

PROPHECY : SPEAKING THE HEART AND MIND OF JESUS

1Corinthians 14:1

“Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophesy.”

1 Corinthians: 14:2

“For those speak in a tongue do not speak to other people but to God. Indeed, no one understands them; they utter mysteries by the Spirit.”

1 Corinthians 14:3

“But those who prophesy speak to people for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort.” (other translations also say, “to edify, encourage and exhort.”)

1 Corinthians 14:4

“Those who speak in a tongue edify themselves. But those who prophesy edify the church.”

1 Corinthians 14:5

“I would like ever one of you to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you prophesy.”

Revelations 19:10b

“For the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophesy.”

Romans 12:6

“If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;”

Different Forms of Hearing from the Lord While Prophesying:

- 1.) Hear words
- 2.) See pictures, visions, or have dreams
- 3.) Have a Knowing or Download of information or knowledge about someone/something.

THE 3 Es OF PROPHECY

We prophesy to:

- 1.) Edify
- 2.) Encourage
- 3.) Exhort

edify: “To improve the morality, intellect, etc, of, especially by instruction; to instruct someone in a way that enlightens them or uplifts them morally, spiritually or intellectually.”

encourage: “To fill with courage or strength of purpose”

exhort: “An urging done by someone close beside; to urge, advise, or caution earnestly; admonish urgently.”

Preparing Oneself and the Atmosphere to Have a Strong Anointing for Prophecy:

1.) Worship

2.) Cultivate a desire to prophesy (desire and vision lead to action)

E.g. "Lord, grant me a greater desire to speak your heart for this person/situation. Help me to see them and love them like you do."

3.) Make declarations over your time/self/atmosphere & the person you will be prophesying to ahead of time.

- Throughout the day of which you know you will be prophesying, and especially the 30-60 minutes leading up to it, try to get in a spirit of worship. Ask for the Lords spirit of prophesy to come on you and also for Holy Spirit to prepare the person who will be receiving the word, that they would have a supple heart and desire to hear from Him.

e.g. "pour out your spirit of prophesy in that room Lord, fill me with your words for this person whom you love. Fill me with faith to believe I hear from you and courage to step out when you ask me to share something."

4.) Remind yourself why you prophesy

- Prophecy allows God to speak to His children in a tangible way.

- Because we love to hear our Bridegroom, Jesus' s voice.

- It helps us to better know the heart of God

If you aren't hearing anything from God asking a specific question can help clear the way..

- "Father, what do you love most about this son/daughter of yours?"

- "Holy Spirit, is there any physical healing they are in need of which you are wanting to give them today?"

THE KEYS TO PROPHECY:

1.) Love for God/people

2.) Faith

3.) Practice

FAITH:

"If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith;" - Rom 12:6

If you even get a single word or picture but have nothing else to say, or don't know the meaning for what you are seeing, just step out in faith and speak that single word/picture. Many times once you take that first step the next step will then be revealed by Gods Spirit. Keep going until you see or hear no more.

While Skating On Prophetic Waters..

“USE CAUTION: 9 PROPHETIC HOLES IN THE ICE”

1.) DON'T LET YOUR GIFTING/TALENTS TAKE OVER

- Counseling, teaching, mentorship, personal encouragement, testimonies, etc. can easily take over a simple word God is trying to give someone.
- Try to save and use these gifts after you have checked to make sure Jesus is finished speaking His prophetic word
- Like the Apostle Paul, we should follow the model of differentiating to the listener when we are speaking and when the Lord is. Be open about when it is your opinion, counsel or are speaking from personal experience, rather than giving a direct word from the Lord.
- Good idea to ask permission after finishing a prophetic word before sharing your thoughts or counsel. (e.g. “I have gone through a similar thing in my own life. Would you like to hear about it, and how the Lord helped me through it?)

Paul said: “To the married I give this command (not I but the Lord)..” “To the rest I say this (I, not the Lord)..” - Corinthians 7:10 & 12

2.) AM I PROPHECYING MY LIFE OVER SOMEONE?

- If you see, feel, or hear something be careful to not start jumping to conclusions about what it means or preaching from your personal life, doctrines or thoughts.
- Remember: This is God's time to speak. Leave lots of room for Him to explain the meaning of something to that person later. (If you're not fairly sure you heard/know the meaning, DON'T give one)

3.) PRIDE: FEELING THE NEED TO ADD “BLING” TO GOD'S WORDS

- Resist the urge to try to make a word seem impressive or more grandiose than it actually is
- Keep it Real: Extra emotion, a loud voice, or flattery is Not helpful when giving a prophetic word
- This does not mean you cannot be yourself or if you are feeling a weight of glory or a particular emotion on it that you have to pretend or hide it. Just keep it real and don't fake anything

4.) TAKE IT SLOW & 'LESS IS MORE'

- Rushing a word, especially when you are not feeling a heavy sense of the Spirit moving is not a good habit to get in.
- Slow down, pray in tongues, let someone else have a turn
- It's better to give a one word prophesy than a book if the Lord is only wanting them to focus on one thing rather than a hundred.

5.) NO: DATES, MATES, OR BABIES

- Unless you are Extremely experienced in prophesy, are really hearing a word in one of these areas strongly AND are exercising a lot of prudence in how you administer it, DO Not prophesy in these areas over people. Keep it to yourself and pray for them instead.
- These are important areas which God will speak to them personally if needed
- These areas can lead to a lot of harm and/or pain for people if it does not come true or if they do not know how to ask God to check for themselves and/or wait for his timing on things

- 6.) "THERE IS THEREFORE NOW NO CONDEMNATION..."
- Ask yourself before giving a word, "Does this fit God's definition and parameters of prophesy?"
- Does it edify, encourage, and/or exhort this person to deeper intimacy and love in God?
- What is the most loving way I can do this to this person?
- How can I speak this "negative" thing as life not death? ("life and death are in the power of the tongue")

E.g. You see the person is struggling with a sexual addiction... Pray. Ask for wisdom. You might say something like, "I see that God has deeper places of purity which He is wanting to release. He has such freedom available for you and He is desiring and ready to help bring you into it if you are willing."

7.) PROPHECY IS JUST ONE PART OF THE WHOLE

- Helpful to see prophesy similarly to having a "sixth sense" rather than the "All in All" in Christian life
- It is God's Word, but God speaks in Many ways, through the bible, common sense, love, wisdom, free will (doesn't force people to choose Him or do something, so don't prophesy as if He does), etc.

8.) PROPHECY IS OFTEN DEPENDENT ON AN "IF"

- Many times in both the Old and New Testament God would give a word through a prophet or an Apostle which hinged on an "If".

E.g. "IF you obey Me, I will bless you." "IF, you do this, you will suffer harm." "IF, you walk in my ways I will give an inheritance to you and your children"

- If the Lord gives you a word of warning through a prophetic dream or word repent for anything that is needed and ask God to help you in whatever negative thing He showed/told you might happen. After repentance speak out scriptures, and life/blessings over the situation instead of the negative thing you saw/heard. Stand in faith.
- If the Lord gives you a positive prophetic word, begin to do whatever you can do to sow into that word; begin to pray into it and to speak it out and declare it over your life.

9.) ASK / DISCERN IF THIS WORD IS FOR ONLY YOU TO KNOW, THEM, A LEADER, ETC

- Besides the 3 "E's", intercession is the number one reason God gives a prophetic word or knowing to someone. Often when you get a difficult prophetic word it is given to you because God needs someone to begin interceding for that person, situation or church because they are in great need of prayer and help to fight off an attack from the enemy.
- Sometimes a prophetic word or dream is regarding a demonic attack for a person's future. Don't assume that person has already sinned. God is using you to help cover them with intercession so the enemy will have no foothold or door to enter into to bring that person or ministry down.
- When there is a sin issue, know that that person is likely aware that they are missing the mark in that area and are probably asking God for help to get the freedom and victory over it. (don't judge them; this is often you & me). **PRAY FOR YOUR BROTHER OR SISTER.**
- You are being entrusted with very private and weighty knowledge which God wants you to ask Him what to do with. Dig into His word for wisdom and guidance. Begin to pray and seek Holy Spirit as to what to do. If you need to, and are given permission from the Lord, share it with a trusted intercessor or leader who will pray with you for that person/situation.
- If it is a serious sin, you need to confront that person in love, and warn them that God is saying they must repent and turn from their sin. (* Use Matthew 18:15-18 as a guide for these situations)