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prophets will rise and show great declares, "For false christs and false this. In Matthew 24:24 He clearly warned that Satan would do genuine gift of prophecy. Jesus Satan's goal is to counterfeit the

as possible. signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the attempts to make the imitation as close to the genuine bill? Certainly not! Every counterfeiter in the world elect" (NKJV).* Have you ever seen a counterfeit \$11

prophecy that we can detect the counterfeit and receive the genuine. It is only by carefully studying the biblical gift of

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2. What gifts did the Holy Spirit bring to assist the church in carrying the gospel to the world? Ephesians 4:11

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pages about Jesus are spiritual masterpieces. Books such as Steps to books on health and education are world renowned. Her thousands of dreams. She wrote down God's messages as counsel to His church. Her she was a young woman, God revealed Himself to her in visions and education. She thought of herself as "the weakest of the weak." When child, she had a tragic accident, so she completed only a few grades of was born in a humble home in Gorham, Maine. When she was only a genuine gift of prophecy in the life and teachings of Ellen G. White, who

14. Why did God give us the gift of prophecy? What is the result of following the prophets' counsels? 2 Chronicles 20:20

light [the Bible]."

writings were "a lesser light to lead men and women to the greater Jesus and always led her readers back to the Bible. She claimed her millions of copies. Ellen G. White was a humble woman who exalted Christ, The Desire of Ages, and The Great Controversy have run through

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Following God's counsel brings greater joy to our lives. Accepting heaven's wisdom saves us from a great deal of heartache and sorrow The prophets' messages are heaven's blessings on our lives God has given His church the gift of prophecy for our benefit.

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counsels and humbly follow Your will.	Thank You, dear Jesus, for the gift of prophecy. I choose to cherish its

6. How does the Bible define the "testimony of Jesus"? Revelation 19:10

The Bible answer:

be revealed again in God's last-day church. the spirit, or gift, of prophecy. (See also Revelation 22:8, 9.) Revelation stopped him, explaining that he was testifying for Jesus in giving to John of prophecy, the aged apostle knelt to worship the angel. The angel 12:17 reveals that the gift of prophecy, or the testimony of Jesus, would When one of heaven's messengers descended to bring John the gift

Scripture gives several biblical tests of a true prophet

TEST I—Prophetic Accuracy



7. What does the Bible teach regarding the accuracy of a true prophet? Jeremiah 28:9

The Bible answer:

but most are never fulfilled. percent accurate. The so-called "prophets" of our day miss the mark completely on this test. A few of their predictions may come to pass, personal response to determine their fulfillment, the prophet is 100 In prophecies that are not conditional, that is, that depend on a

TEST 2—The Prophet's Relationship to the Bible



8. What if a prophet is apparently accurate, but leads away from the truths of Scripture? Deuteronomy 13:1-4

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lishment of doctrine. Bible. The Bible is always supreme. It is the sole criterion for the estab-The true gift of prophecy does not lead away from, but back to, the

TEST 3—The True Gift of Prophecy Exalts Jesus and His Law

9 9. According to the Bible, how does the prophet relate to Jesus? I John 4:2

The Bible answer:

poet summarized it well in these words: The Bible declares that the true gift of prophecy exalts Jesus. The

Hang a lovely picture of Thy face And from this thing so humble and so small Lord, make me a nail upon the wall

testimony of Jesus." uplift Jesus. Since the spirit of prophecy exalts Jesus, it is called "the The function of the gift of prophecy is continually to exalt and

10. What relationship does the genuine gift of prophecy have to the law of God? Isaiah 8:20

The Bible answer:

John the Baptist condemned Herod's adultery. to the true God. Nehemiah preached for a reform in Sabbathkeeping All Bible prophets exalt God's law. Elijah called Israel from idolatry

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TEST 4—Physical Phenomena Surrounding the Gift

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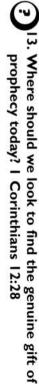
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nomena that accompanied their visions. Often they did not breathe in vision. God sustained them. Bible prophets often experienced certain supernatural physical phe-

TEST 5—Spiritual Fruit

12. How did Jesus Himself tell us to distinguish between the true and counterfeit gifts of prophecy? Matthew 7:15-17, 20

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The Bible answer:

we should also look within the church for the gift of prophecy. Because trary to the Bible, but rather one of the gifts God says will remain in to find it within the church. The gift of prophecy is not a doctrine conprophecy is one of God's last-day gifts to His church, we should expect When we discover God's faithful commandment-keeping church,

true church (Revelation 12:17; 19:10). within His true church. It is one of the identifying characteristics of the the coming of the Lord. God promised to place the gift of prophecy church on earth today. It has been raised up to prepare a people for What a joy it is to know that God has a commandment-keeping