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Bringing this down further, we may find that the top person is perceived as the one who is the most visible with the most attention being given them because of what their position is in the "pecking order."

Having written the above, we come to grips with "Despise not Prophesying." There are some positions in some "churches" that are perceived as being the top position and those people in that position are given great respect as being someone who is *right up there with Go* - but may not be of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The sad piece to this is that we misunderstand the teaching of the Word of God in the gifts and graces. We misunderstand that it takes the body to function as one to accomplish the will of the Lord. What if one of your legs began going backwards while the other leg went forward? What if you did not have toes or fingers, then what would you do? Do you understand that it is not what position you have, but are you doing what the Lord Jesus Christ has called you to do, AND do you understand that no matter what your work is, the body is needed. You are not above anyone, no matter what your work is. It is NONE ABOVE ANOTHER. It is about the Lord Jesus Christ and His work being accomplished in us as the Body of Christ.

There are those who believe their gift is better than another and they are, therefore, special; they feel they are above others. Then there are those called to prophecy, to speak forth the truth of God in Christ Jesus – which most do not want to hear. This is important, and we each should be speaking forth the Truth of God. We should not despise prophesying . . . we should want the truth of God to be spoken and encourage those who are faithful to the Word.

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