

Growing In The Prophetic 101

Introduction to the Prophetic

What is Prophecy?

“Prophecy” defined: _____, foretelling of _____, speaking under

Biblical Definition:

1 Corinthians 14:3

NKJV: But he who prophesies speaks _____ and _____ and _____ to men.

NIV: But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort.

MSG: But when you proclaim his truth in everyday speech, you’re letting others in on the truth so that they can grow and be strong and experience His presence with you.

AMP: But [on the other hand], the one who prophesies [who interprets the divine will and purpose in inspired preaching and teaching] speaks to men for their up-building and constructive spiritual progress and encouragement and consolation

1 Corinthians 14:3: He who prophesies speaks:

- a. Edification – **architecture, or the _____ of one another, can also mean “confirmation”**
- b. Exhortation – **root word used here means: to _____, _____ or to call for.**
- c. Comfort – **in it’s simplest sense means to _____ or _____.**

“Encourage” –

- a. To _____ with courage, spirit, hope or confidence.
- b. To stimulate by assistance
- c. To promote and/or advance

“David strengthened _____ in the Lord his God”

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1 Samuel 30:6 Now David was greatly **distressed**, for the people **spoke of** stoning **him**, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and his daughters. **But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God.**

The Prophetic _____, _____ and

_____ others in the plans and purposes the Lord has prepared for them.

Cultivating a Prophetic Heart

1 Corinthians 13:1-3

Cultivating a prophetic heart begins with the desire to love others the way God loves

us. Prophetic ministry is built on the foundation of _____. 1 John 4:8 tells us that God is love! Ministering prophetically is hearing a word from God and

_____ what you hear. In looking at 1 John 4:8, we see that ministering the Word of God can also be understood to be speaking a Word of Love.

In Revelations 19:10 we see that the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy! Jesus said that world would know that we are His disciples by the way that we love one another (see John 13:35). A disciple is simply one whose life mirrors the

_____ and _____ of the one they follow. _____ Jesus did and said was born out of love.

*However...give yourself _____ to grow

Prophetic Posture?

1 Corinthians 14:1 "Pursue love, and desire (zealously covet or lust after) spiritual *gifts* (the supernatural), but especially that you may prophesy."

- a. Pursue _____
- b. Desire (zealously covet or lust after) spiritual gifts (the supernatural)
- c. Prophecy

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Why Prophecy?

The Prophetic gives _____ and imparts _____ :

Jesus in John 6:63: The words that I speak to you are _____, and they are _____.

Revelations 19: 10b For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of _____.

“Testimony” – Webster’s Definition

- a. firsthand authentication of a fact
- b. an outward sign
- c. a solemn declaration usually made orally by a witness under oath in response to interrogation by a lawyer or authorized public official
- d. an open acknowledgment
- e. a public profession

Hooper’s Definition: Verbal declaration or account of what has been _____ and _____.

Prophetically Processing

Luke 11:9 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be _____ to you; seek, and you will _____; knock, and it will be _____ to you.

Prophetic Words are primarily made up of 3 parts: A.S.K.

1. ASK-_____: simply to make known, divine insight,

unveiling, disclose, reveal. Biblical & Prophetic _____ is the term for **God’s initial communication with you.**

2. SEEK-_____: to explain or tell the meaning of, or present in

understandable terms. Biblical & Prophetic _____ is simply **the essence of what God is really saying**

2. KNOCK-_____: to administer or to put to use. Biblical &

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Prophetic _____ is **how you are to communicate the essence of what God is saying to those He is speaking to through you in a restorative and redemptive way that edifies, exhorts and comforts the person or people you are speaking to.**

Luke 11:10 For **everyone who asks** _____, and **he who seeks** _____, and **to him who knocks** it will be _____.

Q: *Who receives?*

A: Everyone who asks

*Oftentimes we think are not receiving because we do not recognize the package that contains what we have asked for.

Q: *Who Finds?*

A: He Who Seeks

Q: *To Whom is the Door opened?*

A: Him who knocks

What if I feel I have heard or seen something that isn't from God? Should I be worried about being deceived?

Luke 11:11-3 If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12 Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

It is not that you received an inaccurate revelation or that you perceive something

from a source other than the Holy Spirit, but often times we can _____ the essence of what God is really saying.

Common Issues with Interpretation:

1. **Lack of Biblical** _____ **&** _____ **(Types and Shadows)**
2. **Personal** _____
3. _____ **Experiences**

Steve Thompson- *The essence of interpretation is in understanding.*

Psalms 119:130: The entrance of Your words **gives** _____ (Revelation); and **gives** _____ to the simple.

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Q: How can I really know that He will speak to me if I ask?

A: God is not a man that He should lie... (Numbers 23:19)

A2: Jeremiah 33:3 'Call to Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'

Q: Yea, but that was Jeremiah...

A: God is _____respector of Persons (Acts 10:34)

ASK & it will be given to you

Receiving Revelation

Ways God Speaks & “_____” of Revelation

A. Lower Level Revelation

1. Mental or Spiritual _____ of Perceptions- Ex: Mark 2:8-9 Jesus perceived them reasoning in their hearts and asked, “why are you reasoning in your hearts?”
 - a. Stray Thoughts or _____
 - b. Physical Feelings-sensations in your body (especially with Words of Knowledge)
 - c. Emotional Perceptions
2. Reminders
3. Gentle Internal Visions
4. Still Small Voice-Heard within our Spirit – Ex: 1 Kings 19:11-12
Then He said, "Go out, and stand on the mountain before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore into the mountains and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; 12 and after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire; and after

the fire **a still small** _____ .

B. Higher “Level” Revelations

1. Open Visions
 - a. Glimpses in the Spirit
 - b. Internal Visions
2. Angelic Visitations
3. Visitations of the Lord
4. Vivid Dreams/Night Visions
 - a. Literal
 - b. Symbolic
5. Trances
6. Being “Caught Up” in the Spirit

RECAP:

C. Other Ways God Speaks

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1. Spiritual Senses

a. Sight

1. Biblical Example: 2 Kings 2:15- Spirit of _____ resting on Elisha

b. Smell

a. _____

b. Different Ministries or Functions of the Holy Spirit & Presence of God

c. Infirmary

d. Devils & _____ Strongholds

c. Touch

a. Discern through Touch

b. Discern-**how you** _____ when this action is taking place in the natural

d. Taste

e. Hearing

a. Still Small Voice

b. Internal Audible Voice

c. External Audible Voice

2. Puns -Biblical Ex: **Jeremiah 1:11-12**

The word of the Lord came to me saying, "What do you _____, Jeremiah?" And I said, "I see a rod of an almond tree (Hb #8247 shaqed)." Then the Lord said to me, "You have seen well, for I am watching (Hb #8245 shaqad meaning "to be alert, awake, on the lookout, hastening to, watching") over My word to perform it (Jeremiah 1:11-12 NASB)."

The pronunciation of the Hebrew word for almond was so phonically similar to the Hebrew word for "watching" or "hastening" that they could almost be used interchangeably although their meanings were much different. The Lord used this play on word in his communication with Jeremiah as He showed him an almond branch in a vision and then asked him what he saw, while using the similarity of the two Hebrew words to communicate that He was watching over His Word to perform it. The King James translation of verse 12 reads like this, "**Then said the Lord unto me, Thou hast**

well seen: for I will hasten my word to _____ it."

Keys To Hearing God's Voice

1. _____ in His Presence (I know Tina's Voice in a crowd of many)
2. Focus On God's Purposes, Character, Nature

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3. Lifestyle of “ _____ ”

4. Grow In _____ toward others. Look for opportunities to Love and

your eyes are positioned to _____ and your ears are positioned to

_____. Where the heart of God is evident through the fruit of the Spirit the hand of God will often manifest through the Gifts of the Spirit-Love is our Source!

a. Open a _____ for someone

b. Smile and _____ it

c. Bless _____

5. Do a “Body _____ ”

6. _____ the Word. _____ the Word. _____ the Word.

_____ the Word. One definition of “Prophecy” is to bubble forth and having a well of the Word, gives you a source to spring from and draw out of.

General Guidelines for Prophetic Ministry:

The following is a list of general guidelines to be followed during prophetic ministry prophetic teams.

1. In this setting, we limit the expression of prophetic ministry to words of encouragement, building and comfort (1 Cor. 14:3). This is not a forum for correction or rebuke.
2. It is the nature of prophetic ministry to impart hope. As such, we do not want to prophesy negatively. We believe God reveals problems and strongholds because he wants to bring deliverance and freedom, not condemnation. Approach anything of this nature with humility.
3. Do not prophesy the problem, but instead prophesy the promise of God. For example, if God shows you someone has struggles with depression, then prophesy the joy, liberty, and freedom that God wants to release to them. The Lord may show you something negative in order to encourage the person beyond it.
4. The following are example of things not to prophesy:
 - Do not prophesy that someone should move to Birmingham (or the host city of the conference).
 - Do not prophesy that someone should give money to you, Global Fire, or any one else (or the host church of the conference).
 - Do not prophesy pregnancy or the sex of unborn children.
 - Do not prophesy that someone should marry a particular person.
 - Do not prophesy anything that contradicts Scripture.
 - Do not prophesy that someone is an apostle or prophet. We may see revelatory or prophetic gifts, but avoid the designations of apostle and prophet.
5. In addition, do not counsel anyone during these times of ministry. We are here to prophesy, not counsel.