

Message Four

Prophesying for the Building Up of the Church as the Body of Christ

- I. We should cooperate with the Lord to fulfill the greatest prophecy in the Bible—"I will build My church" (Matt. 16:18):**
 - A. We can cooperate by practicing the God-ordained way to meet and to serve for the building up of the Body of Christ.
 - B. We all can be perfected to serve by preaching the gospel to beget sinners as sons of God, by nourishing the new believers as we visit them, by perfecting the saints in small vital groups, and by prophesying in the church meetings to speak for the Lord and speak forth the Lord for the building up of the church.
- II. We should be perfected to learn to speak for the Lord and to speak Him forth:**
 - A. We can live a prophesying life by loving the Lord to the uttermost; if we love the Lord, we will be filled with Him, and whatever fills us within will come out of us for the building up, encouragement, and consolation of others (1 Cor. 14:3).
 - B. We can be perfected to learn to speak when we have the human learning of the Word, the divine inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and a clear view or vision concerning God's interests and economy (vv. 1, 5, 12).
- III. We can compose our prophesying with the living words of this life that we have gained by taking the way of PSRP (pray-reading, studying, reciting, and prophesying); this will nourish people with the unsearchable riches of Christ:**
 - A. Pray-reading is the most important part of PSRP; we can study the Bible by pray-reading.
 - B. Studying is the process of entering into the main and supporting points of an outline or truth that we are considering.
 - C. Reciting is not necessarily memorizing every word but releasing the main thought in our speaking from the portion we are studying.
 - D. Prophesying is to speak in boldness not the doctrines but the realities of the truths that refresh and build up others (vv. 26, 31).
 - E. Prophesying requires us to learn the truth and be trained to speak with divine light under the Spirit's inspiration to convey divine revelation.