverently before the Lord, in humility
 - Allow Him to move through those He wills
 - Ministry is all about the Body of Christ flowing with the Holy Spirit, not about certain "superstars"
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- A lit candle in a metal holder, casting a warm glow over an open book. The candle is in the foreground on the right, and the book is open behind it, with its pages illuminated by the candle's light. The background is dark, making the candle and book stand out.

DIVERS KINDS OF TONGUES

- Review/Summary:
- Divers kinds of tongues is the supernatural utterance by the Holy Spirit in languages never learned by the speaker, not understood by the mind of the speaker, nor necessarily understood by the hearer
- This gift must also flow with interpretation (I Cor. 14:27)

The Gift of Interpretation of Tongues

- Prophecy is supernatural utterance in a known language, or tongue
- Divers kinds of tongues is supernatural utterance in an unknown tongue
- The interpretation of tongues is the supernatural showing forth by the Spirit of God the meaning of an utterance that was made by other tongues

The Gift of Interpretation of Tongues

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- This supernatural gift is the least of the inspiration gifts (or vocal gifts)
- Reason is it depends on another gift of the Spirit to operate (divers kinds of tongues)
- This gift does not operate unless tongues has been in operation

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- All the Gifts of the Spirit operate by faith
- It takes more faith to operate in the Gift of Prophecy than the other two
- This is because the other two have each other to lean on
- The person with the Divers Kinds of Tongues gives what they have but depends on another to interpret

The Gift of Interpretation of Tongues

- When someone begins to speak in other tongues, those listening should have their spiritual antenna up
- This is especially true of those who have been used in the past to interpret
- Sometimes a tongue will come but no one interprets
- This can be due to many factors

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- Sometimes those listening are not as sensitive to the Holy Spirit as they should be
- We are not going to receive from the Lord if we are not tuned in to His Holy Spirit
- All of us are learning, so mistakes will be made
- It is most important for us to stay before the Lord and admit when we miss it

The Gift of Interpretation of Tongues

- Speaking in tongues is primarily for our personal time and worship with the Lord (private devotional time)
- Sometimes the Lord will have us interpret our tongues
- Paul brings this out in I Cor. 14:13-15
- When we speak in tongues we do not understand because it is not of the mind

The Gift of Interpretation of Tongues

- Sometimes a tongue may be quite lengthy but the interpretation quite short
- Sometimes a tongue may be quite short but the interpretation quite long
- Main thing here is to flow with the Spirit
- *It is not the length that matters, but that we utter as the Holy Spirit is flowing*

The Gift of Interpretation of Tongues

- Some are afraid to speak out even though the Holy Spirit is moving upon them to speak
- A great way to practice is to speak in tongues in your own prayer closet until you are comfortable doing so
- The Lord may even begin to show you the meaning to help you move into interpretation
- Small group ministry meetings is another great way to practice speaking in tongues and interpreting in a “safe” environment

The Gift of Interpretation of Tongues

- All of us want to be used by the Lord in whatever capacity He wants to use us
- The ability to flow in these gifts is by faith, but it is up to us to yield to the Spirit as He wills
- As we practice doing this, we can be very confident that it is the Lord flowing through us
- As always, manifestations of these gifts will be in accordance with the Bible

The Gift of Interpretation of Tongues

- Review/Summary:
- The interpretation of tongues is the supernatural showing forth by the Spirit of God the meaning of an utterance that was made by other tongues
- It is not translation of tongues





