

Making a Profit (Inter-gen Slot 1 Cor 14:1-5 & 26-33)

Bob is sensible, has Bible open at 1 Cor 14

Fred is silly, has jogging gear, doughnut and money bag, headband with large ears

- Bob Good morning. Today we will be learning about the Holy Spirit and Prophecy, and I'd like to start by reading to you from 1 Corinthians, chapter 14. *[reads first few verses]*
- Fred *[jogs on in running gear and does exercises]* It's alright. It's alright. I'm here!
- Bob Oy! Do you mind? I'm trying to read about prophecy. What do you think you're doing?
- Fred I'm getting fit. Doin' my exercises. Getting my big muscles. Do you like them?
- Bob *[feeling muscles]* Oh yes, lovely. *[coming to senses]* No, no! Why are you here?
- Fred Well, you're talking about prophets, right?
- Bob Yeeees?
- Fred Well, that's me, innit? I'm a prophet. I've got my joggers and my sweatband and soon I'll be all strong and tough and everyone will have to do what I say 'cos I'm Pro Fit, pro-fit, prophet. Geddit?
- Bob No! That's not what being a prophet is. It's nothing to do with big muscles and making everyone do what you say. Shoo! Off you go!
- Fred *[slopes off, disappointed]*
- Bob *[to cong]* Ladies and gentlemen, I do apologise for that interruption. Now where was I? *[continues reading]*
- Fred *[waddles on with bag of money and doughnut]* It's alright. It's alright. I'm here!
- Bob You again? What are you up to this time?
- Fred Well, you're talking about prophets, right?
- Bob Yeeees?
- Fred Well, that's me, innit? I'm a prophet. I've got my money bag and my doughnut and soon I'll be a nice fat profit *[ba-dum-cha!]*
- Bob *[head in hands]* No, no, just ... no.
- Fred Yes, yes, yes! I've got it all worked out. If I'm a prophet then I know what'd going to happen in the future, so I can go to the bookies and bet on the horse that I know will win and *then [shakes money bag]* ker-ching!
- Bob Being a prophet isn't being a fortune-teller, and it's certainly not about cheating on bets. Off you go. Go on, skedaddle!
- Fred *[slopes off, disappointed, getting sympathy from congregation]*
- Bob *[to cong]* Don't encourage him. Now, to get back to my reading. *[continues reading but keeps looking towards Fred, slowing down and eventually stopping]* Well?
- Fred Well what?
- Bob Aren't you going to bounce on and interrupt me again?
- Fred *[slopes on looking disconsolate]* No, I've been listening to what you were reading, and I think I got it wrong. It's not Pro-Fit, getting big muscles and making people do what I say.
- Bob You're right. It isn't.
- Fred And it's not about fortune telling and getting a big bag full of money.
- Bob That's certainly true.
- Fred I got it all wrong. *[gets sympathy from congregation]*
- Bob *[to cong]* Oh, don't. There's enough ham acting without all that.
- Fred But I got it all wrong!
- Bob Actually, I think you (eventually) got it all right!
- Fred I did?
- Bob You did. Prophecy is about listening. Listening to God and hearing what he is saying. The prophets of the Bible were godly people who were good at hearing God and speaking his words into a situation.
- Fred So I don't need big muscles?
- Bob Nope.
- Fred And I don't need big money bags?
- Bob Nope.
- Fred I just need big ears! *[puts on headband with big ears]*
- Bob Now you've got it!
- Fred Pardon?