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Wednesday, August 17, 2022 - Group Study
Lesson Series: Baptism Of The Holy Spirit

Lesson Series Text: (*Acts 1:1-5*)

Lesson 4: Covet To Prophecy

Lesson 4 Text: (*I Cor. 14:39*)

All Scriptures are KJV; unless otherwise noted.

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- I. We are told in our lesson text to covet to prophecy. (*14:1*)
 - A. Follow (*pursue*) after charity (*agape*).
 - B. Desire – To burn with zeal in the pursuit of something, or to desire earnestly.
 - C. Spiritual (*pneumatikós*) – that which proceeds from the Holy Spirit.
 - D. But rather (instead or more) pursue prophecy.
- II. What is prophesying?
 - A. In its broadest sense, prophesying is speaking forth the mind of God under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
- III. What are some manifestations of prophecy?
 - A. Foretelling events of the future.
 - B. To bring forth utterances that can only be known by divine inspiration.
 - C. To break forth in sudden impulse in inspirational praise, or divine counsel.
 - D. To teach under divine inspiration.
 - E. In the office of the prophet, prophesying will be dominant; where all others may prophesy, it is not a dominant role.
- IV. Just because a person prophesy; doesn't mean that he or she is a prophet.
 - A. All may witness; but not all are evangelist.
 - B. All may teach someone scriptures; but not all hold the office of a five-fold teacher.
 - C. In some sense, all of us are "sent", but we are not all apostles.
 - D. An analogy is all may be cooks, but not all are chefs.
 - E. To determine which meaning Paul is referring to; when we are using the term prophesy, we must pay close attention to the context of how scripture is used.
- V. When prophesy is brought forth; it will: (*14:3*)
 - A. Edify – Build up
 - B. Exhort – Encourage
 - C. Comfort – Console
- VI. Paul is only giving instructions for prophesying that pertain to public worship. (*4, 5, 12, 19, 23, and 28*)
 - A. We are not given instructions for prophesying in private.
- VII. The purpose of prophesying in public worship is to edify the church. (*4, 5, 12, 17, 19, and 26*)

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- VIII. Even though there are many principles of prophesying in its many forms in this chapter; I believe that the prophesying that is spoken of in this chapter deals with corporate prophesying and not personal prophesying.
- A. That I might teach others. (19)
 - B. If all come into the church and prophesy. (23-24)
 - C. When you come together all hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, etc. (26)
 - D. You may all prophesy that all may learn. (31)
- IX. This form of prophesy is not limited to two or three.
- A. The manifestation of the gift of Diverse Tongues is limited. (27)
 - B. The manifestation of the office of the prophet is limited. (29)
 - C. The reason that this type of prophesying is not limited is because it is available to everyone. (31)