

PAUL'S TEACHING ON THE USE OF PROPHECY IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

True prophecy will strengthen faith, encourage the faint hearted and comfort those in distress. (1 Cor 14.3)

True prophecy will edify the church (v4);

it will be a convincing word that will win the sinner (v24);

the true prophet will await his turn to speak (v31);

will give way to another who also has a revelation (v30);

will gladly submit his words to be weighed by others (v29);

will do everything in an orderly and peaceful manner (v33);

will speak in simple language intelligible to the whole church (v19);

will exercise his mind as well as his spirit (v20);

and above all will be concerned for the unity of the whole body of Christ

(1 Cor 12 v13).