



## I'm a Prophet

**Focus** Prophecy is giving someone an encouraging message from the Lord. We *all* can prophesy.

**Open** What do you like most about the fall season?

**Read** When we receive the Holy Spirit, He walks alongside us, guiding us into truth and telling us things to come. He doesn't want to be silent; He wants to have an intimate, communicative relationship with us. As we walk with Him, He will speak to us and give us words or impressions that encourage others. In 1 Corinthians 14:31, we are told, "*you can all prophesy ... that all may learn and all may be encouraged.*" Hearing God and prophesying is a learning experience.

Prophecy is not to be manipulative or used for selfish gain. It is a confirmation of what God is already speaking to someone—a word of grace—that encourages (puts "courage in" to) them.

- Talk**
1. In the past, what has been your perception of or experience with prophetic words? In what way(s) has this message changed your thinking?
  2. Have you ever received a specific or timely word from someone that encouraged you (a word, note, card, etc.)? What was the experience like?
  3. Read 1 Corinthians 14:1, 3 and 31. What are your initial thoughts about these verses? What are the key points?

4. Why does prophecy help both the giver *and* the receiver of a word learn and be encouraged?
5. What are some right motives for hearing God for others?

**Live**

1. Have you ever considered that the ideas or impressions you've had to call, meet with or write to someone were actually times when you were hearing and being led by God? Do you tend to respond to these impressions? Why or why not?
2. Has giving a prophetic word seemed like something unattainable for you? How has this message encouraged you?

**Pray**

Thank the Lord for His desire to encourage and uplift you and not to tear you down. Express your desire for expressions of prophecy (as in 1 Corinthians 14:1). Ask Him for confidence and boldness to act upon the impressions you receive and for Him to help you learn to hear His voice more clearly. Ask God to help you become a gracious, "son/daughter of encouragement" for Him.