

Gifted to Serve (Pt. 4)

Romans 12:3-8

- I. Think about Your Spiritual Gift Accurately (3-5)
- II. Use Your Spiritual Gift Responsibly (6-8)
 - A. Understand the NT Spiritual Gifts.
 - B. Use Your Giftedness as Your Primary Ministry (6-8a)
 - 1. Prophecy (6c)

Prophecy: Four Primary Views

1. Continuing revelation from God equal to Scripture
2. Continuing revelation from God, but not equal to Scripture
3. Revelation in the NT era, but today exclusively the capacity to teach the Scripture
4. In both OT and NT always revelation directly from God

Prophecy

- From Greek *prophetes* (**profh,thj**)
 - Pro, “before”
 - Phemi, “to speak”
 - A prophet stands in front of someone and speaks for him.
- Prophetes occurs 144x in the NT
 - 123x of OT prophets
 - 21x of NT prophets
- Ex. 7:1-4 – the nature of a prophet illustrated
- The NT gift of prophecy was an ability to be a channel of direct revelation primarily in local churches, which was crucial until the completion of the NT.