

## 5 Day Devotional for the week of May 24, 2026

This week's five-day devotional will be taking a deeper dive into the sermon from this weekend. We will explore the gifts of the Holy Spirit, focusing on how these gifts help us minister to others, providing guidance, strengthening, and comfort from God's heart to ours.

### Day 1

*1 Corinthians 12:7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.*

The supernatural gifts of the Holy Spirit are bestowed upon us to serve as vessels through which God's power touches lives. These gifts underscore the profound trust God places in us despite our human limitations. He invites us to be spectators and participants in His divine work, witnessing miraculous transformations that reflect His love and power. As we explore the spiritual gifts, let us remain humble, understanding that it is God working through us, enriching our spiritual walk and edifying the church body at large.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are not limited to miracles and prophecy but extend to discernment, healing, and various kinds of tongues, among others. Each gift serves a unique purpose and is intended to unify us as believers, drawing us closer to God's heart. In exercising these gifts, we are encouraged to pursue love and operate in humility, ensuring that what we speak and do aligns with God's will and purpose.

- How have you seen the gifts of the Holy Spirit manifest in your life or others?
- In what ways can you pursue love and humility in your spiritual journey?
- How can you ensure that your actions and thoughts align with God's word?
- Pray for a deeper understanding and manifestation of the Holy Spirit's gifts in your life.
- Ask God for the wisdom to use these gifts to edify the church and reach others.

### Day 2

*1 Corinthians 14:1 Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.*

In our spiritual walk, we are encouraged to earnestly seek the gifts of the Spirit, with a particular emphasis on prophecy. Prophecy is a powerful gift that speaks God's heart to His people, offering edification, encouragement, and comfort. It aligns with God's truth as revealed in

Scripture and is never intended to tear down but to build up and guide. God calls us to use this gift responsibly, testing every word against His truth and being accountable in our declarations.

The prophetic gift is one way we experience a touch of God's presence and intention in our lives. It acts as a conduit through which God can reveal His plans and affirm His purposes in us. Let us remain grounded in His Word, ensuring that every revelation we receive aligns with His teachings and draws us closer to Him. As we function in this gift, we keep our hearts open to God's correction and direction, trusting His perfect plan.

- What is your understanding of the prophetic gift, and how has it impacted you?
- How can you ensure that you use spiritual gifts responsibly and align them with biblical truths?
- Why is accountability important when exercising spiritual gifts?
- Pray for discernment and the ability to distinguish God's voice clearly.
- Ask God to help you remain humble and accountable as you exercise spiritual gifts.

### **Day 3**

*1 Timothy 1:18 Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well.*

Prophecy plays a crucial role in spiritual warfare and personal growth. As Apostle Paul reminded Timothy, words of prophecy are weapons in our spiritual arsenal, helping us wage the good warfare. These divine insights guide us in understanding God's will for our lives and encourage us through trials, reminding us of our God-given calling and destiny. Rightly aligned, prophecy should motivate us to pursue God with vigor and to fulfill the unique missions laid before us.

It's essential to recognize that true prophecy will never contradict God's written Word. Instead, it complements Scripture, providing comfort, clarity, and sometimes necessary correction that aligns with God's eternal truth. Engaging with prophetic words invites us into a deeper relationship with God, prompting obedience and responsiveness to His voice. Embrace this vibrant gift, trusting that God's intentions are always to strengthen His church and His people.

- How does prophecy play a role in your spiritual journey and growth?
- In what ways can words from God bolster your faith amid life's challenges?
- How do you discern and apply prophetic words in practical, life-changing ways?
- Seek insights into your calling and ask God for clarity on the steps He wants you to take.

- Reflect on past prophetic words you have received and pray for wisdom in actioning them.

#### **Day 4**

*Romans 12:6 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your<sup>1</sup> faith.*

Our spiritual gifts, including prophecy, should be exercised in proportion to our faith. Romans 12:6 encourages us to use these gifts with intentionality and aligned with God's purpose. Exercising prophecy calls for a humble mindset, recognizing that the gift is not for personal glory but for the edification and encouragement of others. As believers, we are conduits of God's message, entrusted with revealing His heart and intentions to those around us.

It's vital to cultivate an environment where spiritual gifts can be matured and tested within the community. Constructive feedback and supportive relationships foster growth in this area, affirming the authenticity and truth of prophetic messages. In faith, we are encouraged to step out boldly, knowing that every exercise of our gift has the potential to transform lives and strengthen the unity of the church.

- How can you exercise the gift of prophecy in proportion to your faith?
- What steps can you take to ensure your prophetic insights are aligned with God's intentions?
- How does humility play a role in the responsible use of spiritual gifts?
- Pray for the courage to step out in faith when exercising your spiritual gifts.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to enhance your ability to discern His voice and purpose.

#### **Day 5**

*1 Thessalonians 5:20-21 Do not treat prophecies with contempt<sup>21</sup> but test them all; hold on to what is good.*

The apostle Paul admonishes believers not to despise prophecies but to test everything while holding fast to what is good. The healthy practice of prophecy requires constant discernment and validation against the truth of Scripture. Testing prophetic words ensures that they align with God's character and intent, providing a safeguard against false teaching and deception.

Prophecy is a gift that has the power to reveal God's immediate thoughts and plans for individuals and the church. However, each believer must exercise due diligence in evaluating each word through the lens of Scripture, prayer, and wise counsel from trusted leaders. As we

hold firmly to what is good, the prophetic not only brings life but draws us into deeper worship and community, glorifying God in every expression.

- Why is it important to test prophetic words, and how does this practice protect the church?
- What role does Scripture play in validating the originality of prophetic insights?
- How can you remain open to God's voice while avoiding potential deception?
- Pray for the discernment and maturity to handle prophetic words responsibly.
- Ask God to help you cultivate wise counsel and community to support your spiritual journey.