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# The Epistle to the ROMANS

## Spiritual Gifts and Love Romans 12:6–9



**Rom. 12:4, “For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,**

**Rom. 12:5, “so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.”**

**Rom. 12:6, “Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith;”**

Eph. 4:11–12

1 Cor. 12:8–11

1 Cor. 12:28

Rom. 12:6–8

**Apostles  
Prophets**

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Prophets**

**Prophecy**

**Evangelists**

**Pastor-teachers**

**Teachers**

**Teaching**

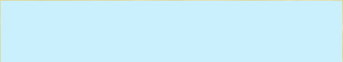
**Word of wisdom  
Word of knowledge  
Faith  
Healings  
Miracles  
Prophecy  
Discerning Spirits  
Tongues  
Inter of tongues**

**Healings  
Miracles**

**Tongues  
Administrations  
[Leadership]  
Helps [ἀντίληψις  
assistance]**

**Leads [manages]**

**Service *διακονία*  
Mercy  
Exhortation  
Gives**

 = Temporary gifts

**“Prophecy in ordinary New Testament churches was not equal to Scripture in authority, but was simply a very human—and sometimes partially mistaken—report of something the Holy Spirit brought to someone’s mind.” [Wayne Grudem]**

**New Testament prophecy is “telling something God has spontaneously brought to mind.”  
[Wayne Grudem]**

**New Testament prophecy is “an unreliable human speech act in response to a revelation from the Holy Spirit.” [Wayne Grudem]**

**This is a “somewhat new definition of the nature of Christian prophecy.” [Wayne Grudem]**

**“Much more commonly, prophet and prophecy were used of ordinary Christians who spoke not with absolute divine authority, but simply to report something God had laid on their hearts or brought to their minds. There are many indications in the New Testament that this ordinary gift of prophecy had authority less than that of the Bible, and even less than that of recognized Bible teaching in the early church.”**

**[Wayne Grudem]**

**“speech which is inspired by the Spirit and therefore totally true and authoritative”**

**~Robert Thomas**

**“Prophecy is not ... the interpretation of an already existing inspired text or oral tradition but is itself the inspired, nonderivative word of God.”**

**~Richard B. Gaffin**



- **The New Testament gift of prophecy is not redefined in the New Testament.**
- **New Testament prophets were seen as equal in Divine authority as New Testament apostles, Ephesians 2:20.**
- **Early church writings from the late 1<sup>st</sup> century understood the New Testament gift of prophecy to be identical with the Old Testament gift.**
- **New Testament prophecy died out with the closing of the Canon.**

# **Tests for Genuine Prophets**

**Deut. 13:1–5**

**Deut. 18:9–22**

**Deut. 18:15, “The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear,**

**Deut. 18:16, “according to all you desired of the LORD your God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, nor let me see this great fire anymore, lest I die.’**

**Deut. 18:17, “And the LORD said to me: ‘What they have spoken is good.**

**Deut. 18:18, “ ‘I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him.**

**Deut. 18:19, “ ‘And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My name, I will require it of him.’ ”**

**Deut. 18:20, “ ‘BUT [‘ak “however”] the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.**

**Deut. 18:21, “ ‘And if you say in your heart, “How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?”—**

**Deut. 18:22, “ ‘when a [the] prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.’ ”**

**Rom. 12:7, “or ministry, let us use it in our ministering; he who teaches, in teaching;**

**Rom. 12:8, “he who exhorts, in exhortation; he who gives, with liberality; he who leads, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness.”**