

Eph 4:11

## 1. **Definition**

- Greek "Propheteo" To foretell events, divine, speak under inspiration, exercise the Prophetic office; to proclaim a divine revelation, prophecy to foretell the future, to speak forth by divine inspiration; to break forth under sudden impulse or in praise of the Divine counsels
- Prediction of the future under the influence of Divine guidance

## 2. Qualifications

Must have Qualifications of an Elder

## 3. Ministry of Prophets

- A. Set in New Testament Churches 1 Cor. 12:28
- B. 2<sup>nd</sup> order in the Church 1 Cor. 12:29
- C. One of the 5 fold gifts Eph 4:11
- D. They have the Spirit of prophecy Rev 19:10
- E. They have the gift of prophecy 1Cor 14:3.
- F. Given for perfecting the saints, bringing saints into the ministry, to edify and build up the body Eph 4:12
- G. Used to confirm in fasting, prayer, laying on of hands, the Spirit speaking
- H. Exhortation and confirmation Acts 15:22
- I. In warning predictions Acts 11:27-30
- J. Giving complete testimonies (Exhortation- to stir up, Edification to build up, Comfort to bind up, Conviction to open up) 1 Cor. 14:29-32
- K. Not infallible utterance must be judged 1 Cor. 14:29-30
- L. Their Spirit is under control and subject to the Holy Spirit 1 Cor. 14:32-33
- M. There are false Prophets Mat 24:11
- N. Preaches the Word of God Heb 1:1-2
- O. Have to contend with false prophets 2 Thess. 2:1-12

## 4. Testing the ministry of the prophet

- Test the Spirit 1 John 4:1-3
- Test the fulfillment of prophetic Word Deut 18:22
- Test of Worship Deut 13:1-5
- Test of Doctrine 1 John 4:1-6
- Test of Fruit Mt 7:15-23
- Test of Covetousness Mic. 3:11
- Test the Ministry of the People Jer. 23:18-23

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