

PROPHECIES DO NOT BE DESPISING
1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

Oakridge Community Church
Questions for Consideration and Discussion

Introduction:

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I. PROPHETS IN THE EARLY NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

A. Foundational – Ephesians 2:20; 3:4-5

B. Directive

1. Acts 11:27-29
2. Acts 13:1-2
3. Acts 15:32
4. 1 Timothy 1:18
5. Acts 19:6
6. 1 Corinthians 14:1, 26, 29-30, 33-34, 40
7. Acts 21:9-11

II. PROPHETS TODAY?

A. 1 Corinthians 14:1; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

B. 1 John 4:1

1. Deuteronomy 18:22
2. Isaiah 8:20

Conclusion

1. Have you ever despised prophecies? How was this demonstrated in your attitudes, words or actions?
2. Why was prophecy such an important element in the early New Testament church? How does this understanding shape our perspective of the role of prophecy today?
3. What were some of the purposes behind Holy Spirit-inspired prophecies in the early New Testament church?
4. What are the Biblical requirements for prophetic activity in the assembly of believers? How should these requirements be viewed today?
5. What differences are there between the situation of the Corinthian church and our situation today with respect to the need of prophetic activity? Does this impact how we apply 1 Corinthians 14:1 to ourselves? If so, how?
6. Is there any Biblical necessity to deny the possibility of prophetic activity today? What basis can you give for your answer?