The Place of Prophecy

**1. The Purpose of NT Prophecy**

A. For *believers* (v. 3)

B. For *unbelievers* (vv. 24-25)

C. Not different from other speech in church

**2. The Source of NT Prophecy**

A. Inward *revelation*, not study (v. 30)

B. The *range* of the word “revelation**”**

Matt. 11:27; 16:17; Eph. 1:17; Phil. 3:15

**3. The Speakers of NT Prophecy**

A. *Men* & *women* may prophesy

1 Corinthians 11:3-16

B. *Only men* may evaluate & teach (vv. 29-36)

1 Timothy 2:11-14; Romans 12:6

**4. The Authority of NT Prophecy**

In the NT, authority rests in—

A. The *apostles* & the *Scriptures* (v. 37)

B. The *congregation* of believers

C. The *leaders* of the church

Hebrews 13:17

**Application**

A. *Steer* clear of the quacks

B. *Stay* close to the apostolic deposit of truth

1 Corinthians 11:1-2; 2 Timothy 1:13; 2:2

C. *Share* Spirit-given insights

1 Thessalonians 5:19-20

D. *Submit* humbly to testing & teaching

1 Thessalonians 5:21-22

**For Personal Reflection or Family Discussion**

1. What was the most important or helpful thing you heard in the sermon?

2. What questions did the sermon raise in your mind?

 What was the most convicting part of the message?

3. How are prophecies to be judged? According to Romans 12:6, if one’s gift is prophecy, he must exercise it, “according the proportion of *his faith*.”

However, the marginal translation is better, saying that prophecy must be “in agreement with *the faith*.”

In other words, the standard of prophecy is not the size of a prophet’s individual faith, but *the faith* once delivered to the saints. Many are led astray by a supposed prophet’s own boldness and confidence, that is, his faith in himself.

4. When have you felt almost compelled to speak a word from God to another person? Did you do it? Why or why not?

Which would be the better way to share such a word? Why is it better?

* The Lord told me....
* I think God may want me to tell you....
* Have you ever considered that God might want you to....