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This school {Gathering, Training, Impartation, and Activation Center} is **dedicated** to the restoration of all **things** as spoken by the mouth of all the prophets since the world began. [Acts 3:21] The Prophetic School is not exclusive to prophets only, but is open for all of those who have a *hunger and a passion* for the presence and purpose of God, and

the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is an epicenter of prophetic development, a module for strategic prophetic input, an atmosphere for recognizing, raising, and releasing others into the present flowing streams of what the Father is saying NOW to his people. It is purposely designed to bringing a bold new configuration that the prophetic is a way of life, not confined to church settings only. Thus, the prophetic is embraced as essential to every happening in the bigger scheme of things. According to Amos 3:7, the Lord reveals his secret to his prophets or inspired speakers. He that has ears to ear let him hear what the Spirit is saying unto the assemblies. {Revelation 1-3}

The school of the prophets is a part of the present reformation of the church in the earth, especially in the greater Houston area. We strongly believe that Greater Houston Texas is to become a major catalyst for the pioneering and launching of a brand new day in the kingdom, the ushering forth of a new sound, song, and series of events that shall radically revolutionize the way the church of America is. We affirm in the Spirit that Houston plays an important part in the development of strategic ministries that shall affect America and many nations around the world in the present streams and flowing brooks of the presence of the Lord. This is perceived to be now upon us and not for the too distant future.

Before this very school many decades ago there was the 1906-07 Azusa Street Mission in Los Angeles, California. *William Seymour*, a man influenced by the Spirit of God as a result of the Topeka, Kansas experience, had come to Houston first seeking God through prayer for revival. Unfortunately, ***racism and religious pride*** prevented this man from fulfilling his prescribed purpose for Houston at that time, and as a result some of these same racist and religiously proud ministers put Seymour on a train and sent him on his way to California, where later one of America's greatest movements took place.

This one-eyed preacher, a black man with a godly grace and a genuine hunger to see the fresh moves of God take place *among his people*, became an icon in American history as a *pioneer* in the early *Pentecostal revival*. It was an era that had helped usher in the *Latter Rain Message* of the late 40's & 50's, the *Charismatic Renewal* of the 60's, and the *Faith and Shepherd Message* of the 70's. It further yielded the *Prophetic and Kingdom Now Message* of the 80's and 90's, along with the *Apostolic Message* of the 90's into the 21st century.

What would have been purposed for Houston, Texas became a radiant expression for the Azusa Street Mission in the early 90's. Meaning, the Lord is bringing to full circle his intended purpose for Houston, and beyond. More than a reviving of the Old Pentecost, the Lord is taking Houston into the desired purpose that Houston was destined for at first. What was once to be a visitation for Houston is now becoming a habitation. Though the plans of man had changed God's eternal purpose did not. He is as always, on schedule and on time in his intended purposes. And, before there were an Azusa Street Mission, there were other streams of life flowing in America in the 18th and 19th century. All of this became a *compound anointing* for the 20th century into the present paradigm of the 21st century. Everything that the Spirit of the Lord initiated then is leading up into a

powerful bold new discovery now.

This new {or NOW} season of defining and demonstrating God's eternal purpose has not only sparked a genuine interest in a countless many, but has brought about a new liberty of the Spirit that has caused many to forge ahead to witness the *demonstration of the Spirit throughout all sectors of the earth. It is taking us from our sacred interpretations of doctrine, moving us into demonstration, now into the destination of the saint's world over.*

There is the manifestation of the sons of God setting creation free from bondage, futility, chaos, and corruption. (Romans 8:19-26). There is Joel's Army of the Lord {Joel 2} and G.A.D. which is God's Army of Destiny. This beloved is a predestined troop, which is coming forth. Upon this army there is a bold new sound that shall take over the earth, a symphony of instruments {1 Chronicles 25:1-3}, cords, and expressions, a harmony of voices, and a melody of prophetic songs that shall clear the air from the mass confusion that has prevailed many. The song of the Lord shall become a mighty wind of change. The greater arising of the Elisha's is here, as recorded in 2 Kings 3:15, when the song of the Lord and the word of the Lord are become one.

This too, is likened unto Ezekiel's Wheel, the wheel in the middle of the wheel. For in the wheel are different spokes all stemming from the center of the wheel. In one spoke you have the song of the Lord, in another the word of the Lord. In one spoke you have prophetic development and training and in another the launching of assemblies through the prophetic dimension. Whether it is a song, a word of prophecy, a teaching, a strategic operation of the Spirit, all are one wheel with different spokes. Meaning, you preach what you pray and you pray what you prophesy. You prophesy what you hear in the Spirit and you hear in the Spirit what the Lord is doing in the Earth. The preaching, singing, worship, prayer, intercession, and all phases and operations of ministry is ONE. All are flowing from one source, and there is no mixture of contamination of any kind. Each expression is from the source of all true expression. Your worship intermingles with intercession and your corporate intercession intermingles with the Word of the Lord. Whether overlapping or intermingling, it is ONE.

Therefore, I dedicate this school of the Prophets to **Jesus Christ the Chief Prophet**, and to all of the pioneers, *seasoned prophets, budding prophets, intercessors, and watchman* on the walls, past and present. To my dad Linwood Early who entered into the prophetic dimension just days before his passing, to my mom, Eliza Early, who was a prophet and teacher and is now gone to be with the Lord. To R.G.Hardy, my very first spiritual father and prophet Caldwell, a true mentor and prophet to me in the 70's. To Bishop Carroll Johnson Jr. who released us in apostolic ministry from Baltimore to Houston. He is a man of standard, a true covenant father and a man of much sound wisdom, character, and integrity. To Dr. Dennis Golphin who mentored me into becoming a writer in the 1980's To Prophet Pastor Vernon McBride who we grew together in covenant relationship for several years, and who encouraged us to teach at

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CHAPTER 1

PROPHETIC RESTORATION

Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of **refreshing** shall come from the presence of the Lord; And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heavens must receive until the times of **restitution** of all things, which God hath spoken

by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. Acts 3:19-21

In the above verses lies the key to reforming the church to reforming the nations. Contained in these precious verses are three "R's" or kingdom principles, which we shall begin with. These "R's" are also being considered for another book I am now working on.

1- **Repentance:** *a complete change of mind, will, direction, and purpose.* This is the first kingdom word of the New Testament. *Matthew 3:2-3, 8; Malachi 4:5-6*

2- **Refreshing:** *recovery of breath, revival as in to revive – meaning, something was dead or needed life.* The principle here reveal something that was once dead and is now being made alive, quickened, brought back to life. *[Ezek. 37:1-14]. On the most part, revival is defined largely from the Old Testament and in context when someone has turned away from the Lord, or is to turn back unto him. There are a number of Old Testament scripture of reviving, especially in Hosea 6:1-2. "After 2 days he will revive us, on the 3^d day {3^d day church – risen Lord, finished work position in Christ} he will raise us up that we may live in his sight {his vision, the Father's eyes}." In the New Testament, we find no scriptural authority for being continually revived over and over again.*

Once we are born again, we have all the revival we will ever need. I know it hurts some of you to hear this, but the revival needed is primarily for those who are coming to know the Lord, or returning to him. In context, many will experience great renewal of some kind and waves of HIS glory. But we shouldn't be seeking merely to be revived if we are walking in the risen Christ. If we are in Christ, we need no longer to walk after the flesh. We should become Christ consciousness, Kingdom Minded, and Purpose Driven. From here, we should grow on unto reformation and restoration, the outflow and outworking of having been once revived {recovered from breath, as if once dead} to becoming restorers and reformers of the foundations of many generations {Isaiah 58:12}. We should be recovering the generational blessing, becoming restorers of the paths to dwell in.

3- **Restoration:** *(Restitution) reconstitution, bringing back again, restoration of purpose and the process of restoration to be considered: present truth apostolic reformation.* This word is akin to the principle of Hebrews 9:10, "until the time of reformation, "to straighten thoroughly, rectification."

A major restoration {reformation} movement {or message} is vital to the church, local and universal. God wants to *restore truth back* to his people, taking the church from doctrine, to demonstration, unto destination. His heart for His people is to grow up and *mature* into the *headship* of Christ, for there is more growing up than going up...*Ephesians 4:15; 1 Corinthians 13:11; 14:20; 1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18; Hebrews 5:11-14;*

Many assemblies have experienced renewal of some kind. Today you have the Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, Anglican, and other such religious systems experiencing renewal, but not necessarily a restoration message or the time of reformation. True, there is timing in the matter. A renewal can be good and wonderful, but make sure you are not being renewed to the same old religious *pride* and old order mentality that God is calling you out of.

Now, restoration truth is a message affirmed and confirmed in the mouth of God's holy prophets as recorded in Acts 3:21.

This restoration message reveals present truth of God's *plan and purpose* in creation, the home, the local church, and the social streams of life. It brings to mind why we are here in the earth, and why it is an important discovery to be restored back to His purpose and plan, which means it is obvious of course that many have swayed away from knowing and coming into His purpose. And yet, many have seemed never to have known intimately God's purpose and plan for their own life.

More than a theology about God, restoration acknowledges the word of the Lord in the mouth of his prophets and brings to light many things that God is personally restoring us into.

For example, the message of "the *Year of Jubilee*," is a bold prophetic proclamation of "liberty and freedom from captivity and bondage, and the joyful celebration of God's people everywhere." It is a message as recorded in *Leviticus 25*, concerning every man *returning back* to his *possession and his family*.

Another area of restoration is seen in the life of Job. Job received double of all that he had seemingly lost, and this appears to be an important pattern of restoration for us today.

Still, there are numerous areas one can further delve into which relates specifically or generally to the principles of restoration.

Truth is, the message of restoration {reformation} is the message and ministry of the prophets and His prophetic people. It is the message of this hour, and every hour before then. In every age and span of time, God has brought forth his Kairos generation, and has been faithful to reveal and to execute his purpose and plans to a people of the Spirit. Every generation has had their kingdom instrument and venue of expression to speak into God's eternal purpose and destiny for mankind. Since the fall of man the Spirit of the Lord has been actively

at work in restoring man into a place of union and intimacy with God, for this is the prelude and precursor for the first great commission in Genesis 1:26-28. Intimacy with the Father will always be the centrality and focus for carrying out his decreed will and purpose in the earth. No movement or message can take the place of intimacy and oneness with God. In practical relationship terms, intimacy is the cement of a mutual loving relationship. Revelation 4:11

The other “R” Words in God’s Eternal Purpose

The present truth dimension of the prophetic is strategic, with forceful momentum to not only prophesy personal prophecy for expected blessings and breakthroughs, but also in the prophesying of the eternal purposes of God, and the destiny – oriented dimension of the saints. The prophets of the NOW arising will not become encumbered with preaching and prophesying a *negative gospel* of cataclysmic doom and demise for the church and the whole world, but will bear in essence the major theme of the 3 “R” words of Acts 3:19, 21.

True, there are prophets of a different spiritual order, {1st 2nd and 3rd day in mentality}, and it is good to discern from whence they come. Some may appear reminiscent to the fiery preachers of the late 1800’s and the early 20th century. During those times, the revelation of the end times was not as fresh as it is now, and many proclaimed things with an overtone of holiness or hell. Today, there are many that function in some {or similar} degree and in no wise would we attack their disposition. However there is a new dimension of prophets speaking forth from the *Most Holy Place*, a new breed of prophets coming forth from the hill of God, with a word of prophetic and apostolic reformation for our generation.

These prophets have the mind of the Lord to reveal the plan of the ages, the eternal purpose of God, and the saints in corporate destiny! These prophets, along with the apostles of the Spirit, are flowing out of the Ancient of Days, the wool and hoary head of the Lord. They have been sent by the Lord to demonstrate the present dimension of the prophetic and a large part being the equipping dimension of the prophetic among His people. *Ephesians 2:20; 3:5; Revelation 10:7; Romans 16:25-26; Amos 3:7*

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O, if we would only follow the LAMB wherever He is going {Revelation 14:5} we would not become stuck or stagnant in one passing and fading dimension at the exclusion of the greater glory and unveiling of His Spirit. Meaning, as the voice of the Lord continues to resonate deeply from within the corporate man, we must be ready to move in momentum with the Ark {Joshua 3} not so far ahead or too far behind. When the voice of the Lord is crying forth from within the Most Holy Place, it is not the time to do, but become. We need to have the preparation of the heart and the answering of the tongue, both which comes from the Lord [Proverbs 16:1]

By acknowledging the pattern of restoration from the three "R's" of Acts 3:19-21, there would be more believers executing His eternal purpose in the earth as his co-laborers and co-rulers, reshaping mentalities that the church cannot produce the kingdom, but that the kingdom produces the church. We would operate in the *administration and government* of the Spirit, and not out of fear from that O so popular "R" word promulgated throughout much of today's church world.

That "R" word is none other than "*Rapture-Mania*," the one word that has caused so many of God's people to lose heart in His eternal purpose in the earth! No, it has not stopped God's plan, but many have become confused and complacent as to why they are {still} here in the earth due in part by the over-emphasis and intensity of this "R" word! Or, many have read too much into this word {Rapture – Mania} until they have created a sense of hurried notion {the by-products of fear and ignorance – call it what it is} to get out of this world before it is too late. But let's explore further into this discussion as follows...

Rapture-Mania becomes a *lying vanity* when one focuses on an escape evacuation plan apart from the plan of God for Dominion. Rapture – Mania becomes for much the blessed hope of the saints, the expected and long-awaited departure of God's people from planet earth. Here, it is believed that the church is the parenthetical plan of God, an insert or afterthought, not the original intention or idea for the end times that is. Here, the doctrinal emphasis is to catch flight 777 to heaven, and to leave this world behind us into the hands of a Scofieldian Antichrist, as the world is predicted for disaster. Daniel's 70 weeks, the book of Revelation, and numerous other scripture is treated with expertise and conviction. The generally held consensus is that Jesus meets us in the air first {rapture}, in several years later comes back to defeat his enemies & to rule and reign from Jerusalem for a 1000 year millennium of heavenly bliss on earth.

The word "Rapture" is not a foundational teaching in the scripture, yet it has become a major tenet in countless many, in statements of faith, bible colleges, and in seminary training. Usually this exotic teaching holds for its basis {First} 1 Thessalonians 4:14 - 17, among other favorite scriptural renditions. With the help of 19th century proponents such as Darby, Scofield, and others, it has become one of the most sacred cows and cardinal doctrines today. {Proverbs 9:1-6}

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And if you really want to see a fight on your hands, don't mess with many church folk's eschatology and their revered church government. I know by experience, and have seen the beauty of the best in many becoming the beast.

Now the word "*rapture*" really means "*great joy, as in ecstasy, an overwhelming feeling absorbing the mind.*" In other words, maybe the idea of being caught up can have more than one implication and meaning. Maybe, just maybe, the idea of "*rapture*" has been overemphasized, overused and with total disproportion at the exclusion of other important "R" words. I strongly believe that if you place too much emphasis on words, or disfavor the skillfully needed and necessary scrutiny of etymological research, it can lend to the breeding ground for

argumentative strife and debates, useless, unbecoming, and unfruitful.

Another thing is, we have become so mechanical with a strong indoctrination mode, that we may covertly {and in some instances overtly} be marveling at our own magnificence, celebrating our own interpretation and sense of exactness or correctness, more love for what and how we say what we say. For emotions are born out of our beliefs and beliefs are the basis for actions. If we believe that the end times are too dismal and painful to bear, we create or distort doctrinal emphasis to cater toward our feelings and beliefs. If we feel that women should never preach, it is because we believe they should not preach. Perhaps through some personal experiences, run-ins with others, or deep conviction, we can create our own doctrines at will, and come to nought {or nothing} every time.

There are 3 important considerations for many when it comes to interpretation and beliefs in the word across the board. {I have a 4th but won't mention it now}

1 – Personal Opinions, 2 – Customs and Manners, and 3 – True Biblical Authority.

Many live from the first; the second is negotiable as you travel the world, but it does not make every custom and manner right. And the very important one is to weigh or judge matters on the integrity of the word, which is the basis for its authority. If what we preach and teach is dragging folk into the dust, hindering whole assemblies from coming into corporate destiny, or keeping folk dependent on the system {Papal, Hierarchical, Monarchial, Democratic voting, etc}, it is not produced by His Kingdom. Remember the Kingdom produces the church, not the other way around. Although it appears the words are grammatically correct, or at times the usage of certain things said would apparently make sense in it, the word preached or taught may not be rightly divided, for themselves not having been rightly divided in their soul and spirit. You can quote the same scripture as 30 different ministers from 30 different camps, and still come up with a debate to disprove the others in their interpretation and point of view. That is where the battleground is, it is in the interpretation without illumination and revelation of the Spirit. It is the letter killing, without the Spirit quickening or making alive.

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With this in mind, let us look at the other important 'R' words in God's global purpose for his people.

Rapture versus *RESURRECTION*...(Resurrection means, "to cause to stand, raise up," – this is the foundation of the glorious and overcoming church)

Rapture versus the {Sabbath} REST of the Lord...("Rest" is the "It Is Finished" principle, no more works mentality – Hebrews 3-4 – everything out of His Rest)

Rapture versus RELEASE of the Spirit...(It is the Year of Jubilee...Leviticus 25; Exodus 15 – The Kingdom is also received and released – Matthew 5-7)

Rapture versus REVELATION of Jesus Christ...(The unveiling, revealing, and disclosure

of Christ IN you, the hope of glory – Colossians 1:27; Romans 8:19

Rapture versus the RULE and REIGN of Christ...(The Great Commission is Dominion – Genesis 1:26-28; Romans 5:17; Revelation 5:10; 11:15)

Rapture versus RESTORATION of all things...(Jesus is held in the heavens until – Acts 3:21 – till or until – Ephesians 4:13)

Rapture versus the times of REFRESHING from the presence of the Lord, the recovery of breath from the presence and appearing of the Lord: Acts 3:19

Rapture versus RECONSTRUCTIONISM in society...(Making a kingdom difference on earth through societal changes based on scriptural authority)

Rapture versus REPLENISHING the earth...(The Dominion Mandate of Genesis 1:28 – filling the earth back up again, the first Great Commissioning)

Rapture versus RECONCILIATION & REDEMPTION...(A ministry of 2 Corinthians 5:18-21 – Jesus is reconciling all things unto himself – all means all)

Rapture versus global RERFORMATION...{restructuring and reshaping of the church from limited mentalities into kingdom mentalities – Hebrews 9:10}

As a *prophetic people*, we know and prophesy in part. So in truth there is another dimension of manifested substance to God's whole scheme of things that we have not gotten hold of or is yet to be revealed in HIS appointed time. The prophetic is simply the *in-part realm* and is *not within itself perfection*. It is a part of the various expressions of grace for his church and for planet earth, in spheres & degrees of wisdom not commonly held at the exclusion of church only.

Therefore, another dimension and aspect of the eternal purpose of God must be established in the church to raise the awareness of His now dealings in the earth. God has more to say through his prophets than "*Some Glad Morning, When This Life is Over, I'll Fly Away!*" (Amos 3:7 and Revelation 1: 10)

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For just remember, our plans may change, but there is continuity to God's eternal purpose! Not forgetting, HIS plans never change, no, not even in one instance of time. Whether it appears through our eschatology that satan is getting by or whether we feel we have been left behind {Dispensational held beliefs from the 1800's}, neither is the issue here. The future is not without hope or end, and the end times {which really began in the life of the early apostles} are glorious. Our future as we look ahead is glorious. We do not have a robbed hope for future demise. The church becomes the standard of the nations, not the evacuation thereof. God's global interactive kingdom community prevails. If not, we are trying to win a losing battle, and there is no lost nor failure in the risen Christ. Let the Holy Spirit infuse you with a fresh approach to apostolic eschatology, one of purpose and destiny, and the future will look brighter and brighter every time. In truth, the worse is over, as history is simply fulfilling itself. God's eternal purposes

and his determinate counsel stand not the footnotes of Finis Jennings Dakes, nor the motion pictures of popularized Christianity.

Before we go further into the principles of PROPHETIC RESTORATION, let me give you something else to build on. This school or training, impartation, and activation center is not here to mention or reference the word "prophet, prophecy, prophesy, and prophetic" for the simple sake of mere mentioning. Rather, we are here to establish, equip, strengthen, and develop you into a prophetic people for a prophetic generation. *"This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face.."* Psalms 24:6

Note below some of the core values and dynamics of prophetic people...

1 - Prophetic people are those that hear and understand the voice, counsel, and the mind of God...1 Corinthians 2:10-16; Isaiah 46:11; Psalms 29

2 - Prophetic people are intercessors, born to intercede for the nations as His will in heaven is done here on the earth...Romans 8:25-26; Mathew 6:10

3 - Prophetic people flow out of the rest of God and are not moved by current world events and popular trends in today's world news... Hebrews 3:7: 4:11.

4 - Prophetic people have the relevant and stabilizing words for our day and time...Isaiah 33:6: Prophetic people are unshakable in kingdom living. Like the children of Issachar, they understand and discern the times and seasons. The stability of the kingdom holds core values with the prophets and gives momentum to changing our world through the now and proceeding word of the Lord. God reveals his secret to the prophets. Hebrews 12:28; Amos 3:7; Mt. 4:4

5 - Prophetic people are a people of intimacy with God...Revelation 4:11...Union {not onion}, and oneness of purpose flows out of into – me – see. A life of intimate abiding is a key core value of the prophets and prophet people.

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PROPHETIC RESTORATION, *continued...*

There are tremendous truths the Spirit of the Lord is *restoring or making manifest through divine enlightenment* in the corporate anointing. We shall list just a few of these to establish further a foundation. Please note below...

1 - *restoration* of the VOICE of the Lord...Jeremiah 33:11; Ps. 29, 149 - 150

2 - *restoration* of the provision of the Lord...Joel 2:25; Dt. 15:1-3; Lev. 25.

3 - *restoration* of the right path to dwell in: Isaiah 58:12; Psalms 119:105...

4 - *restoration* of David's Tabernacle...Amos 9:11; Acts 15:16-17; 1 Chr.15

5 - *restoration* unto the Lord himself...Lamentations 5:21; Psalms 51:12...

6 - *restoration* of your fortune...Psalms 126:4...also, read Amos 9:14....

7 - *restoration* of our personal health...Jeremiah 30:17; also, read Is. 53:4-5

Among other things, God the Father is restoring the church in *vibrant new testament life*, via, the *ascension ministries and body ministries* of Ephesians 4:11-16, the *Apostolic dimension, spiritual alignment, leadership, purpose, destiny*, etc. Much could be shared on the recognition of the boldness of the apostolic message. That is why we have a complete school on the apostolic dimension, a first of its kind school in this region. [*Houston area*]

Now, Prophetic restoration can be further understood in this wise; that there are various levels of the prophetic dimension that are all important to the corporate life of the local church. Note below the streams of life in the church which are being [or has been] restored or recognized to us in the *prophetic dimension*;

1 - The Prophecy of Scripture: The Holy Scripture, the word of God prophetic in nature, the more sure word of prophecy...2 Peter 1:19-21; 2 Timothy 3:16...

2 - The Gift of Prophecy: Yes beloved, this gift is resident in the Holy Spirit, and is also considered as a "descending gift." Read 1 Cor. 12:4-10; 14:3-5, 22...

3 - Ascension Gift Prophet: This ascension gift extends from the life and administration of our Lord Jesus Christ. Foundation ministry with the apostle...Ephesians 2:20; 4:11

4 - Prophetic Presbytery: A group of two or more prophetic ministers which confirms, confer, and activate others in purpose, vision, calling, and destinies...Acts 13:1-3: 1 Timothy 4:14: 2 Timothy 1:6

5 - Spirit of Prophecy: It is neither a gift nor an office, but an anointing. It can usually be experienced in restored Davidic worship, or as the Spirit wills...Revelation 19:10: Zephaniah 3:17; 1 Chronicles 25:1-3...it is a blessing also to have a skilled musician in your midst.

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6 - Apostle and Prophet Team: This is God's divine order for the church. They are not a foundation, but is THE foundation... Ephesians 2:20; Revelation 18:20

7 - *Prophetic Ministers*: This would be any of the ascension ministries or other matured expressions of grace, which are not necessarily, called "prophets." The key is the suffix "ic." 1 Pet. 4:11...*Prophet or prophetic, apostle or apostolic*

8 - *Prophetic Counseling*: From dialogue to triologue (Holy Spirit), the quickening nature of the Spirit bringing things to your remembrance...1 Cor. 2:16; Is. 11:2-3; Proverbs 20:18...*It is the realm of the Spirit that is not analytical or logical in conclusion. It is not derived from privy or privileged information, but by revelation.*

9 - *Prophetic Prayer*: This may contain a word of wisdom and knowledge, similar to prophecy in the corporate anointing in that it perceives and reveals the mind of God tactfully...Romans 8:26-27...*it is prophetic in scope and nature, by the Spirit*

10 - *Prophetic Wave (a.k.a. Message or Movement)*: This is the realm of the prophetic

that contains all of the various restored aspects of prophetic life...*Joel 2:11, 28; Acts 3:21...It ever increases as times and seasons goes by.*

11 - *Prophetic Ministry*: The prophet, the prophetic, prophecy, prophetic anointing, prophetic revelation, worship, dance, the arts, church, movement, etc. *Joel 2:28...The manifestation or gifts of the Spirit in operation at any time...*

12 - *Prophetic People*: A people of prophetic perception and dimension; a people flowing in the present truth reality of the prophetic – prophetic in perception, anointing, and demonstration...*Numbers 11:29; 1 Corinthians 12:29; 14:39*

13 - *Prophetic Church {assembly, local and international}*: A church that is restored in present truth with a relevant *word* and *ministry* for our time; a flowing river church including spiritual gifts...*Ephesians 3:10; 5:27; 2 Peter 1:12*

14 - *Prophetic Gatherings*: Time of refreshing and strategic gathering, activation of gifting and ministries: to reveal the heart and mind of God, and to relate to each other the prophetic dimension with support of seasoned leadership, objectivity, and not alone subjectivity...*1 Corinthians 14*

15 - *Prophetic Anointing*: Can be discovered and released in worship, preaching, teaching, prophesying, intercession, strategic prayer, singing, etc. *1 John 2:20*

16 - *Prophetic Personal word or Quickening - Prophetic revelation knowledge*: It is a word at times you may personally receive in your spirit, a rhema or sword of the Spirit ...*Matthew 4:4; Romans 10:17; Ephesians 6:18; 1 Corinthians 14*

17 - *Prophetic Worship and Praise*: A revelation of the restoration of David's Tabernacle: songs, music, instruments, singers, dance, clap, etc. *Jeremiah 33:11; Amos 9:11; John 4:24: also revelation of Moses' tab & Solomon's temple.*

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18 - *Prophetic Confrontation and Strategic Engagement*: A time of intensification in the activity of the Spirit to confront opposing spiritual powers, imaginations, and mentalities, knowing that the battle is not ours, but is the Lord's. *2 Corinthians 10:4-5; 1 Timothy 1:18; 2 Chronicles 20:14-17*

19 – *Prophetic Assemblage or Gatherings - School, Company, or the Sons of the Prophets*: A time of teaching, training, developing, and activation of believers in any or all phases of the prophetic dimension...*1 Samuel 10:5-6: Also regards the line of the prophets through Samuel. Today, it may include a time of instruction, prophetic poetry, song of the Lord {prophetic song}, and prophetic presbytery with prophetic words of the Lord released in the corporate anointing.*

20 - *Prophetic Similitude*: Expressions in worship, praise, declarations and statements as banners, mime, dance, the arts, music, and other non-vocal prophetic expressions [Not all that prophesy is "Thus Saith!"] *Hosea 12:10*

THE VOICE OF THE LORD...Restored

The term "voice" is first mentioned in *Genesis 3: 8, 10*, and last mentioned in *Revelation 21:3*. It is first found in the *Garden of Eden* and last found in the *New Jerusalem, or, visitation and habitation*.

The voice of the Lord is connected to the principle of "*habitations*." In both instances, God comes down to dwell with man which is his eternal purpose as recorded in *Exodus 25:8*. Again, God the Father has come, not only to speak, but *commune with us*. That is why the church must move from a *divine visitation to a divine habitation*. It is a blessing to hear of special outpourings and renewals among God's people, but the urgency of the Spirit is habitation, not merely a few frequent or occasional visits. The Word must become substance {*John 1:14*} dwelling among us. Here we witness the residency and presidency of His Spirit.

In this section of our teaching, we want to emphasize the integrity of hearing and receiving the voice of the Lord. While here would like to highlight or list a number of scripture references to encourage you, the student, to appreciate this core dimension and dynamic in the corporate anointing, and in the strategic positioning the Father would have you to be in the earth.

Genesis 3:8, 10: the voice of the Lord in the Garden of Eden...Eden means "pleasure and delight." We need to deal with anything in our life that keeps us apart from the Father's pleasure and delight...And what is the 1st promise to the overcomer in Revelation 2:7? Why, to eat of the tree of Life which is in the midst of the paradise of God!

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Genesis 26:5...because (prophet) Abraham obeyed my voice...

1 Kings 19:12...a still small voice...

Psalms 5:3...My voice shall thou hear...

Psalms 29:3...the voice of the Lord is on the waters

vs. 4...The voice of the Lord is powerful...

vs. 4...The voice of the Lord is full of majesty...

vs. 5...The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars...

vs. 7...The voice of the Lord divideth the flames of fire...

vs. 8...The voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness...

vs. 9...The voice of the Lord maketh the hinds to calve...

Psalms 95:7...today, if you will hear his voice...

Psalms 103:20...hearkening unto the voice of his word...

Psalms 118: 15...the voice of rejoicing and salvation...

Proverbs 1:20...(Wisdom)...she uttereth her voice in the streets...

Song of Solomon 2:8...voice of my beloved...

Isaiah 30:30...cause his glorious voice to be heard...

Isaiah 40:3...the voice of him that cries...

Isaiah 66:6...a voice of noise from the city...a voice from the temple...Beloved, this is the voice of the New Jerusalem, the City of God, the Church in Perfection and Glory. Revelation 3:12; chapters 21-22; the bride of Christ adorned; Jeremiah 33:11

Jeremiah 33:11...the voice of joy...the voice of gladness...the voice of the bridegroom...the voice of the bride...the voice of them that shall say Praise the Lord of Hosts: for he is good; for his mercy endures forever...(Revelation 22:17)

John 5:25...hear the voice of the son of God...

John 5:28...in the graves shall hear his voice...

John 10:4...for they know his voice...

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Hebrews 3:7, 15; 4:7...today, if you will hear his voice...

Hebrews 12:26...whose voice then shook the earth...

2 Peter 1:18...the voice which came from heaven...

Revelation 3:20...if any man hear my voice...

Revelation 12:10...I heard a loud voice in heaven...

Revelation 19:1...great voice of much people in heaven...

vs. 5...A voice came out of the throne...

vs. 6... Voice of a great multitude - many waters - mighty thunders...

Revelation 21:3...I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the Tabernacle of God is with men...(John 1:14)...This is the principle of habitation. God wants more from us than frequent visits.

The word of God clearly states that "he that has ears to hear let him hear, what the Spirit is saying to the assemblies..." Read Matthew 13:9-23. The same goes for the first three chapters of the book of Revelation. It did not say "eyes to see in the natural, or to focus on current world events, but rather to "hear." God places a premium on hearing, as evident in Romans 10:8-10, 17. As a prophetic (and not pathetic) people, we need our hearing in tune with the voice of the Lord, yet, becoming his voice in the earth through demonstration of the Spirit. For hearing

implies "obedience." [Deuteronomy 28] And doing is the result of hearing. Hearing alone will deceive you, as recorded in James 1:22-25. Therefore, the balancing principle is to hear and to do! Philippians 4:9. And in order to do, we must first become. Meaning, doing is the result in our first being. Our functionality comes out of our focus, our audience and attentiveness to the voice of the Lord.

The Father may speak of a fresh new dimension for his people, and may reveal it in time, kairos time, the appointed and strategic time of the Lord. Many may attempt to execute something in the eternity of God for their chronos or calendar time, and may not be as in tune or sensitive to the presence of the Lord for any specific time. As it has so often be done, man hears an inkling of what the Lord is saying, something in part and parcel, and zoom, off man goes into the clear blue yonder with special attempts to bring this forth apart from the way the Lord is deeming it so. For a season, the results appear to be most assuring, as things in the external would seem rather successful. Unfortunately, the results are not the determining factor or what the Father is looking for. Just as Houston has attempted to bring forth the greater corporate glory of the Lord, it can't, without His glory from the start. All legislation and dictation of men shall come to a futile end. We need the presence of the Lord to go before us and in his appointed time to execute his purpose and plan for that time and season. Note below

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And he said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." Exodus 33:14

When it comes to the presence of the Lord there is the {30 – fold} Universal Presence of the Lord, which is everywhere and at all times. People in general and in particular will sense His presence without necessarily yielding to it. There is also the {60 – fold} Manifest Presence of the Lord which is very real to you right now, a special manifestation of his Person and presence, a Now appearing, a proceeding word of the Lord. And, there is the {100 – fold} Eternal Presence of the Lord, where eternity invades time. The effects may be that the aging process is retarded, where the promise spoken to Abram and Sarai becomes the manchild of Abraham and Sarah. In this dimension, it is Jesus communing with Moses and Elijah upon the mount of transfiguration, Elijah taken by a whirl wind of chariots of fire, and the dead soldier's body standing up on foot after being thrown or dropped upon Elisha's body. It may well be when Moses of old was sustained in the glory of the Lord upon the mount, enveloped by God himself.

And of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do... 1 Chronicles 12:32

The Lord has always had a people to discern and to understand the times and season. Thus, the prophetic wave did not begin in the 1980's as so many would celebrate exclusively. During those times, the anointing of the prophetic became a compound one, discerning the times and seasons for a greater depth and emphasis of the apostolic dimension to arise in fresh now boldness and authority. Each specific wave, message, or movement prepares us for the next one. Each

kairos time must prepare us for the next generation. The key here is God is looking for a prepared people, a people who know his voice. These people shall know their God and be strong, doing exploits! Daniel 11:32

Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless he reveals His secret (Ps. 91:1; Dt. 29:29; Rom. 16:25; Rev. 10:7) to his servants, the prophets...Amos 3:7 - Please compare to 1 Samuel 28, Saul and the medium. Also, review the following...

Daniel 9:10...The obedience of the voice of the Lord set forth by the prophets...

Hosea 12:10...I have also spoken by the prophets, and have multiplied vision; I have given symbols through the witness of the prophets...

Zechariah 8:9...by the mouth of the prophets...

Matthew 2:23...spoken by the prophets...

Matthew 5:17...fulfill the words of the prophets...

John 6:45...written in the prophets...

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Romans 16:25...by the scriptures of the prophets...

Read also, Hebrews 1:1-3...Jesus, the true pattern and Chief Prophet...

All of the above indicates that God the Father is speaking through his prophetic people. As we embrace the voice of the Lord in the earth you will recognize the prophetic company. The prophetic company is purpose to reveal the voice, counsel, mind, will, and eternal purpose of God, and the destiny of the ages. The prophetic company comes with demonstration {1 Corinthians 2:4} of the Spirit, for the message is not alone in what they say, but in what God is DOING. Some things will not be immediately heard from in terms of words of inspiration, but first at times through demonstration. The prophets do not replace your need to hear from God, nor are they given to *lord* over your conscience. However, they do serve as a vital part of the government and administration of Christ in his body, and are further given to perfect the saints for the work of the ministry. Not forgetting, the prophetic dimension is given for the whole planet and in every sphere of life. Whether politics, marketplace, or in the remote parts of the earth, the Lord is speaking through doing, and doing what he is speaking.

Let the prophetic people arise! Number 11:29; Joel 2:11; Acts 3:25

Biblical Numerics and Spiritual Progression

The most important purpose in your life is the Oneness with God, God and man on earth as one, 3, the number of the heavenlies in union with 4 the number of the earth, which equals 7. Thus, you have the 7th day, the 7th man, the days of the voice of the 7th angel.

We are a 3rd Day People (3 denotes the Resurrection Life and Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ). Our earnest desire is to abide and to flow out of the glorious reality of the resurrection life and finished work position of Christ, the done deal. His resurrection becomes the first day of the New Creation Man. From Adam to Christ, or about 4000 years is the history of God's dealing and interactive involvement with man. In the resurrection of Christ, a New Man is born.

Concerning biblical numerics number "3" reveals the *third dimension* of spiritual maturity as seen through the pattern of Moses' Tabernacle. These dimensions of the Tabernacle are given in the principle of 30, 60, 100 fold. The key is not to merely get to a 3rd dimension, but to become it, and to minister from this realm of Glory. In some things we are not trying to get there, we are coming from there. In some respects we are not trying to attain, but to manifest what we were born to BE, and born to DO. We were born in the most holy place, yet our minds do not always fathom this. Therefore, we receive the fundamentals and first principles of progressive spiritual maturity, moving from glory to glory and faith to faith. May the prophets of this new generation {gene} flow out of a whole new frequency to set creation free into the glorious liberation of the Most Holy Place! Enjoy...

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CHAPTER 2

COMPONENTS AND DIMENSIONS OF THE PROPHETIC

This lesson deals with the prophetic realm from two main areas...

- 1- the prophetic IN CHARACTER...
- 2- the prophetic in CONTENT...

There is another "C" word which directly relates to and support chiefly this lesson which is the word "*component*," and we will give an overview of the components of the prophetic realm. Note well beloved, that this is not about techniques or being mechanical. For in all of our getting, we are encouraged by the wise proverbial and poetic author (*Solomon*) to get understanding. Meaning, as a people of the Father's passion, that we honestly find ourselves as "sophomores," which further means "wise fools." For a sophomore is a *master in one realm, and a student in another realm*. You may be well versed in the whose who list of the prophetic ministry, obtained intimate knowledge of some of the most profound revelation truths of the year, or pray more earnestly than most others, but keep this in mind "*you are a master in one realm & student in another!*" This principle is further supported in Luke 10: 17-20, as Jesus served humble pie to the seventy whom boasted of their great *Charismatic abilities*. And, this same principle is recorded in 1 Corinthians 13:9 and verse 12. Therefore beloved, let us allow room within our chambers to grow, as we are fervently pressing on towards the mark of the prize, of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus...Phil. 3:14; Ephesians 4:15; 2 Peter 3:18...

JESUS IS PROPHET, PRIEST & KING!
[COLOSSIANS 1:27 & ROMANS 14:17 PRINCIPLE]

In the Old Testament, there were basically three kinds of people anointed for service or ministry. They were, the "*prophet, priest, and the king.*" In the New Testament, the anointing {s} are now summed up in the Christ, the Christos the Anointed One. No longer is it primarily reserved for a select few, for the very mention and meaning of Christian is to be Christ *like*, but God is calling forth a people to be CHRIST in *life*. Meaning, believers have a rich deposit of anointing in them by the Holy Spirit at the new birth, but not all tap into the power source resident in the Holy Ghost. For though the Holy Spirit is resident in you at the new birth, he wants sincerely to become the President at all times!

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God is always speaking to your potential, the unrealized and latent powers within you! He declares your end from HIS beginnings in you...

Now, I'm going to give you a three dimensional look at the Old Testament anointing as compared to the three-fold characteristic of the kingdom recorded in Romans 14:17. Then, I will ask that you compare or relate these same truths to some other important aspects of God's *three-fold dealings* with his people...*Proverbs 22:20*

In the Old Testament, the prophet was a *seer, voice, mouthpiece, and representative* of God before the people, producing "*righteousness.*" The priest represented the principle of proper approach to God on behalf of the people, building a bridge, via, a harmonious relationship between God and man, "*producing peace.*" The king was anointed to rule well over the people in God-given authority, "*producing joy.*"

Now, if you take each of the overall features of the *prophet, priest, and king*, and connect them to *Romans 14:17*, you will find the kingdom of God in a nutshell. Meaning, each Old Testament gifting served as an expression for establishing the people in kingdom purpose and progression. Each moral aspect of the kingdom in Romans 14:17 is confirmed by God's administration in the Old Testament, but there's more to this truth...Note below...

PROPHET
RIGHTEOUSNESS

PRIEST
PEACE

KING
JOY

-or-

JOHN 7:38
BELLY

EZEKIEL 47:1-9
TEMPLE

REV. 22:1
THRONE

PROPHETIC
ANOINTING

PRIESTLY
ANOINTING

KINGLY
ANOINTING

Is this helping you any? *Well, hold on beloved!*

If this anointing is fulfilled in Christ, and recorded from the lips of Paul the apostle in Colossians 1:27 as Christ in You, then the prophetic, priestly, and kingly anointing abides in us. Meaning, believers have a far greater potential and capacity of flowing in any of these aspects of anointed life than what most care to believe. For the prophetic is in you because the Chief Prophet is in you! The priestly is not only within you, but we are Priests unto God as Jesus is the Apostle and High Priest of our profession (Greek, Homologia, the same confession, speech, or words). And consider this, the kingly anointing is within you for Jesus is King of kings, and Lord of Lords! *1 Timothy 6:15; Hebrews 3:1...*

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Let's look at this in further light. We are kings and priests by his blood according to Revelation 1:5-6, and in chapter 5:10, we shall reign on the earth. In 1 Peter 2:9, we are a chosen generation (chosen genes, chosen genetics, genealogy), a royal priesthood (or a king-priest ministry), a holy nation (the new ethnic, from race to grace), a peculiar people or (purchased possession)...highlighting more specifically, the king-priest dimension of the believer of course! The king – priest ministry gives basis for all other aspects of ministry, corporate grace, and body life including the ascension ministries of Ephesians 4:11-13. Before you lay claim to any specific gifting, we are first made kings and priests by His blood!

Further on, the anointing of the prophet, priest, and king now abides in us. It is not limited to one or the other, for it is all consummated by the Anointed One, Jesus Christ. It is CHRIST IN YOU the hope (anticipation, expectation) of glory!

As an apostle of the Spirit through the grace and administration of our Lord Jesus Christ, I prophesy to your potential this day to spring up O well, come forth, O fountain of life! Come forth and minister in the sphere and influence of the Spirit He has ordained for you to be! Come forth, O potential, for Jesus is your Potentate, your source of power, the Omnipotent One! Speak now to the once impotent life and reaffirm the Christ in You, the Hope of Glory! Prophesy to the eternal purpose of God in You. Speak to yourselves in Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs, as you make melody in your heart!

Release your potential O rivers of God, come forth and water the earth through the bellies of those who believe on Jesus as the scriptures say! Let the rivers of gladness spring forth from within you this day, as we prophesy a new laughter, a new wine, and the bubbling from within you, by the Spirit of the Lord! Yes I declare says the Lord your God, a mighty wind of refreshing and change, even a new administration of my Spirit for your personal life as well. I am calling you up and away unto me, to drink from an even fresher flowing brook! I have much for you, for I have placed much in you, says the Lord. Look not to your limited ability

and weakness, but continually look to the true gift of God, and the Giver of the Gift, which is my Son. I say to you this day, come away, even unto me, so says the Lord, and drink from the fresher streams, yes even the very waters of life that comes out of me, so says the Living God! (5-5-98: 1:15am)...Psalms 46:4; John 4:10-14; Revelation 22:17

Beloved, this river is within you. Stop seeking the opinions of others to validate you. Stop condemning yourself for failing certain tasks in life, and start living out the life of the most holy place, the realm of no limitations, the habitation of the Father's unlimited glory! Recognize assuredly that in Him we live, move, and have our being! In the secret place and intimate abiding of the Father, there is no condemnation. He can't condemn you, neither can you condemn yourself. In this realm, Spirit gives birth to Spirit, or God talks to God!

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THE PROPHETIC REALM

As we continue in our lessons take note that a special section on the "*nature of prophecy*" will be covered largely during our class on "the gift of prophecy...class 6." Make plans to attend and to ask questions.

Let's begin this section with an overview of the prophetic realm. Now this realm is not limited to prophets only, but is *shared and experienced* by many believers globally. It includes prophets, prophetic people with prophetic intercessors of present truth understanding, or anyone of the prophetic dimension. The prophetic realm is for the good, well being, and wholesome edifying of the *local and corporate body of Christ*. The prophetic realm or dimension speaks rightly of the principle of communication and the establishing of the word of the Lord. It not only speaks but also demonstrates with intensity like an evangelist may have to preach the person of Christ. Or, a shepherd {sheep – herd} to care for a flock, even as an apostle *intense* with the conviction of the Spirit to reform foundations into present truth Spiritual order and alignment. Each ascension ministry brings about an *anointing to perfect and equip the saints!* Apostles encourage churches to become apostolic in mission, message, and ministry, and prophets add a depth of revelation, direction, and operation of the Spirit to not only help the church *flow correctly in the Spirit, but to stay in oneness with the voice, mind, purpose, and counsel of God!*

Ephesians 2:20 confirms the church being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, *Jesus Christ being the Chief cornerstone*. As the foundation of the church apostles and prophets set the tone and agenda for the church to function in New Testament life, and not in *anatomy only*. The apostles and prophets give to the saints the present truth revelation that local assemblies are to have apostolic and prophetic foundation established therein, as assemblies can potentially veer off course without the needed support, encouragement, and relationship of these first two given ministries. The universal church was built by Christ to flow out of the pioneering grace of his *apostles and*

prophets. Not out of hierarchy, but out of a relationship. The ministry of the apostle and prophet is not *authority based*, but relationship based! We need everything Christ gave us in the apostle and prophet. Religious routine builds a work totally on the anointing of pastor, when in all truth, the New Testament revelation of a pastor was *established* by Paul the apostle. Meaning, the evangelist, pastor, and teacher seems to stem forth out of the apostle and prophet, and without this aspect of Christ's administration, assemblies will not be properly built or firmly established on a strong foundation. Ezra 6:

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You can have a church with a building of 30,000 square feet, founded 30 years ago by the deacons, trustees, usher boards and the pastor emeritus, yet not having been established properly on a strong foundation, or lack the genuinely needed flow and expression of the Spirit for corporate destiny. All because, you have failed to embrace apostles and prophets for the pioneering progression of the corporate body and in the foundation of father – son kingdom order and alignment therein.

Now one of the chief words and meanings of the term "prophesied, prophesieth, prophesy, and prophesying" in the Old Testament Hebrew is the word "*Naba*" [nawbaw] and means "to *prophesy, i.e. speak (or sing) by inspiration*. Two things here, [1] there is inspiration by the Spirit of God, [2] and there is a mouth to sing or speak prophetically. Inspiration of the Spirit is quite different from *human aspiration* (strong desire or ambition – Lat. "*aspiratio*" – a blowing or breathing – as in human breath). The inspiration of God, as recorded in 2 Timothy 3, is *God-breathe. It comes from God*. One can aspire to prophesy, but not be inspired by the Spirit of God to prophesy. Man may aspire to perform in the corporate or entertainment world, yet lacking the inspiration of God in certain things. For with God, it is divine inspiration! It is directly by his Spirit!

This "naba" is a *bubbling up*, a coming forth of something from within you. It is confirmed in principle by John 7:38 in the very lips of Jesus. It is like living water coming forth from within your very being. "Naba" {as taken from the Hebrew} can be experienced in "*worship, praise, intercession, corporate prayer, singing, preaching, teaching, etc.*" It is the fountain of life springing from within your belly.

"Nabiy," {naw-bee} is defined as a prophet, an inspired man, taken from "naba." The "nabiy" prophet springs forth from the "naba," and not merely the other way around. Meaning, saints at large can receive and experience the "naba" without ever being a "nabiy," for the "nabiy," too, stems from the "naba." Revelation 19:10: Zephaniah 3:17

In the New Testament, the noun "propheteia" signifies the "speaking forth of the mind and counsel of God." (Pro- forth, Phemi- to speak): An adjective would be "prophetikos," of or relating to prophecy or proceeding from a prophet. Romans 16:26; 2 Peter 1:19-21. Therefore, this word signifies "the prophet-ic" or the "ic..."

A verb in the New Testament would be "propheteuo" meaning "to be a prophet, to prophesy as in *telling forth the divine counsels, and in foretelling them*. There is a statement made among theologians which says the old testament is 90% *foretelling* and 10% *forth-telling...and the new testament is 90% forth-telling and 10% foretelling*.

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"*Prophetes*" is "one who speaks forth or openly, a proclaimer of a divine message," denoted among the Greeks an interpreter of the oracles of the gods. "*Prophetis*," is the feminine as in "prophetess." In Ephesians 4:11, notice there is no (ess) for the prophet. In New Testament Spiritual order, the Prophetess is ascribed to Anna in the book of Luke and to Jezebel. Anna was in the era of the closing of the Old Covenant, although recorded in the gospels of Luke. Jezebel was a self-appointed prophet, whose history is largely Old Testament. What we are saying is that there is no New Testament authority for being addressed as prophetess, but prophet. No one in New Testament's governmental grace is ascribed the title or expression "prophetess." It is permissible in usage, but in weight and authority of New Testament light, no!

In these brief definitions, we can easily see an overview of the *prophetic dimension*. Without the prophetic, stagnation potentially sets in. Assemblies become the predicted norm, the usual. There lies possibly a lack of fresh revelatory insight into the eternal purpose of God. The true nature of things becomes blurred, unclear, as the prophetic dimension is not embraced. *But thank God beloved you are being restored to this most needed dimension*.

Now, we see briefly the character and content of the prophetic. Keep in mind that the prophetic is defined as "*speaking forth the mind and counsel of God*." But is this to say that every fellowship of the assembly is to be a prophetic one in full tenor and scope? Is such to be in the sense of obligation? No! When you *obligate yourself* to speak, sing, pray, or prophesy anything, it is not necessarily God speaking, but possible your own self! Even in some prophetic circles, a sense of pride and arrogant smug can potentially set in, all because of the *gross preoccupation* of the prophetic dimension. Here, we will need safeguards, checks, and balances to uphold the prophetic dimension from becoming driven by human zeal, ambition, and agenda. That is why we need the apostolic and the other *expressions of grace* to stabilize the *prophetic dimension*...

The prophetic voice reveals the oracles, counsel, and mind of God. It takes the church from "**doctrine, demonstration, to destiny**." It strengthens the church in the supernatural dimension of the kingdom, restoring our focus and priorities

back to God's eternal purpose on earth. So for the moment, let's look at some definitions and principles for the words "oracle, counsel, and the mind of God."

Oracle: The Greek word "logion," a diminutive of logos, a word, narrative, statement, denotes a divine response or utterance...As taken from the Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words, this word relates to...

A - the contents of the Mosaic Law, *Acts 7:38*

B - all the written utterances of God through O.T. writers, *Romans 3:2*

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A - the substance of biblical doctrine, *Hebrews 5:12*

D - the utterances of God through spiritual filled teachers, *1 Peter 4:11*

Simply put, the oracles of God is His *divine response* or *utterance* to man, as clearly proven in 1 Peter 4:11. For one sure way he communicates to us is through his inspired speakers. This principle is further supported in Amos 3:7; 2 Chronicles 20:20; 1 Corinthians 2:10, 16; Revelation 10:7; Ephesians 3:5; and Revelation 1:10. God is always speaking, but the question is, *are we really listening and doing what he is saying to His people?*

Now beloved, receive this word of wisdom...The *Ancient of Days* is saying for us not to put God's precious movements into a box through our self prescribed formulas for *supposedly* guaranteeing him to move or speak when we say speak. For the divine response and utterance from God comes in his time. We are never to work up a sweat, or to pump and prime for God the Father to speak. He will do so in his time and at his choosing.

However, we must continually *abide* in a place where speaking forth his oracles, counsel, and mind, is as mutual reciprocity. For the greater realm of hearing and receiving from Him is that "the prophetic realm is being swallowed up into total communion with God."

Meaning, he will appear to those who seek him with the staggering truth of *Enoch walking with God*. Hebrews 11:5-6: For he was the 7th from Adam, as the #7 speaks of fullness, perfection, and completion of purpose. *Genesis 5:18-24; Jude 14*. In truth, Enoch was a prophet of total communion and intimate oneness with God. It did not matter to him whether or not men deemed him as a prophet, for he was a man living between two realms, the natural and the spiritual. He chose however, to master the spiritual dimension of being in complete union and close abiding with the Father. *John 3:13; Ephesians 2:18*; For this is the realm that the true voice of the prophets is speaking from. It is the realm of Rest, ceasing from our labors, and resting in God's accomplishment!

For if Enoch is the 7th from Adam, and "7" speaks of God's Sabbath Rest, then is confirmed the present truth principle of Revelation 10:7

"But in the Days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound,

the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets."

Meaning, there is an Enoch company who is prophesying from a totally different order, a people who abounds in the heaven and the earth, according to John 3:13. Not a lot is written about Enoch, but in Spirit a whole lot indeed!

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Again, the Enoch principle of the prophetic is more characterized by *something of which God desired of Enoch more than what Enoch desired of God*. After that Enoch was caught away with the Father, the pattern of translation if you will. And we do know the real reason for this, for Enoch fully **pleased** God, a principle, which speaks of the Garden of Eden, or God's **pleasure** and **delight**. *Revelation 2:7; 4:11; 2 Corinthians 12:1-4*

As much as we desire intimacy and abiding with God, we must develop too, a greater dimension, sense, and deeper level of bringing forth and receiving the prophetic flow of ministry. For the prophetic utterance can be hindered more or less from our attempting to make things happen as oppose to the simple truth of trusting God in every facet of prophetic expression. If we trust the Lord in our developing expression of grace, we mature, as the result of being open, teachable, and accountable to God and his appointed others. Though the idea of operating in some sphere or capacity of spiritual gifts is not within itself perfection, the presence and passion of the Holy Spirit is perfect and pure. Though the individual who administers some level of the prophetic dimension is not exempt from personal growth and maturity, the very essence and nature of God and his will and purpose to reveal his mind and counsel is holy and pure.

To prevent from becoming shallow, complacent, and lethargic, the Holy Spirit will quicken us to revisit our foundations in worship, prayer, intercession, biblical teaching, and more. The prophetic has for its basis a strong foundation in the word, and our experiences in life should become the outflow and outworking of having a strong foundation. Now this does not mean we should go on a performance kick, praying long hours and fasting long periods to obligate the Father to speak and to demonstrate his will through us. We should clearly understand however, that *"yielding" to God* is the one precious element that will keep us completely reliant on him.

Your personal foundation is reciprocal and committed between you and the Lord, and is never to be seen as performance to guarantee the prophetic dimension in becoming a successful display or demonstration. It is your personal business if you pray in tongues two to four hours a day, *study 30 hours a week*, intercede regularly, or commune with the Father through intense worship and praise. Just remember the prophetic has greater potential of becoming a pure river of LIFE through the purity of Christ's motivation, which is Love, for love is the motivation and divine drive of the Kingdom as recorded in 1 Corinthians 13.

Though it is essentially important to have a strong personal foundation in the word and

prayer, the idea is not to simply master these dynamics and core values in order to assure that you will prophesy smoothly. No more should it be expected for an emerging itinerate minister to devote 20 hours a week to ensure that he will have a better sermon to preach. The key here is that worship, prayer, and the word is what we do not out of mere duty, but in joyful devotion unto God.

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Definitions, continued...

Now, let's look at some other definitions and purposes of the prophetic dimension.

One of the chief words for "*counsel*" in the Hebrew is defined as "*plan, advice, and prudence.*" Proverbs 8:14; Isaiah 11:2 (one of the seven spirits of God); 46:10; and chapter 5:19; *Proverbs 20:5*. Note other words for counsel...

Proverbs 15:22...Without counsel (a session, a company of persons in close deliberation, implying intimacy, consultation, a secret assembly, inward secret) *purposes are disappointed (or frustrated, to break up)...*

Proverbs 11:14...He that hearkens unto counsel (steerage- as a management of ropes, (fig.) guidance, or by implying a plan, good advice) *is wise...*

In the New Testament, you also have counsel defined at large (numerous words) as "*to take counsel, to resolve (translated here as minded, purpose)*" or #1011 in Strong's Concordance. Also, words like consult, as in counseling together...#4823; Rev. 3:18. Jesus wants us to counsel with him, and to buy of him gold tried in the fire, or counsel, which withstands the test of time! All in all, counsel establishes his purpose. The Spirit of counsel is a key core component of the prophetic, particularly personal prophecy in prophesying vision, direction, purpose, and in the gifts and callings of God.

The Mind of God, another definition and principle of purpose, is not some far-fetched or far-removed entity: *well, it is to the carnal mind!* But the mind of God establishes us on the principle of being God-minded, for we have the mind of Christ, as Christ had the mind of God. *1 Corinthians 2:16: Philippians 2:5-11*

This principle is further revealed by the term or phrase "*mind (inclination or purpose)*" of the Spirit" as recorded in *Romans 8:27*. The mind of the Lord is actually his feelings and thoughts, transmitted to those who have ears to hear. The mind of the Lord is not necessarily the believer renewing his mind, for that is what we are suppose to do...*Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:23*. Renewing our mind is our daily responsibility, and not that of the Holy Spirit! Therefore, renewing the mind is the saving of our soul, but again, this is distinct from the mind of the Lord. The mind of the Lord is something we become in tune with as a people of prophetic perception. The mind of the Lord or the Mind of the Spirit of *God brings revelation and understanding in a matter*. Like the three - fold *revelation,*

demonstration, and inspiration gifts or manifestations of 1 Corinthians 12, it comes by the agency and operation of the Holy Spirit.

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OTHER HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROPHETIC DIMENSION

The prophetic dimension, as mentioned earlier, establishes the saints in the voice, counsel, mind, and purpose of God, and to help the assemblies to flow correctly in the Spirit of God. Not only is it given in corporate gatherings but also in the understanding of God's eternal purpose in the earth, and our relevant functionality of this focus.

Notice some other components and characteristics of the prophetic...

1 - to edify, exhort, and to comfort...or, to build up, stir up, and to cheer up!

1 Corinthians 14:3...everything is done to the edifying of the body!

2 - to bring revelation knowledge and the depth of the mind of God not otherwise known or obtained through human capabilities or privileged knowledge and reasoning...1 Corinthians 2:16; Ephesians 1:17-18; Matthew 4:4

3 - to give direction (not to direct) and confirmation of callings...Acts 13:1-3

4 - to impart, stir, extract, and to activate spiritual gifts and dimensions of the Spirit in the believer...Romans 1:11; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6; John 7:38

5 - to demonstrate the Spirit and the power of God for the express purpose of edifying and advancing His people and to establish his clearly defined purpose in the earth ...1 Corinthians 2:4-5; Romans 15:19; Ephesians 1:11

6 - to establish us...Romans 1:11; 2 Peter 1:12; Ephesians 2:20; 1 Peter 5:10

7 - to recognize the ascension gift prophetic...Ephesians 2:20; 4:11; 1 Corinthians 12:28; 14th chapter...the prophetic is more intensified when released through a mature, proven, seasoned, fruitful, expression of prophetic ministry.

8 - to bring fresh new insights, fresh fire, and new life in the people...restoring hope once again...Ezra 5:1-2; 6:14...the prophetic helps keep the vision, direction, focus, and purpose of God alive in the midst of the people...Exodus 24:14-18; 25:1-2...wars off stagnation. It takes us into corporate destination...

9 - to establish the church in present day truth...2 Peter 1:12; 1 John 2:7-8; Ephesians 2:20; 3:5...foundation is a vital motivation and character for ministry of the apostle and the prophet...

10 - to draw us nearer to God, and the person of Jesus Christ... For all descending gifts are bestowed by the Holy Spirit as the Holy Spirit is given by Christ. Therefore, all of the gifts and manifestations of the Spirit, the prophetic, and the supernatural dimension of the Spirit glorify Christ. The Holy Spirit never speaks of himself, and neither should any of the manifestations of the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12...John 14:26; 15:26; Revelation

19:10. {Testimony of Jesus}

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In conclusion...

The prophetic dimension must be restored through proper recognition and acceptance back into its place as would the evangelistic and the apostolic. The motivation of the prophet and the prophetic realm tends or leans toward the voice of the Lord. For a prophet, it can be quite a test or challenge at times to witness endlessly a people who do not hear or willfully refuse to hear the voice of the Lord. The prophet brings to life present truth of vertical ministry, whereas the apostle establishes the church largely in horizontal ministry. Both form the shape of a cross, and neither is exclusive one apart from the other.

The prophetic dimension is not only for the believer to celebrate Jesus as the Chief Prophet. But the prophetic dimension is given to the corporate man as...

A - *a weapon of warfare and strategic engagement...* 1 Timothy 1:18; 2 Corinthians 10:4-5; Ephesians 3:10; 6:10-18

B - *a realm of restoring and reforming the nations back unto God...* Isaiah 2:2-4; Amos 9:11; Acts 15:16. It is reforming and restoring foundations... Isaiah 58:12

C - *a means of proclaiming a relevant word for our time...* Hebrews 3:15-19; 2 Corinthians 6:2... Matthew 4:4; Ephesians 6:18; Hebrews 1:1-2

It is not given just to maintain our way of worship. No! God has bigger plans for the prophetic dimension than just "*banners, mime, and the arts.*" Yes, these are wonderful aspects given to the corporate body and there are times for such expression. But the church or global body is not just here for itself. It has been given to the nations, the world, and a much bigger picture than ourselves... Acts 10:10-16; Psalms. 2:8: we have not been saved just for heaven but for purpose and dominion.

The prophetic is given to the saints as the church {or interactive kingdom community} is given as the salt of the earth and the light of the world. And it's time to declare and to demonstrate God's eternal purpose to a now *generation*. For we are not here to fit, but to change things in the earth realm. Matthew 16:19

My question to you is "*Who will interpret the king's dream?*" Will the kings of the earth continue to cough up soothsayers, diviners, and demagogues to answer their hearts cry, or will we carry the prophetic mantle to the nations, resulting in these mighty men of stature returning back unto the Lord? Daniel 2

My prayer is to see your local assemblies and appointed gathering impact your geographical regions and vicinities. Yes I understand that intercession will play a vital and key role, but let's continue to be a kingdom witness to our generation, our culture, the very society that we live in! Let's move pass our culture, creed, clan, and cluster into reaching the various ethnics and cultures surrounding us. Just remember, the prophetic is not alone for us, but for our communities, too.

CHAPTER 3

THE DEVELOPING OF A PROPHETIC PEOPLE

"...(Moses speaking)...would God that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his Spirit upon them." Numbers 11:29

"You are the children of the prophets (the offspring and lineage of the prophetic dimension)..." Acts 3:25

There are two very important principles I wish to begin with. **One**, prophets are not only developed or made, but **prophets are born**, as recorded in Jeremiah 1:5 below...

"Before I formed thee in the belly (John 7:38) I knew you; and before you came forth out of the womb I sanctified you, and I ordained you a prophet unto the nations"

"Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them also he justified: and whom he justified them he also glorified." Romans 8:30

Two, prophets and prophetic people need appropriate environments divinely ordained by God for personal development. This includes a series and sequence of events in your life, including seasons and cycles of preparation. *Galatians 4:1-7; Genesis 14:14; Exodus 24:13; Galatians 2:9; Ecclesiastes 3:1*

In this lesson, we will take a look some important developments of a prophetic people, in their pursuit, passion, and purpose. We will gauge our efforts by examining key core principles. Prophetic people must be taught, trained, developed, and activated in their *purpose, place, position, and potential of ministry*. No prophetic person *is exempt* from godly character, and no prophetic person will remain *abashed* at the need for fruit bearing in the spiritual realm. Meaning, whatever order or degree of the prophetic dimension you are called to, there must be fruit which remains. There must be some consistency in personal development, which will *enable you to* serve in the prophetic spheres appointed unto you. And no prophetic person will be void of the *sensitivity of the Spirit*, as you were born to perceive and to know in part, the eternal purposes of God. Therefore, this class is dedicated to all called into the river of the Spirit {Psalms 65:9}. Not forgetting, a river may lead to an ocean, a far greater realm and dimension than even a flowing brook or moving stream.

Whether you are a prophet, prophetic, minstrel, dance, the arts, song, preaching, teaching, prophetic presbytery, prophetic anointing, intercession, etc. The prophetic in you cannot succeed without you properly being developed in your personal life! *More than anything, God is really, really after you, not just your gifting and personal abilities...Rather, you!* He wants habitation not alone visitation.

Webster's New World Dictionary defines in part, the meaning of the word "develop" as,

A - to cause to grow gradually in some way; cause to become gradually fuller, larger, and better...(2 Peter 3:18...*either we grow in grace or groan in disgrace...*)

B - to build up or expand...(in the New Testament, building is also defined as edifying)...

C - to make stronger or more effective...(Ephesians says, "we are to be strong in the Lord")

D - to bring something into activity or reality...(Ephesians 1:17-18; 1 Corinthians 2:10-16)

With this in mind, let's look at some principles of the letter "P" which we have developed over the years in our previous training centers...

PRINCIPLES OF THE LETTER "P"

Isaiah 46:11 confirms and supports the very record of the very eternal purpose of God. In this passage of scripture, God himself is revealed as one who will keep his word concerning the things in you to be brought to pass. Notice portions of verses 10 -11 below and receive wisdom...

"Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: verse 10...

"...Yes, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it."
The latter portion of verse 11...

The end of a thing is determined by the purpose of a thing.

For example, if you understand the purpose of having a regular job, you would no longer continue being tardy. If you understood the purpose of worshipful prayer, you would cheerfully make time enjoy the face of the Lord. And if you understand the very purpose of marriage and life companionship, *you would not have to spend the rest of your life now repenting for it!*

Therefore, everything is given a purpose! Ecclesiastes 3:1...*Everything!*

The word "purposed" in verse 11 of Isaiah 46 is a rather interesting one. It is derived from the Hebrew word "Yatsar" (pronounced yaw-star) and is defined as *"to mold into a form, especially as a potter, (fig.) to determine (i.e. form a resolution, translated as form, fashion, frame, make). It also implies the idea of "squeezing you into shape," a word which suggests "to be narrow, to press, to be in distress, be in a strait, be vexed."*

Simply put, it is nothing but the hand of God at work in us. *It is the Father's hand molding and making us into something he can use for his glory. He is getting us into shape for the divine fulfillment of our purpose and destiny, our inheritance, our allotted portion or the fullness of the promise...Ephesians 1:13-14*

It is not always satan as you were once taught. No, it is not some Leviathan or a devil with a red suit on and a pitchfork in his left hand as the culprit of your unhappiness. Rather, it is God at work in you...Philippians 1:6; Note below this scriptural principle...

"I form (Yatsar) the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things." Isaiah 45:7 (Also, read Isaiah 54:16; Joel 2:25; 2 Corinthians 12:7)

Can you handle such scriptural statement, beloved?

I know what it was like in tradition, to ascribe all blame to satan when in truth, *everything has a purpose*. I know how it was to shift the responsibility of my scourging, chastening, maturing and buffeting unto the perfection of Christ on a *preeminent devil*, while having visions of being whisked away to *Fantasy Island*.

Therefore, with the intensity of the Spirit and the wisdom of God, I lovingly challenge you to stop pretending like the depth of you experience, suffering, and trying trials are all at work against you, for they are not. According to Romans 8:28, "all things work together for the good, to them that love God, and are the called according to his purpose. Nothing gets passes God. He is not out of control, *nor will he ever be*. In the mind of God, all things are purposed and working for the maturity & perfection of the corporate Christ, his church, the many member son, the full expression of the very nature of Christ in you...*Galatians 4:19*

Therefore, we begin with the principle of purpose!

Ecclesiastes 3:1..."To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose (or matter, happening) under the heaven."

Ezra 4:5..."And hired counselors against them, to frustrate (or bring to an end) their purpose (contrivance, your ability to find out, scheme, plan, think...also advice, counsel)"

Proverbs 15:22..."Without counsel purposes are disappointed (violated, broken up): but

in the multitude of counselors, they are established."

Proverbs 20:18..."Every purpose is established by counsel (deliberation, consultation, guidance, determination)..."

Isaiah 14:26..."This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth...In principle this is the one purpose of God, a progressive vision of his eternal purpose throughout the whole earth..." Ephesians 4:4-6; read also verses 24-27 of Isaiah 14. Also, compare with Acts 1:8

*Romans 9:11..."that the purpose of God according to **election** (God's divine selection) might stand, not of works, but of him that calls:" Romans 4:17; 8:28-30*

*Ephesians 1:11..."In whom also we have an **inheritance**, being **predestinated** according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the **counsel** of his own will."*

*Ephesians 3:11..."According to the **eternal purpose** which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:"*

1 John 3:8..."For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy (undo, paralyze – True manifested purpose destroys) the works of the devil." (Diabolos, the diabolical one...dia- across, bolos- to throw). Yes, Manifested purpose gets the job done, purpose that is manifested or revealed, made alive. It implies that one must know their purpose in order to fulfill his or her purpose in the earth. For in any interesting reading where you find a villain, nemesis, or arch rival, there lies somewhere a hero, a champion of the cause. Your whole sphere of life is manifesting what you were born to be and to do.

Acts 2:23 confirms the **determinate counsel** and **foreknowledge** of God...Compare with Jeremiah 1:5-10... In principle, determination leads to destination, for you were born with the seeds of greatness in you. There is no failure in the deposit of life that the Spirit of the Living God has put within you. There is no failure in God. None can ever be ascribed to him.

He is forever faithful, and by his love and determinate counsel, He foreknew you, and placed the seed of the kingdom in you to fulfill your purpose and divine destiny in the earth. Just remember that the tree is in the seed. Regardless of the mistakes, the failures, or the hardships of the past, no matter how great your personal struggles were, or how frustrating your frustration now is, you have been created with a purpose.

Within you is imagination and creativity. Just as we were kids my youngest brother Marvin and me was compelled to make a Star Trek faser as it was called. From there we decided to build a model of the famed USS Enterprise based on

the popular past television series, and after a couple of months we reverted back to creating a faser. Though the idea of a faser phased out of our minds the

creativity and imagination did not. Creativity and imagination first begins with God. In Genesis chapter ONE the most notable feature about God's name or nature is that of creator. God is seen bringing into manifestation what he has created. He can both create out of that which exists and bring into being from that which does not exist. He makes and creates, and because we are in the image and likeness of the Father, we too, can create atmospheres, realms and realities through his imagination. That is why we should not relegate the prophetic to church crowds only, for God is speaking a relevant and now word of change and transitioning in the sphere of all earthly existence.

PROPHETIC "P's" CONTINUED

Note below the following principles...

PROPHETIC PURPOSE: Purpose with divine destiny gives us one of the most important meanings in our life. Purpose, in the pursuit and understanding thereof, dispels the confusion we may have once had in our past. Purpose is a divine influence within our spirit that ministers to our vision potential and drive. Purpose is the reason we have a vision in life. For you do not necessarily focus on your vision and mission statement in life, but you focus and function from your purpose. The key to success is perseverance and the key to perseverance is vision. The key to vision is purpose and the key to purpose is God.

With purpose comes the realization of the other important "P's" in this series. With purpose also come timing, wisdom, maturity, and process. A good example of this is found in the role of the husband and the wife. The husband is the house-band, and the wife is the weaver. And one sure reason way a husband and wife functions to their fullest potential in life is by following the divine pattern of first becoming a nuclear family...How? By [1] leaving, [2] cleaving, [3] and becoming one... Genesis 2:24. Without the sufficient understanding of something we can potentially abuse it. Without purpose and destiny, we are like dead men walking, the walking dead, or to appear to be here on earth illegally.

PROPHETIC PROMISE: Think back for a moment concerning a special bible promise for your life. Though many are sitting on the PREMISES and not standing and walking out the PROMISES, has this particular promise in your life come to pass? Are you disciplining yourself to the expected end? For example, if a prophetic word is given to you regarding a multi-million dollar business, what levels or degrees would you take to see the fruition and the fullness of the blessing? Or, have you now stopped working only to frivolously wait for the big break of your lifetime that may take months or years to fulfill?

As the promises of God are YEAH and AMEN, we still must possess personal order and to govern ourselves accordingly. Bills must be paid and mouths have to be fed. Simply put, life must go on. Unless the Lord gives you specific instructions and directions on what the precise next move and moment is, you simply do what you know to do and what you may have to do. In the midst of

your increased momentum of daily life, resonating within you is a divine drive that must be fed endlessly.

You will eat the things that are conducive to your breakthrough and destination. You will sing the songs that minister endlessly to your progression. You will have preparation before presentation. You will position for possession in your progression. You will feed the seed and nurture the nature, for in divine enlightenment you are becoming what you already are.

But remember the principle of ***IF and THEN***. For some things can be done expeditiously, or become long awaited and gradual after receiving a prophetic utterance concerning something important in your life. And one can fail to take heed to the vital and necessary steps to fulfillment. Or, perhaps one can move ahead in haste too soon, causing a terrible delay in the fulfillment, even years down the road! Simply follow the Lamb where He is going...Revelation 14:1-5

All in all, IF & THEN plays an important role in the fulfillment of the prophetic...If you do these things, then you shall never fall. If you are willing and obedient, then you shall eat the good of the land...

Now, a promise is like a pledge, a guarantee of something to be done. In Ephesians 1:13-14, the Holy Spirit is called the "*promise, the earnest of our inheritance.*" The earnest is, in principle, the down payment before settling on the new house. The Holy Spirit is the engagement ring before the great wedding. In truth, this simply means there is more to come! Tongues are not the fullness and neither are spiritual gifts. There is something far greater in the revelation and the reality of the Spirit than just this in-part realm. There is a dawning ahead, a destiny that awaits us, something far bigger than ourselves!

Therefore, one chief purpose of the Holy Spirit is to take us into the fullness of our inheritance...and you can further read this in Ephesians 1:18

Another area of prophetic promise is found in 1 Timothy 1:18. It is sometimes called "*warring with the prophetic.*" Here, prophecy becomes a weapon of warfare, but take note of the important overall meaning of "*warfare in the Greek.*" *It is the word from which we get the term "Strategy," a campaign and career, to execute the apostolate.*" 1 Timothy 6:12; 2 Corinthians 10:4-5; 2 Chronicles 20:14-18...Whatever God has given you is worth the good fight of faith or literally agonizing a good agony. *In balance just remember the battle is not ours but HIS, and in Isaiah 40:2 our warfare is accomplished!*

PROPHETIC POTENTIAL: Prophetic potential is the principle that something inside of you has been given by God and the ability of the Spirit to carry it out. Prophetic potential says that Jesus is the Potentate of 1 Timothy 6:15, that he is OMNI-potent or all-powerful. Potential is clearly defined as that which is latent or the unrealized expectation of you. It may sometimes be deemed as the undiscovered country, something you and me may not be aware of at times.

Even if we were, there still rings a sound and buzzes in the ear of many just how do we go about in fulfilling our potential, our potency, the genius of the gene?

Whenever God speaks to us, he speaks to our potential, that untapped power source that is to be loosed or released! He speaks to the seed of his kingdom in you, the very essence of himself. Potency means power and strength, the capacity for *development* or potentiality. *Potent means effective or powerful.* Potential means, something has the power, but has not yet come into being. Potential also means possible and undeveloped. Now do you see the importance of this school? For the Holy Spirit wants to bring to realization that hidden and latent potential of yours. He wants to extract from within you His greatness!

PROPHETIC PROCESS: Each believer has been given a delicate path, a conviction, and a process for developing the previous "P's" mentioned.

That path no bird knows, nor has the falcon's eye seen it. The proud lions have not trodden it, nor has the fierce lion passed over it. Job 28:7-8

But each one in his own order... 1 Corinthians 15:23

Based on the living word of God, our purpose and calling, and the leading of the Spirit, we will experience a series and sequence of events to add to our faith. For example, when you take on the *mantle of the prophetic office or ministry*, your whole life becomes a *word from the Lord*. It is no longer just a simple gift prophecy as recorded in 1 Corinthians 14:3, but a richer and deeper dimension of the prophetic process now takes place due in part to what the Lord initiated you into. You flow out of what you are, what you have been purposed for, and what the Holy Spirit is speaking into your progression. You not only are a prophet, but the Lord uses whatever he wills to bring about his eternal purpose in you. You no longer aim in preparing to prophesy, but preach what you live.

As I had said earlier, you are born a prophet, and the *process of maturity and stability must follow*. No prophet of the Spirit can depend on just the notion and the idea of being prophetic. It will take both the *natural application and the supernatural dimension to help bring you into maturity.* 1 Corinthians 15:46

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David the King was given an anointing by God, even in his immaturity and adolescence. Although he was anointed king, *a span of time had passed* which developed him for throne-ship. God can give you an anointing at a very tender young age as with me, but the process of bringing forth fruit will not be over. For you can receive a gift in an instant, but *it takes years to develop fruit!* Therefore, it is with this understanding that we shall list some other important *principles in our process of perfection and maturity*. And remember this, process is not punishment...

We glory in tribulation, knowing that tribulation produces patience {perseverance

– if you lack patience, or is in need of patience, try some tribulation {Smile}...and perseverance – character {experience, the proof if you will}: and character hope. Hope does not make shame or disappoint. Romans 5:3-5

We shall begin with the principles of "W" and will continue with the Prophetic "P's" as well. Note below the "W" principles as found in the process or procession...But first, let's define process.

Process is the course of being done. It's a course of time, a continuing development involving many changes. **My question for you is are you being changed in it all?** For in the process, you grow from babe, to youth, to the man. You move from desiring God's presents to His Manifest and Abiding Presence. *In truth, you simply grow up to become spiritually mature and to execute this dimension. For honesty is the power not to lie to others, but MATURITY is the power not to lie unto ourselves!*

WORD OF GOD: One needs to develop a love for the Holy Scriptures, which testify of Christ. Christ is the highest revelation of the word, and if we say we love Jesus, we will surely love his word {John 5:39-40}. Many know the bible back to front, but not the Lord of glory whose presence illumines and quickens us according to HIS word. In John 5:39 Jesus alludes to the basic and fundamental premise of scriptural study and application. But in verse 40, he confirms that these same zealous people did not come to him. Do you see the importance of this beloved? The prophecy of the scripture is revealed through the word and the Spirit both. This is supported by 2 Peter 1:19-21 and 2 Timothy 3:14-16. There must be a foundation and substance, an incarnate word manifested in our progressive maturity. Every believer needs a foundation {Ephesians 2:20, 2 Timothy 2:19; Ezra 3:11, as oppose to many on the thrill ride of only having a FUN-dation. {Fund-dation is thrills, chills, spills, and frills}}

WILL OF GOD: Yes, the word of God is his will. There is a general look at the word in its entirety as the will of God, and there is to be received a more specific tailor – made expression of His purpose for us. We need both the Logos and Rhema and Jesus Christ is the two becoming one in us. He is the highest revelation of the written word & he is the Rhema & quickening Spirit of the word.

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Matthew 4:4; Romans 10:17; and Ephesians 6:17.

WAY OF GOD: Deuteronomy 10:12 confirms the need for the Father's children to walk in all of his ways. Included are the fear of the Lord, to love him, and to serve him with all of our heart and soul (Matthew 22:37). As believers, *let's get to know him, and not just about him.* Many know his acts and deeds, but fewer know of His ways.

WISDOM OF GOD: According to 1 Corinthians 1:24, Christ is the power and the Wisdom of God. Proverbs 4:7 confirms wisdom as the *principle thing.* It is the

builder of the house as in Proverbs 9:1 and 24:1-3; Wisdom is also the 7-fold look at the work of the Spirit of God in us unto perfection and maturity, as recorded in Isaiah 11:2-3. *Wisdom, as vast and bold its discovery is, is also revealed in revelatory manifestations or gifts of the Spirit.* It is seen only as a word or fragment of God's whole wisdom and counsel...1 Cor. 12:8

WHEEL OF GOD: This area here is definitely the formative stages of God's overall development in us. All of the "W's" above are part of this level of process. It is the principle of the Potter and the Clay. It is the *delicate and definite shaping* of our character. It is the making and the breaking process, until Christ is formed in us. Galatians 4:19...It is Jacob created, but Israel formed! *Isaiah 43:1; Colossians 1:27; Isaiah 64:8; Ezekiel 1:4-28*

In truth, the process of a thing may be more important at times than the promise as God the Father will always watch over his word to perform it. Jeremiah 1:12

The overall look at the above mentioned is the *molding, shaping, and emerging process* of the sons of God. And prophets will experience such a rich dimension of being refined in the purposes and dealings of the Father...*Hebrews 12:1-8; 2 Timothy 2:12; Hebrews 2:10; 5:8; 1 Pet. 5:10*

Let's now return to some other "P's" of the Prophetic...

P.I.T. PROPHET, PEOPLE, AND PERSONS IN TRAINING:

Have you been in the P.I.T. lately?

The **P.I.T.** is simply "Prophets, Persons, and People in Training."

Take for example the life of Joseph, one of Jacob's 12 sons. The scripture says that Israel loved Joseph more than all his children. Well, for one thing, Joseph was the son of his old age and was made a coat of many colors, which simply was a mark of honor and rank. Gen. 37:3...It was something worn by the chief and heir.

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Because Joseph became the heir and was given the priestly and royal coat, a bit of hostility rose up in his brothers over the matter. *In verse 4, Joseph's brothers began to hate him, in verse 11, envy him, and in verses 18-28, conspired to kill him and cast him in the P.I.T., later to be sold to Egypt. For one reason, Joseph had shared his vision.*

In Chapter 39, Joseph experienced two realms of test; **[1] the test of adversity, [2] the test of prosperity.** From false accusation to relocation, *he endured the P.I.T.* to the palace...Though Joseph may appear to have been a little boastful before his brothers, it reminds us that God has what we need in our most lofty of moments. He has just the right level of development and humble pie to serve. Even though Joseph served his time in prison, and more importantly the process of his purpose and prophet hood, his rejection was ordained in that the Lord had

Joseph to meet certain others that he would not have ordinarily had met. If there was no challenge for Joseph, no test, no buffeting, and no redirection due to his rejection of his brothers, Joseph may not have learned the importance of forgiving his brothers for what they had done to him and to become a deliverer to them. This is why God ordained and designed the P.I.T., to deal with the inner things that affects our outer world.

For a true **test** through faith will produce a **testimony**. *Re. 12:11; James 1:2-5*

After a period of divine appointments and testing, Joseph in later chapters was promoted. His very name means "*may the Lord add or augment,*" denoting the principle of increase and being fruitful. *For promotion followed the divine process...*

P.M.S. [PROPHETIC and personal MOOD SWINGS]: This dimension of maturity deals with our *response or reaction to the inner & further dealings of God*. P.M.S. is the way we relate to the dealings of God, and the process of our promotion, the progression through repositioning. In this realm we need to deal with the stuff and excess emotional baggage that we carry around. There is a reason why we say what we say and do what we do. However, I wish to keep this in the context of the prophetic. For within all of us are internal and inward states, the lingo that we speak to ourselves with all of the time. In some instances we may even self – sentence ourselves with self-defeating lingo that creates certain inner atmospheres and states, as our emotions are born out of what we believe. A lot of the problems and challenges we face are the result of patterns within us. We are attracted to things externally which is going on inside of us internally.

PMS, or Prophetic Mood Swings is the principle of reaction versus response. Prophets and prophetic people must not let or allow their minds to be clouded by the reaction and opinions of others, or through poor perceptions of the what the intended purpose and trial is for in our life. Therefore, Prophetic Mood Swings sends up a red flag as to how we either react or respond to the personal process we are going through. And I hope that we can see beyond the initial reaction and start taking action for our emotional reactions in Jesus' name! Amen and Amen! PMS can also be seen as Programmed Mind Sets, a discussion all its own...

PROPHETIC PROMOTION: This aspect of the prophetic and personal life reveals further the need for patience in the process to the promotion stage. For in all of our processing, there comes a need for patience, timing, wisdom and, maturity. The process is not punishment, but an appointed time for our preparation and advancement. *Promotion comes from the Lord Psalms 75:6-7*

Promotion here means "*to be high, to rise, to raise*"...*Psalms 27:14; Proverbs 3:6*...In principle, God is the one to raise you up and to set you on high. Promotion does not come by our futile efforts to exalt our own gift. Whether funds seem to run dry or the brook is all dried up, the favor of the Lord can go where funds can't. God's design for our stages of growth towards promotion does not come by the optic nerve and the natural eye. The kingdom does not come by

observation. He judges the hearts of the kings, weighs all the spirits, and has all things working together for our good. God, the judge puts down one and exalts another. Again, promotion or exaltation comes from the Lord.

PROPHETIC PROSPERITY: Psalms 118:25 defines prosperity as "*to push forward, to advance, to break out.*" This here reveals the principle of going on ahead with your life in total confidence and trust with God. For when God called Abraham out of his familiar surroundings he continued to journey in a bold new discovery not living by human reasoning, but by faith. Abraham was not merely the father of faith but the father and pioneer of TRUST. So, the overall principle of prosperity here is, "*to go forward.*" This is the truest sense in saying you are prosperous or walking in true prosperity. *Read Deuteronomy 28:1-14*

PROPHETIC POSTERITY: Prophetic Posterity is your future descendants and generations. The promise of God for your life is carried on through your offspring. A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children. The destiny that God has is not only for you, but also within you, coming forth out of you. Destiny produces legacy. Your end becomes greater than your beginning. Instead of focusing on the harvest, you now have an inheritance, not something you get, but what you become. Your inheritance becomes the foundation for many generations. The generational blessings continue on through what you have become, on into what or who is coming forth out of you. Genesis 28:12 – 17; Isaiah 58:12; Proverbs 13:22

In all of these {Prophetic P's} it is good to begin with two other important ones. {1}, the Presence of the Lord as recorded in Exodus 33:14 {The presence of the Lord with us, going before us}. And {2}, Prayer, as recorded in the words of Habakkuk the prophet in Habakkuk 2:1-3. Both are essential in where we are headed in the prophetic dimension. Both serve as a foundation to the other prophetic "P's" previously mentioned. Remember this, you are being positioned for possession in your progression. You are going somewhere so enjoy the ride!

CHAPTER 4

A LOOK AT THE PROPHETIC ADMINISTRATION OF THE OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS

This class holds a special interest with me, as I have long to see people *developed* as students in the word concerning the foundation aspects of the prophetic. In the past, a number of persons would inquire about our prophetic training, only to be troubled at the idea that some classes would hold a rich deposit of scripture definitions and meanings of words, which included Hebrew and Greek, character studies, and the mandatory home work assignments given.

Nevertheless, we begin by examining the meaning of the word "*Administration*"

as it relates to both testaments. Other definitions and meaning of words will follow...

In the New Testament Greek, the term "*administered*" is defined as "*diakoneo*," a verb form of the word "*diakonia*" meaning "to be an attendant, wait upon (menial, or as a host or friend), to act as a deacon." *2 Corinthians 8:19-20*. Administration [s] is defined as "*diakonia*" meaning "attendance (as a servant), aid, service, minister, office, relief."

1 Corinthians 12:5 and 2 Corinthians 9:12. Also keep in mind that the word "*ministration*" is the same Greek word as "*diakonia*" except in *Luke 1:23*; and the word "ministry" is also the same as "*diakonia*" except in *Hebrews 8:6 and 9:21*...

So far, what we have begun with are certain terms and their meanings for the word "administration" and its interrelated words as well.

Let's go further into the principle of administration from the standpoint of God's overall purpose and plan of the prophetic dimension in both *old and new testaments*.

As I had recently browsed through the Webster's New World Dictionary, the meaning of "*administration*" further revealed to me the principle of *management and governmental affairs*. What this did for me was confirm God's word and work among many in periods of time with different levels of grace to do *what He had given them to do it*. Now let's begin to look at both the seemingly differences and the similarities of the prophetic administration of both testaments.

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God, which worketh all in all. 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

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The Prophetic ministry is perhaps the most interesting channel of expression in the purposes and plans of God. It is this channel of expression, which yields the authors of the Old Testament books, all 39 of them. These authors can range from those inspired more or less to see and to give visions, or to Moses, who was considered a prophet of guidance. Nevertheless, the prophetic administration of the Old Testament takes on a radical shift and a refreshing look in the New Testament, as we will discuss later on.

OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS

The Old Testament holds the beginning of the prophetic administration. In such times, prophets carried a chief and predominant role not only in the writing of scripture, but also in relation with the administration godly kings. The prophets were first called "seers" because of the sight, foresight, and insight, which they had received of the Lord.

(Before time in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, thus he spoke, Come, and let us go to the Seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was before time called a Seer.)

1 Samuel 9:9 (Also read 2 Samuel 24:1, David's Seer; Amos, the Seer...Amos 7:12)

PROPHETIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT...

Moses is considered the *foundation prophet* to all others in the entire Old Testament. Moses is acknowledged for his representation before God and Israel, and the Law of God on Mount Sinai. Moses is likened to Paul the apostle of the New Testament. Moses was given what I call the logos for the prophetic ministry, but Samuel and the line of the prophets received the Rhema thereof. All other prophetic expressions seem to have become quickened to the foundation (*Law, or Pentateuch...1st five books*) of Moses. Thus, Moses may very well be considered in certain terms an apostolic prophet...Num. 12:6: Dt. 13:1-5

Moses is not on record giving a list of keys for becoming a prophet. Moses is not mentioned of for the laying out of a plan to *establish a prophetic company or to train up prophets in some structured environment*. And *neither is Moses* credited for mentoring personally some long list of *prophets in graduating honor*.

This principle shows how one can give foundation truth of God's eternal purpose and plan beginning from creation. From *Adam, the Patriarchs, the Levitical Priesthood, and the children of Israel*, Moses lays the foundation while others (namely, Samuel, Elijah) can become quickened to the prophetic dimension of things not even specifically mentioned in the first five books of Moses. This is why Moses confirms in Numbers 11:29 that all others were prophets, too.

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This principle of Moses and Samuel is also connected to the New Testament administration of the governmental and corporate use of the *Gift of Tongues and the Interpretation of Tongues*. For one can speak to the corporate body in tongues for a couple of minutes, while another can give a longer interpretation (through a word of Knowledge or Prophecy). When interpreting tongues, *it is not the length that is important, but the spirit of what is being said* {we know and prophesy in part}. *For one can speak corporately in tongues for five minutes, and he or another can interpret them in about 45 seconds*. Again, it is not important to match word for word in corporate tongues for corporate edification. The idea is in the essence of what is being interpreted, not the same volume of words. And preachers can learn a lot from this, as it is not necessarily important to fill up a 90 minute cassette tape if the leading of the Spirit can bring the essence and true thrust of the message in 35 minutes. The same with juicing the fruit verses eating large sums of fruit. You can eat ten apples and get flatulence, or juice the fruit as it goes directly into the bloodstream. Think about that!

In Acts 3:22-25, both Moses and Samuel are considered the pioneers of the Old Testament prophetic. Verse 24 speaks of the prophets since Samuel, and we do know that there were other prophets before Samuel. But Luke, the author of the

book of Acts is after a kingdom principle here. It is not to say that the prophetic is *more or less important* between *Moses and Samuel*. Rather, that there are some *important discoveries* to be made between the two, as it fits into God's scheme of things for that period of time. And not for their time only, for Moses is spoken of in verse 22 with a Messianic prophecy for another time, for the early church and beyond! Therefore, between *Moses and Samuel, the Old Testament prophetic dimension was then established! Jeremiah 15:1*

Samuel, the *last of the judges and the first of the line of prophets*, gathered together men who were hungry after God in what is now understood as some kind of prophetic company or lineage. These men were schooled in the Law of Moses and were taught also in *worship, history, and prophecy*, the fruition of which developed the prophetic dimension in the life of Israel and Judah. Moses too, was a prophet of guidance but the lineage of the prophets followed on into the history and civil government of these great nations. Moses led the way for the children of Israel to become a nation, the lineage of the prophets establishing the kingdom of God in the hearts of Israel and Judah.

Therefore, one of the chief purposes of prophetic development is to prepare one for the work of the ministry, and to fulfill one's given purpose in the earth. For I believe if one is called to the prophetic dimension it would behoove him to become a part of a prophetic center for the proper development of the prophetic dimension. Here, one can have access to resources, training, mentoring, and fellowship, as well as proper submission to valid leadership through established covenant relationships. This protects from becoming a loner, unaccountability, or the one-man show.

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Now, please take note, for the prophetic dimension of Old Testament times were established in such places below as the letter of Moses' law was maintained...

Ramah 1 Samuel 19:18-24

And when they saw the company of prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied...verse 20

Beth-el - 2 Kings- 2:3

And the sons of the prophets that were at Beth-el came forth to Elisha...

Jericho - 2 Kings 2:5, 7, 15

And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came to Elisha...verse 5

And fifty of the sons of the prophets went and stood to view afar off...verse 7

And when the sons of the prophets, who were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, The

Spirit of Elijah does rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him...verse 15

Gilgal - 2 Kings 4:38; (read also 2:1)

And Elisha came again to Gil-gal: and there was a dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him...

Note: It would be helpful to examine the different places Elijah (with Elisha – his son) went before his translation. Also, take time to study the meanings of these particular places. Not forgetting, take special notice to Elijah's translation before the sons of the prophets as his mantle was given to Elisha. I see here the spiritual order and proper alignment of father and son. The release of the mantle upon Elisha to become a double-portioned prophet is due largely to the appointment of the Lord for Elisha to walk with Elijah. Divine appointments are not disappointments. Elisha called Elijah "*his father, his father*" in 2 Kings 2:12. Elisha wanted to be strategically wherever Elijah was to be. He honored the anointing and leadership in Elijah's life, and the spiritual deposit from Elijah through covenant relationship.

In our further understanding of the Old Testament, it was Samuel's new administration of the prophetic that brought about the *office of the king*. Samuel was the last of the judges and the first of the prophetic order whom anointed both *Saul and David for kingship*. The kings of old needed the ministry of the prophet to stabilize and give checks and balances to the king, *denoting plurality*. Also, this principle reveals that God desired the *voice of the prophets* to be a vital part of the *government* and administrative affairs of his people and society.

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Therefore, as a prophetic people, always keep in mind the distinct relationship that developed between the *prophet and the king*. And consider this, that this same kingdom principle reveals the New Testament elders who vitally needed the apostles and prophets to strengthen, serve, & to encourage the local assemblies. The book of Acts {Action, Activation} is proof of this principle}

Scriptures to read concerning the prophets and the kings together...

1 Sam. 9:10, 16; 2 Sam. 12; & 24:11; 1 Ki. 1:38; 12:21-22; 2 Ki. 17:1; 19:16

DIVERSITY OF PROPHETS AND PROPHECY

First, I wish to begin with the distinct levels of prophecy given that I will highlight briefly in the classification of the prophets. Please refer to the book, "The Church in the New Testament" pages 158-159 by Kevin Conner. Some thoughts below were inspired in part by his developments.

In the Old Testament, prophecy served on a more local level as recorded in *Isaiah 40:18-31; 55:6-7; Jeremiah 26; and Micah 6:8*. Though such level of the prophetic serves all generations, this aspect of prophecy chiefly served their

times. Now it is true, that the post spiritual ongoing of these prophecies continue in principle for all times, but before we start futurizing all prophecies as many would do, let's learn to value and appreciate the setting and time for which these prophecies were given. True, there are present truth principles for us all, but don't forget the times for which *these prophecies were given, and to whom!*

Another area of prophecy would be what Kevin Conner in his book "*The Church in the New Testament*" calls "National - Destiny Prophecy." Kevin considers this as prophecy when the prophet speaks concerning the future history of the nations. Here, prophecy is predictional and is understood in some accounts for national Israel in its historical setting during those appointed times. However, I am inclined to believe this in part, for the Old Testament Israel serves the church, too. God's new ethnic, the Israel of God, made up of both Jew and Gentile. (*Isaiah 11:11-16; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Romans 2:28-29*)

Another area Kevin considers is called "*Messianic.*" This realm of prophecy always speaks of the Lord Jesus Christ and his church. This realm is primarily predictional or foretelling, particularly from the Old Testament.

As a personal note, please consider prophecy also as *directive, corrective, and predictive*. And remember this, that the Old Testament is characterized more for foretelling than forthtelling, as the New Testament is *more characterized by the latter!*

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The prophets of old spoke of the coming (s) of *the Lord*. The prophets of old did not promote a golden age of superiority for any one ethnic people. The prophets of restoration saw God's purpose for both Jew and Gentile, all made into one progressive vision and eternal purpose {1 Corinthians 12:13}. Though the venue or instrumentation of the kingdom changed over the years, God's plan did not. Our plans may change but not the Lord's. There is no two plans of salvation, one for the church and the other for an ethnic people. No *thanks to the three blind mice of Scofield, Darby, and Larkin*, [19th Century on up] who proposed *another* plan of salvation **only** for *another* people in the distant future.

And a special "*No Thanks*" to Scofield for immortalizing such heresy, whom he himself exclaimed that the church was not referenced, regarded, or spoken of in the Old Testament. In your spare time please read Acts 7:38; 2 Corinthians 6:2; John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 12:13; Romans 2:28-29; Philippians 3:2-3; Galatians 6:16; Romans 1:16;

Simply put, messianic prophecies speak of Christ and his church, which is made up of Jew and Gentile...the new ethnic, from race to Grace...1 Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 4:4-6...*Both are made to drink into one Spirit...*

Prophets of a different order...

In the Old Testament, you had the writing and non-writing prophets. There were

even prophets who never had once written any Scripturated revelation.

A- Writing Prophets...[classifications usually added by most bible scholars]

- 1- Historical: Moses (Pentateuch), Samuel (Ruth, Judges, 1 Samuel)
- 2- Poetic: David in the book of Psalms, Lamentations by Jeremiah
- 3- Prophetic: Theologians classify them as *Major and the Minor*

All prophets, particularly from Isaiah to Malachi, were relevantly important in their given grace to convey what thus said the Lord. No distinction or hint was originally given to categorize or classify the prophets in a major - minor position. Theological scholars and interpretational distinctions play an important development in these findings. We cheerfully respect each Old Testament prophetic ministry in their purpose and place, which God would have them to speak. From God's point of view, there is neither major nor minor. That, my friend, is for our consideration. That is why we have them classified on the following pages, to give distinction to the volume of their content

From Isaiah to Daniel {so-called Major}

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, & Daniel

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From Hosea to Malachi {so-called Minor}

Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, & Malachi

B- Non-Writing Prophets...

Gad, Elijah, Aaron, Elisha, Nathan, Abijah

Furthermore, Prophets of vision would be found in men like *Daniel and Zechariah*, and Prophets of guidance would be considered in men like *Moses and Samuel*. There were also demonstration prophets with signs and wonders other than Moses. *Elijah and Elisha* were two such examples. And there were prophets known for their oral communication, such as Nathan. Nevertheless, each prophet had an important role in the life of either Israel or Judah. But beloved, let's look a bit further at some of the symbolic acts of the old testament prophets; and by this, we are referring to *other ways of communication...*

SYMBOLIC ACTS OF COMMUNICATION BY THE PROPHETS

Ezekiel, among other things, was commanded to lie on his left side for 390 days and upon his right side for 40 days. This number of days represented the number of years that Israel had disobeyed and forsaken God throughout their history...*Ezekiel 4:4-8*. Ezekiel was also commanded to eat food in an unclean

manner, burn a portion of his hair, shave his hair, and to prophesy to a dry bone yard...*Ezekiel 4:9-17; 5:1-4; 37:1-13...*

Jeremiah wore a yoke around his neck through the streets to depict the impending Babylonian captivity of God's people...*Jeremiah 27-28...*

Hosea was commanded to marry a harlot, a symbol of the Israel's unfaithfulness.
Hosea 1-3

Ahizah, upon meeting Jeroboam, rent his clothes in 12 pieces, which symbolized the division of his kingdom...*1 Kings 11:30*

Isaiah walked naked and barefoot for three years, symbolizing that Egypt and Ethiopia were at the hands of Assyria...*Isaiah 20:1-6*

In the new testament, Agabus bound Paul the apostle with his girdle, symbolizing what the Jews were going to do to him in Jerusalem...*Acts 21:10-14*

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Before we go into the New Testament, please take note that Adam, the first man, was also a prophet *of another order*. For no one could have given such utterance to every living creation without flowing in the utterances of God. In the positive note of Adam lies the principle of the spoken or creative word. Therefore, Adam, in essence, was the very first prophet of the human races...

Also take note that *Enoch was a prophet of a different order*. *Genesis 5:18-24; Hebrews 11:5; Jude 14*

And let's not forget Prophet Abraham as recorded in *Genesis 20:7*. Yes, Abraham, the prophet! Out of Abraham flows the balance truth of the Word of Faith: *Romans 10:9-10...Acts 3:25; Romans chapter 4, Galatians chapter 3*.

NOW...

The basic truth of the Old Testament prophets are characterized overall with either *scripturated revelation (as in writing prophets), guidance, or visions*. Surely, the prophet is highly magnified in the Old Testament, but what about the New Testament?

Does the NT characterize the prophet as in the Old Testament administration?

Is prophecy and its components primarily characterized as foretelling?

JOHN THE BAPTIZER: FORECLOSURE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT AND FORERUNNER OF THE NEW...

John the Baptist represents a man *between two eras or realms of time*, the Old

and the New Testament. In *Matthew the 3^d chapter* John came in the Spirit of Elijah preparing the way for the Lord. Jesus calls John the Baptizer "*More Than A Prophet.*" But keep in mind, John did not perform any miracles, signs, or wonders. John did not hold any *prophetic conventions*. No one was slain in the Spirit from his ministry, yet he was a prophet, too. His mission was to prepare the way of the Lord. In his entire life long dream of fulfilling destiny to reveal the King, he was still acknowledged by Christ as more than a prophet and a prophet of the highest! *Matthew 11:7-9; Luke 1:76*

NEW TESTAMENT PROPHETS

As I mentioned earlier, if the character of the old testament prophets were primarily that of scripturated revelation, guidance, and visions, then where does the new testament prophet fit in? Is the New Testament prophet to be characterized by guidance in the exact same sense of the O.T.?

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In the New Testament, no prophet was ever recorded in *guidance* in the strict O.T. sense. This is not to suggest the impossibility in speaking guidance ministry into one's life. For in the New Testament, the primary form of guidance ministry came through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Also, instead of mere guidance of one's will alone, the believers can receive from the Holy Spirit directly for themselves. For it is not God's best for a person's conscience to be guided by another through personal prophecy. The distinctiveness or clarification of administration has to do with the Holy Spirit and the confirmation thereof!

In the Old Testament, the Spirit of the Lord would generally move upon his people as in the New Testament he resides powerfully within us! In the Old Testament, all of the gifts of the Spirit were in operation save two. They were the Gift of Tongues and the Interpretation of tongues, as they had to do with the administration of the Spirit not yet given at the time. Most of which is to be received today in the present paradigm of the prophetic involves confirmation of the already revealed will of God, or at least a witness of the Spirit for what you receive as being true. [Note: Guidance through prophets is possible, but never to replace your own will to make choices]

However, there are a number of similarities of both testament prophets. Note below

OLD TESTAMENT

NEW TESTAMENT

foretelling and forth telling
 mouthpiece and voice of God
 speaks judgment
 interprets the law of God
 messengers, servant of God
 man of God
 watchman upon the walls of Zion

same
 same
 same
 same
 same
 same
 foundation with the apostle

guidance
visions
dreams, dark sayings, burdens
primarily the prophet
judgment

confirmation primarily
John the Revelator
same
primarily the apostle
same

On another note, nothing is said which suggests that the Lord is incapable of moving in powerful signs and wonders as of old. On the contrary, the Lord can and will manifest himself in divers ways and means. Hebrews 1:1-2 confirms that in sundry times and in divers manners He spoke unto the fathers through the prophets and now speaks to us through his son. In each overall instance of old and new covenants, the Lord had an overall particular usage of these important administrations. The Old Testament is the New Testament contained and the New Testament is the Old Testament explained.

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NEW TESTAMENT PROPHETS...

Is a foundation with the apostle...Ephesians 2:20

Confirms the already revealed will of God...Acts 13:1-3

Second in the divine order of the church but not inferior to apostles...1 Corinthians 12:28; Ephesians 4:11

Primarily speaks in forth-telling though in Spirit, there is always the potential and presence of foretelling...

Strengthens or confirms local assemblies...Acts 15:32-41

Perfects the saints for the work of the ministry...Ephesians 4:12

Prophets are a part of the *administration* of the local church. No assembly of the Spirit today should exist without the strength, revelation, direction, and foundation ministry of the prophet. It makes no sense to maintain large *sprawling organizations* at the exclusion of the prophetic voice and dimension. Assemblies of the early church era had the prophetic dimension. Today, the prophetic and the prophetic office is considered among many camps as a past history, something that rivals the great *Museums* of the world.

My heart's prayer is for you to embrace the harmony of both old and New Testament prophets, and not to build on one covenant at the exclusion of the other. This is why I advocate the students to become studious in their diligent search through the scriptures, and not to dismiss the integrity of rich bible study.

Already I see a number of young hot shots and eager beavers who are on the seen ready to bring forth this spectacular revelation of the week, yet do not value the consistency of effective biblical studies and the harmony of the old and the new. Yes beloved, even now in the present apostolic paradigm, some are saying it is the year of the apostle as if the prophet has fulfilled its commissioning now that the apostle is on the seen. How sad! I pray that you the student would get a strong foundation of the prophetic ministry from both testaments. It not only brings balance and equilibrium, but also acknowledges your critical research. I for one am for effective modules for growth in scriptural studies. Many come and go like a forceful wind, here today and gone later today, doing more damage among the corporate anointing by failing to embrace the plenary and harmony of scripture. I pray that you will grow in grace and not groan in disgrace.

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CHAPTER 5

THE MORE SURE WORD OF PROPHECY

We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: 2 Peter 1:19

Other translations and paraphrases

...the word of prophecy made more sure...ASV

...the word of prophecy confirmed...Wey

...and thus we have gained fresh confirmation of the prophetic word...Mof

...and we have the prophetic word made more sure...RSV

...so we have the message of the prophets more fully guaranteed...Gspd

...all this only confirms for us the message of the prophets...NEB

As mentioned in *chapter 2*, the prophecy of scripture, *is sure* and confirms its assuredness throughout all of history. In each age, period, and span of time, the word of God has stood the very test of time with its *authenticity, integrity, and authority*. And though the writings of *the Koran, Torah, Bhagavad-Gita*, the over 1 dozen supplement books to the Old Testament by the Catholic Church, etc., have existed for centuries, it is never to be compared to the significant truth that Jesus Christ was first the Word from the beginning...

John 1:1-14; Revelation 3:14; Genesis 1:1; Colossians 1:16-18; 1 John 2:13-14

The Word of God from the beginning (Christ, before he came to earth) acknowledge the written word as our foundation. Therefore, if you are of another *religious system* and boast on the length of chronological years that your sacred writings have existed, then stick around, for there is more you need to know concerning the WORD from the beginning. For the written Holy Scriptures are a

divine expression of God whom has spoken before time and now speaks. He, the Lord himself, *began the beginning*, and abides in the realm of eternity. He has never had to prove his existence, nor will he ever have to...*Genesis 1:1*

Historically, many notable persons of religious systems (*Hinduism, Zoroasterism, Sikh, Jainism, Bahai-ism, Shintoism, Taoism, Confucism, Islam, Mormonism, JW, Christian Science*), etc., have claimed infallibility of their sacred scrolls and texts. However, all of these historical and religious icons have long passed away. But the difference with those born and begotten of God is the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. He proved the validity of the word through His resurrection life.

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Jesus' resurrection marks the beginning of a new era of which all men can have the assurance and hope of knowing him and making him known. Again the proof of the pudding is in the resurrection power of the risen Lamb. He kept his word, and the scriptures foretold of his glorious redemption and resurrection. Though man has tried to concoct many schemes to disprove his resurrection, or to consider dispelling Christ as a mythical compilation, the resurrection still remains a powerful force in the life of God's people everywhere and for all times.

The More Sure Word of Prophecy

Peter makes a point by referencing the fact that God himself spoke from heaven, but now also speaks from his holy and written word as recorded in *verses 18-19* of our theme chapter. I believe Peter the apostle was making a point in suggesting believers to give the earnest heed and utmost attention to the proceeding word of God {the Spirit of the Word, the presence of Christ made alive in us} and His written word which is the word for all time. This living and incorruptible word {His seed within} has stood the test of time. This same word of verse 19 is described as "*more sure*," as I also liken this to the words below...

Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste (or forced to flee)...Isaiah 28:16

The reason why I am saying this is because many believers have built their foundation on personal prophecy, dreams, and visions, special prayers, and other subjective experiences, which is not consistent with the prophecy of scripture. The prophecy of scripture coupled with the proceeding word of God is a profound dimension of the prophetic. All other levels or dimensions of the prophetic acknowledges the prophecy of scripture as being *prophetic in nature, as revealed by the rhema of the Spirit*. The word of the Lord is a sure foundation.

Let's refer to this marvelous and magnificent voice from heaven as taken from the accounts of the mountain of God with Moses in Exodus 3:5. Not forgetting, the mount of Transfiguration of Matthew 17:1-9 with Jesus. Here, the voice of

God was heard audibly and was never intended to replace the encouraging need for saints from the daily delving into the prophecy of scripture. The audible voice heard confirms what God is and has said concerning the person of the Lord Jesus Christ through his written counsels, and in no wise takes away one's own personal commitment of the study and application of the Holy Scriptures. Therefore, if you sincerely desire to receive and release a level of grace in the prophetic dimension, begin by taking note of the following scripture...*John 7:38...He that believeth on me as the scripture said, out of his belly (put your name here) shall flow rivers of living water.*

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Mark 16:17 surely says "And these signs shall follow them that believe," but the *question stems from what do you believe*. Do you believe the *life giving nature of God through his word, or by mere personal experiences*? Are you following around town some spooky-spiritual prophet who has become the voice of God for your conscious, or do you simply believe the authority and integrity of the written word of God through his intimate voice in you?

Belief is a major part of the growth and life of the believer. What you believe results in what you will *think and feel*. If you believe God to be unfair in the streams of your life, while attributing every negative experience thereof to satan, you may possibly interpret the word out of such conviction, potentially imparting such deceitful values into many others. And if you are a prophet or any inspired speaker and oracle of God, hurt and mentally abused over life situations, *feeling rejected and misunderstood by all*, then there is a strong chance you will transfer that hurt and rejection to others. For this is what you choose to believe, and your mind and emotions will interpret or approach the scriptures from such inner raging belief system, resulting in *you* dispensing this same belief into others, especially if you are an elder in the assembly.

Lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled...Hebrews 12:15

Therefore, proper approach to the "*more sure word of prophecy*" is essential to personal growth in the believer. This is not to say that the word of God will work like some magical talisman or mythical *Aladdin's Lamp*, three rubs, and out comes a puff of pink smoke to give you your hearts desire! No! But as a prophetic people, we are encouraged in a practical understanding in the assurance of abiding on the solid foundation of the word, as we continue to look unto Jesus Christ the Author and the Finisher of our faith...*Hebrews 12:2*

Though prophetic people are often known for spontaneity, subjectivity, dreams, visions, divine utterances, and a whole lot of "The Lord told Me's," the word of God should still hold a top priority in each one's personal development and progression. We truthfully need the stabilizing of the more sure word of prophecy. We must continue to confirm through the written counsels what God is saying to

us by His Spirit. Thank God for the continuity and consistency of the word of God, because of Jesus Christ, the WORD of God from the beginning.

Charity never fails: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge (1 Cor. 8:1), it shall vanish away. 1 Corinthians 13:8

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A FURTHER LOOK AT 2 PETER 1:19-21

Notice verse 19-21, again...

If the word of God is the more sure word of prophecy and has withstood the test of time, then what are some things, which we are not to be building *upon as our hope and assurance* in the fulfillment of God's word? What certain factors or things constitute an inferior or shaky foundation? Students, let's look at three things below, and for your home work this week list three other things or variations of some of the below mentioned...

1 - We can't build upon crowds in an assembly or people's personal promises to you, especially the folks who are always shouting "I'm with you 24-7," "You can always count on me, always!" As a leader, I can expect to see individuals developed in personal and corporate commitment, but I don't build a ministry on the "Wow, Hallelujah, Dynamite, Super, Terrific, Awesome, Great, Fantastic, Etc. For those feelings and internal states within others are subject to change. Simply put, my strength and trust is in the Lord, and my comfort and encouragement is in the daily application of his illumined word, not the emotional changes of people, nor the filled seats on Sunday Morning!" *1 Chronicles 21:1; Jer. 17:5*

2 - We can't build upon and characterize our life by subjective experiences such as *revelation kicks, frills, chills, thrills, spills* etc. This is not a sure foundation. You may feel wonderful in response to the move of God in your life through revelation, dreams, visions, etc. But remember this, the *word of God and valid oversight* serves as the balancing spiritual authority to the operating gifts of the Spirit. And the local assemblies help to prevent one from becoming too individualistic, withdrawn, aloof, and a loner. *Psalms 68:6; 1 Corinthians 14, Ezekiel 13...* One can have valid *spiritual* experiences and another can claim to be *spiritualistic*. One can claim blessings and be without spiritual order. But remember divine order equals divine presence.

3 - We don't build upon private interpretations and extreme isolated portions of the scriptures. The word which, we teach and preach must harmonize with the whole of God's revelation. The danger of interpreting the word at the exclusion of the whole of God's word leads to *ism, schism*, and breeds *church splits*. In interpreting the word, one must understand the principle of "legalism &

fanaticism." Each is *an extreme of the opposite end*. One may legalistically pronounce women as being too worldly looking, having their skirt and dress length measured at the door of the assembly, *faces checked for make-up*, and lips examined for lipstick.

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And I knew of some leaders, which suggested all women as being prostitutes for considering wearing lip-gloss. I have witnessed on many occasions how legalism and fanaticism has brought many into religious and self-righteous bondage. Such places that call themselves officially 'The Church' is really a breeding ground for sin consciousness, as a works mentality is rooted in a sin consciousness.

Peter goes on to say in verse 19, that by taking heed (giving ear, audience) to the Holy Spirit through the written word, *illumination* will follow. We all have come through periods where we questioned our certainty of the word and have groped in the dark. But living truth brought hope again into our lives. No more over dependency of the prophetic, but a balanced understanding that the written word is to have chief significance in our personal and corporate life. *Not spooky experiences, nor halos and revelation rainbows*, but the authority of the word and our love for the word as well. Read *Psalms 119th* chapter...

The Day dawn and the daystar all speaks of the Spirit of Christ bringing to light the things in us that were once hidden. Whether hidden sin (*a personal matter*), hidden *weaknesses*, or *hidden potential*, God is faithful to you, in the dark and in the light. We must begin to grasp the truth that all darkness is not demonic. All darkness is not *devilish* and satanic. For there is an attribute of God's nature that will have us searching him out. But then, that is another level of subject altogether. *Psalm 16:10; 139:8; Revelation 1:18; Matthew 10:28; Proverbs 25:2*

He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him was dark waters and thick clouds of the skies. Psalms 18:11

As I have said before, God is faithful *throughout all generations* to his children. In the mind of God, all things work together for good. He has nothing to discard or waste. He will use whatever it takes to bring you and me into *perfection and maturity*. He will see to it that through the darkness, you will discover his light. Through the times of *obscurity, broken promises, unfulfilled dreams, let downs, hang ups, faults, failure, confusion, etc.*, He was there! He brought you through some dark spots and murky places only to bring (or burst) forth his Day dawn and daystar from within you! *1 John 2:7-8; Psalm 119:105*; For He is Lord of all!

This is important reason why we must give audience to the living word and his inspired speakers of the word, as the light continues to shine through darkness. *John 1:3-5; Isaiah 60:1-2; Exodus 25:22*

It will minister to you like a *lamp shining in gloomy places*. It will *illuminate* your mind to the mind of the Spirit. It will cause the newness of the morning to break forth from within you. Great is God's faithfulness! **Lamentations 3:22-26**

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Always balance your spiritual regimen of "Christian radio and television with the quiet of the secret place, the time you *draw near to the Lord*. More assemblies and other appointed gatherings will flow in a greater *corporate anointing and dimension when we define one of our most core values in personal study of the word*. Remember when you love Him, you will surely be in love with his word!

Psalms 119:9-11, 15-16,18, 33, 40, 54, 57, 81, 93-94, 97, 103-105, 114, 131, 133, 164, 171-76

Verse 20, of Peter's writings reveals another important area of development towards the word. It is called "interpretation." In the original language interpretation is defined below...(Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible)

Pithron: to open up as in interpreting a dream...(Hebrew)

Peshar: found throughout the book of Daniel...(Chaldee)

In the New Testament Greek as follows...

Diermeneuo (interpret): to explain thoroughly, to translate, expound...

Hermeneia: hermeneutics: translation...

Hermeneuo: as the god of language: Greek god Hermes, messenger of deities, also means to explain the meaning of words in a different language;

Methermeneuo: to explain over, translate

Epilusis: explanation, application. From another word meaning "to solve further, explain. decide, determine, expound. This word is take from 2 Peter 1:20...(private interpretation)

Note below some other renderings of verse 20..."*no prophecy of the scripture...*"

"Can be understood through one's own powers..." Gspd

"Allows a man to interpret it by himself..." Mof

"Is the subject of private interpretation..." Knox

"Is a matter of one's own interpretation..." NASB

"Arose from the individual's interpretation of truth..." Phi

"As ever thought up by the prophet himself..."Tay

Interpretation is a vital part in understanding the scriptures. It has become the subject of many centuries as men and women sought for clarity and accuracy of

truth through critical examination. 2 Timothy 2:15

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The big issue these days though, is, can an individual believer interpret the scriptures in his or her own privacy, or do they need a caravan to follow them home to ensure scriptural accuracy? Yes, one can interpret the word in their personal study time! *No*, they do not need any *storm troopers* to invade their *privacy*. There is nothing absolutely wrong with *personal devotion* through scripture study. The problem sometimes is, how we interpret, and for what reason or motivation. Note the following...

Mr. Spiritual Man is so deep, so revelatory, such a profound thinker, that he has come to the conclusion that local churches are *Babylonian bondage*, and anyone a part of an organized and institutionalized assembly is of the devil, for God wants us all *separate* unto himself!

What's wrong with this picture?

Sister Sexy interprets fornication to be okay, as long as your spirit is not touched or defiled by it. In other words, what's done in the flesh is flesh, and what's done in the spirit is spirit. So don't get alarmed she says, for your spirit has *nothing to do with it!*

What's wrong with this picture?

Reverend Loudest can preach you up a storm. He gets a *favorable response* in his church *because he's a screamer*. However, Reverend Loudest interprets this with numerous scriptures that the anointing is only on hollering and hoop, but never on soft speaking voices. In other words, all preachers who don't yell *are not* God's preachers at all, and the more you scream while preaching is an indicator that you are highly anointed to preach!

What's wrong with this picture?

The problem with all three persons in the above example is, they have misinterpreted the word. Now, we may not always be around to hear and see each spiritual son and daughter of the assembly digging into the scriptures, but it is important that believers take time to develop effective study habits, valuing the harmony of scripture and not going off on some tangent. The following list proves how some believers *interpret the word with curious conviction*.

Interpreting the word to mean *one's culture is superior than others...*

Interpreting the word to mean tithing is now illegal and should not be practiced by believers.

Interpreting the word to mean Jesus was *married in heaven* before he was born on earth...Mormonism

Interpreting the word to mean *owning a television set or watching television is sinful and demonic* (UPC) doctrine.

Interpreting the word to mean *computers and credit cards is the antichrist...*

Interpreting the word to mean one can have multiple wives in a free nation...

Interpreting the word to mean Christianity means cutting off from all family members, becoming cultic and aloof, exclusive and reclusive...

Interpreting the word to mean all wearing of jewelry is secular and sinful...

Many of the above factors involving interpretation are pride, rebellion, anger, jealousy, fear, confusion, legalism, fanaticism, unbelief, etc. Any one of the above can find its motivation in such poor value systems.

Now Peter is first characterizing the word of God as **[1]** *a more sure word*, **[2]** *of no private interpretation*, and **[3]** *given by the Holy Ghost* whom holy men of God spoke through. These three *essential characteristics* can be a starting point for believers today in valuable study time and scriptural consistency. **One**, we must remember *it's assuredness as it has withstood the test of time*. **Two**, we must value the *harmony of the scriptures* and compare accordingly without being *argumentative, defensive, arrogant, prideful, confused, and drawn into it with spooky spiritual ideas*. For *Psalms 119* chapter is a good starting scripture to read. In it are the vital characteristics and earmarks of what the word is and does. And **third**, we must value its genuine source, its true origination, not adding or taking away. Although the Spirit of truth illumines us, it does not mean for us to add anything. Keep this in mind it is *illumination, not addition*. The same Holy Spirit who inspired the writing of the Holy Scripture is the same Spirit whom will enlighten your spirit to HIS truth. And prophetic people in particular should value this core kingdom principle while emerging into *prophethood*.

If you are a prophet or anyone in the prophetic dimension, the living word must take shape within you. You cannot depend on *personal prophecy* at the exclusion of a *firm foundation*. You cannot rely upon your *dreams and visions* to give you the message of the week and you must always approach the word with an attitude of humility, and not *arrogant smug*. Just remember the prophecy of scripture is God's promise all laid out for you. And if you have not gotten a prophetic word from a prophet lately, and are walking out the word in obedience to God, then you are up to date without having to run through town looking for the prophet. Just remember the prophet *Jesus* is in you and so is his word!

Our Approach to the Prophecy of Scripture

Proper approach with the highest regard to the prophecy of scripture helps the student of prophecy to grasp a tremendous wealth of resource for a balanced kingdom living. All prophecy has its context & usage, so handle with care.

The word of God should be received in both Spirit and in Truth. Never exclude the principle of truth while attempting to bank on *Spirit* only. And never ignore the revelation and the dimension of the Spirit while trying to master the *letter*, for according to John 4:24, God is a Spirit, and they that worship (or ascribe worth to) him must do so in Spirit and in Truth. Therefore, let the two witnesses of the Word and the Spirit produces proper balance, order, and stability into your life.

Notice the principle below of the two witnesses, via, two being better than one as confirmed by the Preacher in *Ecclesiastes 4:9...*

Moses and Elijah
Word and Spirit
Apostle and Prophet
King and Priest
Mount Zion and Jerusalem
Husband and Wife
Spirit and Soul
Church and Kingdom
O.T and N.T
Sun (day) and Moon (night)
Spirit and Bride
Revelation 11:3-11

The important develop of this chapter is to encourage the believer to give much adherence and sincere appreciation and application to the integrity of the written word, as so many today downplay it due in part to their more spooky sensational revelation. For some church leaders, so long as you have a few scriptures to sling around will suffice for a great Sunday morning feeding in the word. Though I understand that many are preaching the letter that kills without the illumination of the Spirit, this is no reason to shy away form the foundations of our understanding. Although I possess a degree in ministry while other degrees will follow, I do not impose the degree upon the masses as the sole validity of my ministerial experience. I appreciate and applaud anyone who wishes to take a deeper approach through systematic study. Either way, let us be balanced in our expression of ministry, and seek to edify the body of Christ. This is why the Global Leadership Institute is here for you.

But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; 2 Timothy 3:14

CHAPTER 6

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

1 Corinthians 12:1

And though I have the gift of prophecy...1 Corinthians 13:2

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith: Romans 12:6

But covet earnestly the best gift...1 Corinthians 12:31

Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

1 Corinthians 14:1

Of all the spiritual gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12-14, the gift of prophecy seems to be one of the most *sought after expressions of grace and administration* among “Charismatic” believers worldwide. It is this one gift that has become a great controversy in one camp, and a dynamic blessing in another. Nevertheless, the gift of prophecy is an *integral and vital* part to the corporate life, anointing, and destiny of the global saints. To shun it altogether is to fail to embrace the wonderful ways of God for his people. So don’t become partial towards it due in part to a few isolated incidents of *some novices, zealots, and smooth* flattering Balaamites. It will keep you from the encouraging need to be *sharpened* as iron and further developed through discernment and awareness of the pros and cons, and the proper etiquette of the gift of prophecy as *thoroughly laid out in the Holy Scriptures*.

In this particular lesson, we shall format things a *little differently* to help outline some important principles for discussion. And by the end of this class, you will be much more edified and *strengthened* in your walk with God and your understanding of his dimension of grace for his people. Also, I would like to go on record by saying that *God’s will* for his people *is to prophecy*, and to speak forth his *word in one capacity or another*. It is his good pleasure for his little ones to rightly speak forth his oracles, counsel, mind, will, and eternal purpose. For prophecy is not given to the select few, the committee, the advisory board, elders, deacons, council of bishops, etc. Prophecy has been given by the Holy Spirit to the church to *edify and enrich the body*, as well as to convince the unlearned as recorded in 1 Corinthians 14:24. So prepare yourself to grow in leaps and bounds as the gift of prophecy in you is stirred to release the *utterances of God unto edification!*

What is prophecy?

Prophecy is God's divine endowment and measure of grace to speak his mind, will, counsel, and purpose in one's life through the instrumentality of yielded vessels as led of the Spirit of the Lord. Whether giving or receiving personal prophecy, it's understood as...

1- The prophecy of scripture, the more sure word...*2 Peter 1:19-21; 2 Timothy 3:16.....*

2- Speaking boldly the authority of the word as quickened by the Spirit. In such cases, there may not be any depth of prophetic revelation, just the simple prophecy of speaking the already revealed word of God as plainly laid out for us in scripture. This is prophecy on a lower and basic level, and students of the prophetic should be encouraged to excel this area and launch into the deeper dimensions of grace as the Spirit leads them. Many exhorters, intercessors, etc., may have been recognized with this level of grace without ever being deemed as a mature prophet, or a prophet at all. Here, it could also mean just simply quoting the word with passion, conviction, boldness, and with an aim to bless and to edify others. Or, it could also mean that you desire to reaffirm the Christ in you, and make bold confessions of faith of who and whose you are in Christ Jesus. This too, will release the prophetic from the infancy stage to the more mature stages of development. We have to start somewhere so why not here. Amen!

Galatians 2:20; Philippians 4:13, 19; Luke 10:19; Saying the revealed word of God!

3- Speaking to yourselves in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart unto the Lord. *Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16...This is another expression of faith to stir up those prophetic rivers of life. Singing, praising, worshipping, etc., is another venue for releasing the prophetic dimension. In the words of the prophet Elisha, the son of Shaphat...*

But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him. 2 Kings 3:15

The above are three areas of the prophetic which I chose to give to describe a definition of prophecy. Now, let's look at some brief definitions of the term prophecy and prophesy.

From the Hebrew, to prophesy is to "Naba," or bubble up, as in something pouring forth from within you. *John 7:38*. The counterpart word is "nabiy" the prophet. In the New Testament Greek, prophecy can be divided in these word parts: "pro," for forth, and "phecy," to speak. Hence, to speak forth. This is not always foretelling, but also forth-telling.

You may want to refer to chapter 2 of our school or book on the prophetic. There, it will list definitions and characteristics of the prophetic dimension. For

now, we shall delve even further into the deeper dimension of the gift of prophecy, spiritual gifts, usage, and the scriptural guidelines in speaking or receiving a word from the Lord!

Is all Prophecy a gift?

As there is a distinction with the gift and interpretation of tongues and the devotional life of *ministering* unto the Lord in tongues, so is there a distinction between just simply confessing the word in faith and becoming an actual divine oracle of God. In other words, it may involve faith, the word, prayer, and praise for one to abound richly in the prophetic, but simply quoting scriptures in *faith believing* is not necessarily flowing in the gift of prophecy, although the prophetic dimension, whatever level it is on, requires a measure of faith. Meaning, *prophesying* does not make you a prophet, nor does preaching make you an evangelist. Administration does not make you a pastor, nor teaching traditional Sunday School make you a five-fold teacher. And beloved, traveling as a missionary to a leper camp does not mean you are an apostle sent by God.

Proclaiming a good word at times can become an oracle of God, a *divine utterance* of grace as the Spirit directs (1 Peter 4:11), but never confuse simple exhortation with the gift of prophecy, although simple gift prophecy does edify (*build up*), exhort (*stir up*), and comfort (*cheer up*). Again, a lower form of the prophetic is simply encouraging others through the holy written scriptures, for there is no depth of the prophetic dimension involved! However, when the *rehearsing of the word* of God is coupled with the unction of the Holy Spirit to speak the mysteries of God (1 Corinthians 13:2), and to reveal his will in a situation, then prophecy is received on another level of grace. 1 Cor. 14:26

What is a manifesting spiritual gift?

The word "*gift*" in the New Testament holds different words and meanings. The word "*charisma*" is perhaps the most widely understood term in the Greek as held among many Spirit filled camps. This word simply means "a divine gratuity, i.e. deliverance (from danger or passion); (spec.) a (spiritual) endowment, i.e. (subj.) religious qualification, or (obj.) miraculous faculty:-(free) gift." This word is taken from another Greek word in the Strong's Concordance, which is defined "*to grant as a favor, i.e. gratuitously, in kindness, pardon, or rescue - deliver, (frankly) forgive, (freely) give, grant.*" [Strong's]

Notice below the scriptures which uses the word "*charisma...*"

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Rom. 1:11...that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established.

1 Corinthians 1:7...So that ye come behind in no gift...

1 Timothy 4:14...Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given to you by prophecy...

2 Timothy 1:6...stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

1 Peter 4:10...As every man has received the gift...

Thus, Charisma is Charismatic!

Now, note below the Greek derivatives or related terms of "*charisma*." [Strong's]

Chairo- to be cheerful, calmly happy or well-off, a salutation as in meeting or parting (farewell), be glad, God speed, greeting, *hail*, joy, joyfully, *rejoice*.

Charizomai- to bestow a favor unconditionally, is used of the act of forgiveness, whether divine or human...*Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 2:13; 1 Corinthians 2:7*

Chara- joy: cheerfulness, calm delight, gladness; Here the kingdom of God is Joy. *Romans 14:17; 15:13*...The fruit of the Spirit is joy: *Gal. 5:22; Phil. 1:25; 2:2*

Charis- grace: graciousness, divine influence upon the heart, favor, benefit; *John 1:14*: Also, read all of the "grace be to you and the grace of our Lord scriptures." *Eph. 4:7*

Charisma- gifts: gratuity, spiritual endowment, divine ability, & miraculous faculty, free gift.

Charismatic- a term taken from the Greek relating to the gifts and grace of God, Spirit-filled believers, charismatic renewal, and anyone presently being filled with the Holy Spirit.

These very important terms above characterize the present truth operation of the Spirit.

And while we are on the subject of divine gifting, let's list the three major categories of these grace gifts in the corporate church, and then we shall list briefly the spiritual gifts of First Corinthians 12:4-10. Note the following principles below...

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1- *Ministry of Helps*...1 Cor. 12:28; Romans 12:4-8

2- *Manifestations and gifts of the Holy Spirit*...1 Corinthians 12-14

3- *Ascension Gifts of Ephesians* 4:11-16; 1 Cor. 12:28

Now, the nine listed spiritual gifts or divine manifestations of the Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12:4-10...

1- The Manifestations of Revelation: Knowing Ministry

A - Word of Wisdom: Supernatural insight and revelation into the divine purpose and will of God. Understanding the true nature of things. *John 4:16-19; 1 Kings 3:16-28*

B - Word of Knowledge: Supernatural revelation and divine insight revealing the mind, will and purpose of others, including facts revealed without the natural apprehension of men. *1 Kings 6:8-10; Matthew 16:16; Acts 5:3-4*

C - Discerning of Spirits: Supernatural revelation and insight into the realm of spirits, and the operation behind them. *Note: 1 John 4:1-6; 1 Timothy 4:1-3; Luke 13:16; Acts 13:9-10*

2- The Manifestations of Demonstration: Doing Ministry

A - Gift of Faith: Special faith, supernatural ability to believe God for the impossible, without fear, doubt, or unbelief. It is the life of Abraham of *Genesis 12-22*, as he was first the father of TRUST. *Romans 4:17 and Galatians 3...Read also Mark 11:22-24: Book of Acts {Action, Activity, Activation, Active Rhythm}*

B - The Gifts of Healings: Supernatural ability and power of God to heal all manners of sicknesses and diseases without the aid, support, or medical assistance of men. *Mark 16:18; Matthew 9:35; 10:1; Luke 9:1-2, 11; 1 Kings 17:19-24; Exodus 15:26: Book of Acts*

C - Working of Miracles: Supernatural ability to transcend and supersede the natural laws and realm, power to intervene, an ability by God for the impossible. This realm of faith includes creative miracles beyond the ordinary and supernatural signs and wonders. *Psalms 107; Mark 9:23; Hebrews 2:3-4; Exodus 7:10-14; 2 Kings 4; John 14:12; Mark 11:22-24*

3 - The Manifestation of Inspiration: Speaking Ministry

A - The Gift of Prophecy: Supernatural utterance or word given in your native tongue not conceived by human reasoning or rationale. *1 Corinthians 14, and the O.T. Prophets.*

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B - The Gift of Tongues: Supernatural gift enabling you to speak in another language not of your *own native tongue*. Confirmed for both devotional and corporate expression and use in *Isaiah 28:11; Mark 16:17 and 1 Corinthians 14*, this diversity of languages is a companion to the Gift of the Interpretation of Tongues also in *1 Corinthians 14*.

C - The Interpretation of Tongues: This gift of the Spirit enables you to interpret in your native tongue what is being spoken in other tongues. [*1 Cor. 14 and Acts 2*]. Also note, that the corporate gift or administration of tongues is distinctly different

from the personal devotion of the believer speaking in other tongues. For the gift with the interpretation is for *public edification*, and the other is for personal and *private devotion*. True, devotional tongues can be spoken within the assembly, but they are not for the body. Again, they are for the personal development and devotion of the believer. *Jude 20*...When the manifestation of tongues become corporate for expression interpretation is needed for the whole gathering to be edified. I have been in meetings where the tongues were blurted out indiscreetly, and for such cause we need more instruction and training in the Charismata of the Spirit. If corporate expression is merited, they edify the body, if personal, they edify you the believer. .

All in all, the gifts of the Spirit including prophecy, is a valid expression of grace for the corporate life and edification of the church. And if I were to continue in this portion of our teaching with a thought on tongues, it would be this...The *distinct purpose* for the use of tongues in the new testament are as follows...

- 1 - initial evidence with the baptism of the Holy Spirit...*Acts 2:1- 4; 19:1- 6*
- 2 - personal devotion and personal edification...*Jude 20*
- 3 - corporate use and edification...*1 Corinthians 12 and 14*

Before we return to the more specific areas of discussion on the gift of prophecy, I thought it appropriate to lay a brief foundation of the spiritual gifts before delving further.

Overall characteristics of Spiritual Gifts including Prophecy...

- 1 - to confirm the word with signs following: *Mark 16:20; Acts 8:4-8*
- 2 - to give testimony with signs, wonders, miracles, Holy Ghost: *Hebrews 2:4*
- 3 - to be imparted into believers, to establish and strengthen church: *Romans 1:11; 1 Timothy 4:14*
- 4 - so that we come behind in no gift: *1 Corinthians 1:7; Romans 15:18-19*

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- 5 - for all believers to have: *John 7:38; Rom. 11:29; Eph 3:19; 1 Cor. 12:7*
- 6 - received by faith: *Hebrews 11:6; 1 Corinthians 12:31; 2 Timothy 1:6*
- 7 - are found in the o.t: *Solomon's word of wisdom, Elijah's working of miracles*
- 8 - are for today: *1 Corinthians 13; John 14:12; Mark 11:22-24; 16:15-20; Jn 7:38*
- 9 - each gift carries a specific purpose to fulfill & you can know their operation: *1 Corinthian 12*

More Principles concerning Prophecy

In this class we make no attempt to cover all of the possible parameters of *prophecy and prophesying*, nor do I wish to list a heaping helping of commentary on the use of prophecy in both testaments. However, what I would like to do is to bring to light some important kingdom principles concerning the *overall usage* and importance of the gift of prophecy.

Vine's and Strong's Definitions included]

1 - Though much of the Old Testament prophecy was *predictive*, prophecy is not necessarily, nor even primarily *fore-telling*. It is the declaration of that which cannot be known by natural means. Therefore, forth telling of the will of God can reference the past, present, and future, yet not be *characterized* as foretelling only.

2 - According to the Greek verb "*prophetueo*," it means to be a prophet and to prophesy as recorded in 1 *Corinthians* 13:9; 14:1, 3-5, 24, 31, 39; *Revelation* 11:3.

3 - Prophetes (prophet) is the Greek word meaning "*one who speaks forth or openly as a proclaimer of a divine message, or the oracles of God.*"

4 - PsuedoProphetes is a false prophet as used in 2 *Peter* 2:1

5 - Prophetis is the Greek word for a female prophetess: *Luke* 2:36; *Revelation* 2:20

6 - Propheteia is the Greek noun for prophecy (*pro-forth, phemi- speak*) which is the oracles, counsel, mind, will, and purpose of God. *Romans* 12:6; 1 *Corinthians* 12:10; 13:2; 14:6, 22; 1 *Timothy* 1:18; 4:14; 2 *Peter* 1:20

7 - Prophetikos is the Greek word of or *relating to prophecy, or proceeding from a prophet*: thus, we get the phrase "*prophetic.*"

8 - God wants his children to prophesy, therefore it is normal, and lawful in request to desire the gift of prophecy. 1 *Corinthians* 14:1; *Numbers* 11:29

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9 - Simple gift prophecy is given to edify (build up), exhort (stir up), and to comfort (cheer up) in 1 *Corinthians* 14:3. Here, the gift is more intensified when you function as a prophet!

10 - When you speak in tongues (devotional) you edify yourself, but when you prophesy, you edify the local church. Therefore, refer back to verse 1. 1 *Cor.* 14:4-5

11 - *Prophecy, knowledge, revelation, spiritual songs, and doctrine* are means to which tongues can be interpreted corporately as recorded in 1 *Corinthians* 14:6

12 - The key for the flourishing of the prophetic dimension is that you seek to excel to the edifying of the church. Remember this is body ministry. 1 *Corinthians*

14:12

13 - Tongues serve as a sign to the unbeliever and prophesying serves as a sign to the believer as recorded in verse 22 of 1 Corinthians 14.

14 - Prophesying convinces unbelievers and the unlearned as well...1 Corinthians 14:24-25

15 - Prophecy or prophesying is stirred {activated, quickened, or made alive} to come forth in the corporate anointing, especially where there is *doctrine, tongues, revelation, psalms, and interpretation*. Everyone's edified when coming together for this one purpose: 1 Corinthians 14:26

16 - Prophets should speak with the intention for others to learn. In other words, you may have one driver at the wheel and not five at the wheel at a time. For if all had their hands on the wheel of the vehicle at one time, will the passengers ever get to where they are suppose to go? I think not! 1 Corinthians 14:29-31. Also, learning is understood here as "*corrective*." For prophecy is not only directive and predictive but corrective. And remember this beloved, that correction is not rejection, but direction.

Now, let's give some guidelines and boundaries for the prophetic at this time...

A - don't interrupt the inspired speaker

B - yield to the person which is being blessed by the Spirit to speak

C - understand that prophetic timing is crucial to the flow of a meeting

D - two of you may have the same word, but not the same anointing and grace to give it. Yield to the higher anointing and discern not to become repetitious.

E - the prophetic speakers are to cooperate, not to compete

F - the speaker should be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's direction and leading

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G - quench not, resist not, and grieve not the Holy Spirit

H - prophets should wait their turn and stop trying to take their turn, get it!

I - confirming is one thing, but being redundant is another. Use discernment

J - sometimes a word you wish to give is not for the corporate anointing, but for you. Discern what is given of the Lord versus human impulse.

K - sometimes a word is quickened in you to privately pray and seek the Father

L - discipline yourself what and when not to speak, be open for change

M - always respect spiritual authority in your midst, otherwise! Respect your elders!

N - do not feel obligated to prophesy a thing, if it is not given by the Spirit, shut up

O - *do not speak contrary to the flow of the Spirit, the word, and the meeting*

P - always work together as a team and never monopolize the meeting

Q - don't talk too fast and don't talk too slow

R - do not draw back when the Spirit says for you to speak

S – When the anointing for a particular thing or unction of the Holy Spirit has lifted, it is time for you to move with the direction of the Holy Spirit, and not to labor on endlessly. When the Lord is done speaking through you, learn to be quiet and submissive, and to flow in the corporate anointing.

T - do not allow certain mannerism and action to distract from the meeting, like throwing your coat in the air after personally prophesying...

U - do not draw attention to you, always glorify Christ, edify the body

V - Don't use the Lord's name in vain. Everything is not the Lord, the Lord, and the Lord. His name is to be lived out in your life, not alone in repeated sentences

W - remain fruitful everyday and not only on the days you prophesy

X - Keep your devotion life strong in the Lord, for the public results from the private. When you pray in secret God rewards you openly

Y - check your motivation in prophesying the word, for there is no place for superstars, or displays and emphasis of how important you think you are

Z - judge prophecy without being judgmental, avoid a critical spirit

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17 - The spirit of the prophets is subject to the prophets.

A - Have you ever watch some preachers while visiting another assembly, and when asked to share a few words *they begin to preach a whole new message?*

B - Have you ever noticed how the *illustrious soloist* on some mass choirs can't seem to stop singing even after the director signals him or her to stop?

C - Have you ever felt quite embarrassed for your spouse or other family members when frequenting a popular *all-you-can-eat buffet restaurant?*

Now you know why the principle is given for the spirit of the prophets being subject to the prophets. We need to train our spirits, mature in our emotions, and crucify the fleshly dictates through the finished work of the Cross, the affirmation of the Done Deal, the finished position of Christ.

18 - Guidelines to follow...

A - have rule over your own spirit: Proverbs 25:28; 29:11, 20

Ecclesiastes 5:1-2

- 1 - keep your foot when you go into the house of the Lord
- 2 - be more ready to hear than to give the sacrifice of fools
- 3 - be not rash with your mouth
- 4 - let not your heart be hasty to utter anything before God
- 5 - let your words be few

B - team ministry is total ministry...1 Corinthians 3:5-8: 3 John 9 -10

In 3 John verses 9-10 Diotrefes loved the preeminence. He received not God's ministry gifts, prating against the men of God with malicious words, ridiculing, accusing, giving idle talk, not content, insatiable, not hospitable, and quite rude. He would not let the assembly become blessed by others, and would put or force you out of HIS founded assembly. The mentality of Diotrefes is still active today. It does not celebrate others, and is insecure, suspicious, and if you ask me, intimidated by YOU! Yes, that's right, Diotrefes is a form of King Saul

C - don't exalt your own gate: Proverbs 17:19

A man's gift will make room for him...Proverbs 18:16

Avoid ambition, do not try to establish your own reputation, and do not *draw attention* to your own self. Remember your gifting and calling to the body is to edify the body!

D - examine your motives: 2 Corinthians 13:5; Acts 8:18-24

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E - exercise patience; Luke 21:19...in your patience, possess your souls...

1 Tim 3:3...*patient, not a brawler...*

2 Timothy 2:24...*must not strive, be gentle to all men, patient*

F - be aware of what and how you prophesy destiny in one's personal life...

1 - divine healing...*Isaiah 53:4-5*

2 - companionship...Genesis 24...Isaac and Rebekah (both will's must be involved)

3 - pregnancies...1 Samuel 1...also Hannah, Mary, Manoah, etc.

4 - new local assembly... *Psalms 37:23*

G - personal prophecy...

1 – personal prophecy is conditional, are you meeting the conditions? *Proverbs 3:5-6*

2 - prophecy is the in-part realm and is not perfection. God's precious giving of the gift is, but not necessarily the manifestation through us. See the difference....
James 1, 1 Corinthians 13:9

3 - prophecy requires faith on your part. *Hebrews 11:1-6*

4 - prophecy is to agree with the written word... *1 John 5:14-15*

5 - prophecy is to never take away or substitute the word of God... *2 Peter 1:19-21*

6 - prophecy is never to substitute spiritual authority... *Hebrews 13:7, 17*

7 - prophecy, like any spoken word requires the proper response to it. *Mt 13:20-21;*

8 - prophecy through faith can quickening and stir you up... *2 Peter 1:13; Romans 10:17; 2 Tim. 1:6*

9 - prophecy has for its chief motivation the love of God... *1 Corinthians 13*

19- HOW TO PROPHECY!

A - *Amos 3:8*, When God speaks, you cannot help but to desire to prophesy...

B - Must have faith; *Hebrews 11:1*

C - Start singing to the Lord in Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs: *Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16*...Psalming before the Lord increases the prophetic flow in you...

D - Start speaking the word out aloud... *Romans 10:17*...It goes down deeper into your spirit and adds rich substance to you this way...

E - Start confessing the promises of God and who you are in Christ. Reaffirm the Christ in you... *Galatians 2:20; 4:19; Philippians 4:13, 19. Etc.*

F – Start out by serving in menial tasks: Learn to serve than to be seen, learning to hear than to be heard. *Ephesians 4:12*

G - Allow your spirit man to remain in the ascendancy...Start speaking to your inner man,

stir up the gifts of God in you...*Ephesians 3:18-19; 2 Timothy 1:6*

H - Prophecy is for your spirit. Stop figuring out things in reason or your head.
2 Corinthians 10:3-6; Proverbs 3:5-6. It is to be received by faith, not by reason!

I - Exercise boldness...*Ephesians 6:19; Phil. 1:14; 1 Corinthians 13:2*...Out of this boldness comes a fresh flow, a fluency of the Spirit, a fresh new flow...

J - Allow the Holy Spirit Comforter be especially your helper, intercessor, advocate, consoler, strengthener, and standby. *John 14:26; 15:26*

K - Start praying in tongues! Try to pray less in your native tongue at times. *1 Corinthians 14. One can minister to God in tongues for hours at a time...*

L - Remember, God wants you to prophesy and edify his body... *1 Cor. 14:1*

20- Have a heart to edify his body and to see his church blossom, grow, to mature, and to become equipped. He will superabundantly pour out measures of his grace when needed the most. **1 Corinthians 14...2 Corinthians 9:8**

HOMEWORK

LIST 10 SCRIPTURES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT OF THE USAGE OF PROPHECY, THE SPIRITUAL GIFT. IN THE NEW TESTAMENT, LIST ONE INSTANCE OF EACH OF THE NINE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT IN OPERATION. HAVE THIS NEATLY TYPED ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER PLEASE. BE PRAYERFULLY PREPARED TO PROPHECY IN THE UPCOMING SESSIONS AS THE LORD GIVES UTTERANCE. WE DO HAVE APPRENTICES HERE, SONS READY TO FLOW FORTH OUT OF THESE MEETINGS. THERE IS NO OBLIGATION TO PROPHECY, BUT WE SHALL COVER DIFFERENT DEPTHS FROM SIMPLY QUOTING THE WORD IN FAITH, TO MATURE PROPHETS WHO SHALL LEAD BY EXAMPLE AND DEMONSTRATION.

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CHAPTER 7

THE ASCENSION GIFT PROPHET: part 1

Perhaps one of my greatest joys in sharing the prophetic dimension with you is concerning the ascension and ministry gift prophet. The prophet is one of the most talked about grace ministries in the assemblies and for a whole lot of reasons. If you are flowing from within mainstream Evangelicalism and Conservative Fundamentalism, the prophet is understood more as an inspired preacher, possibly on the level as *Moody, Calvin, Spurgeon, Wesley, Knox, Luther*, and other such past pioneers of preaching grace. But how many of you well know that prophesying and preaching are simply two different things, just as an evangelist is distinct from the ascension gift prophet? *Romans 12:4-8; 1 Corinthians 12:1-31*

Because a number of non present truth camps oppose the present day ministry of prophets, and would relegate *such valid* expression as past history with the

closing of the canon of scripture, the prophetic then becomes a bit confused in the mind of many. It is regarded primarily as a preacher or an exhorter with fire, zeal, and great grace. But if you would look at the different and distinct words for evangelist and prophet, as well as for prophesying and preaching, you will discover just that, a *delicate and distinct difference* in shades of meaning.

Note below...

A prophet is a proclaimer of a divine message, speaking the *oracles, counsel, mind, will*, and purpose of God. A prophet is a preacher, but all preachers are not prophets. Therefore, a prophet ministers out of a different grace than an evangelist. An evangelist's primary grace is to preach and witness Christ, as well as to perfect the saints as all ministry gifts are to do. An evangelist heralds the good news of Christ and has a strong grace motivation towards the unbelievers.

However, a prophet *ministers out of the utterance of God* and is a foundation ministry with the apostle. A prophet reveals the mind of God, whereas the evangelist preaches the heartbeat of God for personal relationship with those who don't know Christ personally. Yes, evangelists may stir you up a bit, and some, depending on ethnicity, culture, and geography, and understanding of scripture may even pump and prime you (*which are not good at all*); but their main message is preaching the person of Jesus Christ. A prophet may carry a grace for understanding the purpose of God for the direction and destiny of the church at large. But an evangelist largely ministers around the gospels and presents Christ in such a reality that lifts the words off of the pages into the hearts and lives of people everywhere.

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But here is where it gets interesting, in that it is not restricting the Evangelist to simply preaching the person of Christ, or a Prophet to prophesy with the depth and the profundity of the Spirit. For there are prophetic evangelists and evangelistic prophets, as such there are prophetic apostles and apostolic prophets. We are not limiting all evangelistic favor to evangelists, just putting a few items of discussion in proper place.

Any ministry gift of Ephesians 4:11 can preach Christ, but let's go further on!

Each ascension and ministry gift carries an anointing and presence with them. When an evangelist is in operation, there is a presence to quicken the hearts unto conviction and the grace to quicken others that Jesus has already accepted them, and that they too can enjoy a new walk with Christ through personally acknowledging Christ in their life. With a prophet there is a presence to be *stirred* to the voice of God. When there is an apostle in your midst there is a passionate presence to reform foundations. However, on the mission field, any of these

giftings may appear similar in expression. Still, there are distinct levels of grace and understanding for each ministry gift. No one word definitions and no generic classifications either. We simply wish to make a few adjustments in your thinking.

Prophets are known by divine inspiration to largely speak the oracles or utterances of God, evangelists to preach the person of Christ, apostles to establish the church, on a strong foundation, and shepherds to care for the flock.

Now, if you are flowing from *Charismatic and Pentecostal circles*, the prophet may be understood on a number of levels. Because many have prophesied before, they have now deemed themselves to be true prophets only because they have prophesied. But beloved, prophesying does not make you a prophet no more than preaching make you an evangelist. You must distinguish between the grace and *administration* of the Spirit given.

In prophetic circles where present truth is being restored, the prophet is much more embraced than in most camps I have ever been in. This does not make present truth prophetic assemblies superior to others. But it does help us to understand that prophetic centers with the vision of the Spirit and the stabilizing direction of the Spirit are on the cutting edge of bringing the right configuration to the saints, and the reforming of the church to reform the nations.

So, to begin with, let's look at some general principles of prophets and their respected ministry, and a further look at some things, which characterizes the false prophetic...

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Part 1

- What kind of a prophet are you?
- Are you a prophetic pastor or a pastoral prophet?
- Are you a prophetic apostle or an apostolic prophet?
- Are you a statesman prophet like Joseph and Daniel?
- Are you a prophet with a strong message of judgment?
- Are you a prophet of a more Pentecostal order?
- Are you a resident or house prophet in your assembly?
- Are you a prophet to the greater Houston region?
- Are you a prophet to the nations?
- Are you a prophetic minister and not a prophet?
- Are you prophet in life or prophetic-like?
- What revelation truth are you pioneering?

Prophetic Diversity

Diversity, and different measures of rule characterize today's prophets. Some prophets are more or less of a different order as confirmed by the principle of " 1

Corinthians 12:4-12; 15:23; Romans 12:4; Ephesians 4:11. What this means is, that prophets are distinct in anointing and operation as pastors are in shepherding local assemblies. The grace and administration for Rod Parsley is different than the grace of Bishop *T.D Jakes* and *Dr. Mark Chironna*. The administration of the Spirit is different for *Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart* and *Dr. Luther Blackwell*. The diversity of operation for *Earl Paulk* is not the same as the operation of the Spirit for *Dr. Fred K. C. Price*. Each has a different and distinct anointing to shepherd a flock. Some are more evangelistic and others are more of a teaching anointing. Each are respected in their flowing streams, and each has a distinct dimension that they serve in.

When it comes to the prophetic dimension, you have quite a many in prophetic grace with degrees of anointing of diversity in expression. Notice a few names mentioned that are flowing in the prophetic dimension...I choose to mention the ladies in this segment first...

Juanita Bynum {Weeks} – A prophet with a fiery bold anointing of holiness
Cindy Coates – a prophetic pastor with a powerful third day message
Barbara Yoder – apostolic prophet with Barbara Wentroble a prophetic apostle.
Kim Daniels – a prophet apostle in deliverance breakthrough ministry
Cindy Jacobs – a prolific prophetic intercessor with apostolic grace
Pam Vinette – a prophet with a voice to bring change in our social structures
Clarice Fliutt – an apostolic prophet with a message of the king and his kingdom
Klaune Spake – an apostle with a strong prophetic teaching anointing
Paula White – a prophetic pastor who speak into people's purpose & destiny
Diane Palmer – a prophet widely known for activation of gifts and ministries

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Hello gentlemen...

Paul Cain – a seasoned prophet from the Latter Rain Movement
John Eckhardt – an apostle and prophet to the nations
Chuck Pierce – a prophet apostle with deep intercession ministry
Bob Jones – a prophet widely used of the Lord in the USA
Bill Hamon – a prophetic apostle and overseer of many prophetic ministries
Doug Fortune – an apostolic prophet of the third day finished work message
Mike Bickle – a prophet flowing fluently in the Bridegroom - Bride message
Steve Everett – an apostle with a powerful prophetic message of the kingdom
Veron Ashe – a prophet widely recognized for prophetic accuracy and boldness
Kim Clement – a prophet and minstrel to the nations – bold kingdom message

Let the prophets and prophetic people arise...

Are you called to the ascension gift ministry of the prophet or are you simply prophetic? For the [ic] implies of or relating to the prophet, but not necessarily limited to the prophet. The [ic] is liken to the apostle, for you can be apostolic, but never an apostle. The seventy in the book of Luke were apostolic, but were not specifically mentioned of as apostles. Just as one can be evangelist-ic, and not

walk in the life of an evangelist. *One is like and the other is life!*

The (*et*) in prophet does not make you any more important than the (*ic*) of one who is not called to the life of a prophet. Yes, there is importance in the priority of the ministry gifts, but although we are all a part of the priesthood of believers and are equal in worth and value unto God, all are not equal in *anointing, ability, and authority*. The grace to give prophetic depth is not the same for everyone. And the (*ic*) must respect God's authority in the (*et*) as all are servants to God and to one another. All ministry gifts find its character, expression, and completeness in the Christ, not in another man. So no matter what order or degree of the prophetic you function in, recognize for sure that the true prophet, who is Christ, is ministering through *you as all gifts and anointing of God glorify Christ!*

Prophets, true or false...

Before we go into the depth of *prophethood*, let's discuss for a little bit some things often of which people deem as the ascension gift prophet. Let me say with loving honesty that it is not my intention to be merely picky and troublesome, nor is it my intention to start a fight over whose expression is right or wrong. But in order to get to the table set before you us Psalms 23, we must *aggressively press through those enemies* which stand to keep us from the Father's provision...*Read Genesis 3 concerning the way to Eden...*

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1 - Prophets of God are not Psychics: The term "*psychic*" is related to the mind and the seat of man's mental faculty. With a more spiritualistic new age twist, the psychic is highly esteemed world over as some sort of voice of God-consciousness. The psychic is recognized for uttering facts about man not given to them directly from man, but from some cosmic energy or *source of the spiritual world*. This may be noted by use of tarot cards, Clairvoyance, crystal balls, star gazing, water witching, Necromancy, astral projections, ouija boards, and a host of other objectives to validate their claims to the spiritual realm.

Read 1 Samuel 28:5-20; John 4:23-24; John 10:1-16

2 - Prophets of God are not caught up in fascination: Many believers are caught up in the realm of fascination. They are simply motivated by the external and not the internal, the temporal and not the eternal. For them, the prophetic merits a whole bunch of "ooh's and aaah's, as the prophet is the center stage performance of the hour. However, Paul the apostle has a word concerning this as found in *Gal. 3:1...*

"O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that you should not obey the truth.."

Fascination has to do with the government of the senses. One can be motivated by the external realm or devil chasing (spiritual ghost busters), spooky-spirituals,

glaring down your throat or by looking deep into your eyes for a message from God. They can be tantalized, teased, enticed, and warped with a curiosity about life. If so such a person will minister out of those same deceitful values. Note below some mindsets...

He shook my hand so that means he will be my new mate -

He couldn't look me in the eyes because he knows I have the gifts in me -

God told me that everyone else is jealous of me -

God told me that my shape is going to make other women's men come after me -

I can never keep a job because I keep witnessing to folks on company time

I can't keep a house or car, because God has told me to live in the wilderness -

All light-skinned children with pretty hair are smart. Dark ones are not -

Beloved, in each of the above *silly statements*, these persons may have twisted notions and gross imaginations. Their motivation may be of question, too. Many of the above mindsets are often bound by subjective experiences, letting their guards way down, too yielding, and moved by the more goose-bump type services with frills, thrills, and chills.

3 - Prophets of God are not Money-hungry: Prophets of the Lord are not Simon sorcery in Spirit. True prophets will not let money motivate their ministry. When you find such prophets on the love-of-money kick, then you have found a hireling spirit that does not care for the sheep.

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Money-hungry prophets are covetous, and may be motivate by a fee to prophesy. They are found in many assemblies around the world, but especially in American cities. They wear costly clothing and lots of jewelry to impress the people that God is really with them. They are always having a ton of church services, survival revivals, etc., to get people to give. They prey on their victims continuously. Largely known in the inner cities, too, and tends to draw in numerous women, the tragedy at times results in sexual malice and deviancy.
Numbers 22-24; Jude 11; Revelation 2:14; Nehemiah 13:2; 1st Timothy 6:5-11;

4 - Prophets of God do not prophesy their own will: *Ezekiel 13* is appropriate reading concerning the false prophet who follows his own spirit and has seen nothing. They see and speak vanity, prophesy over 95% concerning "Stuff", but not God's purpose. The entire chapter of *Ezekiel 13* confirms the diversity of the false prophet. For they prophesy lies in the name of the Lord, possess no command or authority by God, and prophesy unprofitable things to many people. Akin to the Balaam spirit, they operate out of a spirit of familiarity and divination.
Deuteronomy 13:1-3; 18: 22; Jeremiah 2:8; 5:31; 14:14 23:16; Ezekiel 13:3-5, 10-15, 17-23; Hosea 9:7; Micah 3:5; Zephaniah 3:4; Zechariah 13:3-4; Now, notice below these New Testament scriptural principles...

Matthew 7:15-23: sheep's clothing (outwardly), ravenous wolves (inwardly): you will know them by their fruit and roots, not merely by their gifting.

Luke 6:26: flattery and false prophets go hand in hand...*Job 32:21-22*
1 *John 4:1*...many false prophets are in the land.

Revelation 19:20; the destruction of false prophets; *20:10*; the origin of false prophets as confirmed in *John 8:44*..."you are of your father the devil..."

5 - Prophets of God are lovers of God's word or truth: *2 Timothy 2:15; 3:14-16*; Prophets of the Lord are lovers of the word because they first love God. Prophets of the word will not wrestle with the scripture, nor will they be characterized by promoting their personal prophecy to the *over the Holy Scriptures*. Prophets of God will always lead you to the glorification of Christ and never to themselves. True prophets abhor and despise false prophecy and the spirit of error. *1 Timothy 4:1-3; 1 John 4:1-6*; True prophets understand the potential of mixture in the prophetic, as the debris of self, carnality, flesh, man-pleasing, the demonic, and other such influences lay wait at the door of some to enter in. Note below some examples of *false doctrine*...

[doctrine of Balaam (wrong spirit about another): Revelation 2:14]

[doctrine of the Nicolaitanes (clergy-laity spirit)...Revelation 2:15]

[doctrine of Jezebel (independent & covenant breaking spirit)...Revelation 2:20]

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Therefore, stay in love with the Lord and his word, as this becomes the *two-witness* principle within you. And, if you ever hear of any so-called prophet who plays down the glorious light of the gospel of Jesus Christ, or snicker at the need to stay in constant fellowship and communion with the Lord, mark them!

Notice the scripture given in the following...

Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them, which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine, which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple. Romans 16:17-18

Notice below some of the flatteries of today's shaky prophets...

I'm gonna tell you about your past, your present, and your future. I will tell you things that only you and God know about!

They call me the fixer! I can either fix it, or unfix it! Thus saith the prophet!

I have purchased 100 pair of golden colored slippers so that you can slip into your blessing. Just give me a call, and send me \$\$\$\$. You'll be glad that you did!

Place your right thumb on the radio and let the kitchen sink water run. While it is running, place your left thumb on your forehead and envision me coming into your home with a blessing. For I am the prophet of divine power for the hour, the Texas Tornado, the Eagle Eye prophet, the bald headed prophet, the prophet of profit! And I am come to give you my personal blessing and secret formula for

instant miracles! But you've got to let me into your home, and visualize me meeting with you to give you your blessing. I can't meet you all in person, but my spirit-image can meet you at your home! Let me in says the prophet!

Take note of the methods and motives of such prophets

Prophets who advertise their gifts...

Prophets who boast how spiritual they are...

Prophets who say they can fix and unfix things for you...

Prophets who offer weird ideas and things to bless you...

Prophets who desire and demand praise for their prophecies...

Prophets who demand personal blessings from you...

Prophets who claim some special connection with God...

Prophets spending unreasonable and questionable time with the opposite sex...

Prophets who boast on their family lineage as a sign to validate their claims...

Prophets who make light of the word and personal devotion with the Father...

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Prophets who play on your emotions and personal feelings...

Prophets who intimidate, manipulate, and dominate you or others..

Prophets who takes away your ability to choose...

Prophets who insist on becoming your gateway and connection to God...

Prophets who are always boasting on their lonely walk with God...

Prophets who frown at spiritual authority and the local church...

Prophets who are pleasure oriented (sensual, flirty, promiscuous)...

Prophets who lead you to worship another god...

Prophets who will tell you whatever you want to hear...

Prophets who act as reader advisors, first come first serve...

Prophets who stand aloof from being teachable and corrected...

Prophets who demand unquestionable obedience...

Prophets who constantly have to meet in secret places to meet with you...

Prophets who confuse spirituality with being spiritualistic (spiritism, new age)...

Prophets who make light of error, falsehood, and sin...

Prophets who constantly remark that no one else is like himself (pride)...

Prophets who teach doctrines which attack the foundations of faith...

Prophets who prophesy out of familiarity (familiar with you)...

Prophets who are always lamenting how rejected they are wherever they go...

Prophets who prophesy out of condemnation and ill-will, harsh and unforgiving...

Prophets who minister out of performance orientation (may the best man win)...

Prophets who draw their esteem and worth on the gifts of the Spirit...

Prophets who motivate out of fear (the "or else attitude!")...

Prophets too stupid to prayerfully study the scripture, period...

Prophets who are novice and immature (but are not necessarily impure)...

Prophets who don't even live what they preach...

The above mentioned is not designed for you to go and seek out the *shaky*

prophets and those of unstable foundation, but to have at least some understanding of what they are generally characterized by. For I am of the belief that we are to be truth seekers, and not heresy hunters.

By continuance in the word which *discerns the thoughts and the intents* of the heart, and the leading and direction of the Holy Spirit, we will discern when the false is present. We don't necessarily have to attend their every meeting in town to find out who is shaky or flaky. Nor do we have to panic at the presence or mention of such people. What we must do though, is to raise up a righteous standard against that which is not HIS and continue to fill our lives up with truth {maybe the other way around, first, smile}. This will help us to respond accordingly to those questionable in *methods, motives, and mentalities*.

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Note: lack of protocol, ethics, etiquette, and such, does not make one a false prophet. And being a novice does not make you one either. However, we preferred to place these overall characteristics in one lump sum to help you to catch the seriousness of being only what God would have you to be. Sometimes, rather, most times, I prefer to talk about something else, such as sports, outdoors, travel, family, and health.

Let all things be done decently and in order. 1 Corinthians 14:40

Novice and Immature Prophets

Not a novice (newly planted, inexperienced, unfit), lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. 1 Timothy 3:6

Prophets of immaturity are not necessarily prophets of impurity. The difference in a false prophet and a novice baby beginner is that a baby or child is learning to obey and listen, and needs constant supervision, protection, and care. A prophet who claims the ascension gift administration may to be an elder in quality and character. They are expected to be mature and fruitful. The baby may stumble and fall, but the so-called mature prophet who errs in his way can become more dangerous to others for he is not necessarily *ignorant of truth*. His ways may possibly *reveal a deliberate act of disobedience. He may be giving issuance and license to some that if he or she can do it and get by, then so can you.*

Babies carry a sense of innocence about them. But the one, who knows to do what is good and do it not, well, you fill in the blanks...

With babies, unto the pure all things become pure...*Titus 1:15*

In the words of Paul the apostle as found in 1 Corinthians 14:20

Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children

(badness in quality, the opposite of excellence), but in understanding be men.

Note: All novices are not new in prophetic office. Some are seasoned and mature but novice to a new assembly...Yes you can be a novice to an entirely new work and ministry.

A novice, immature, or unfit person needs much nurturing, developing, and mentoring. He is a person unskilled in the word, a babe, sincere in motivation, but lacking training. If such a person is not properly challenged by valid ministry, *he or she can potentially* become lifted up in pride, puffed up, and choose to soon to fulfill certain tasks in life or in the ministry. Therefore, elders, exercise patience and loving godly care for these little ones, *as their time to be favored will come*. For they are in training for reigning!

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To those who have more experience in the prophetic, be encouraged if you feel that your prophetic word was off target. Cool down, rest in the Lord, and remain fruitful to all the various aspects of prophetic life, not only for the need to be accurate. For when the Spirit of the Lord uses someone, he understands their mold, makeup, strength, weakness, and needs. He understands full well that you may not always be as accurate as you intend to be. So don't stay here too long trying to hit the bull's eye in the prophetic. Learn to rest in him and simply remain fruitful to God all times, and not just on the day you would give your prophetic word. *Galatians 5:22-23 (The Fruit of the Spirit is a developing process. You can receive a gift in an instance, but it takes years to develop fruit.)*

TRUE IN CALLING, CHARISMA, CONDUCT, AND CHARACTER...PRINCIPLES OF 1 TIMOTHY CHAPTER THREE...

The prophetic dimension is much more than speaking a prophetic word and being assured of its accuracy. The prophetic dimension also has a lot to do with character and leadership qualifications. A true New Testament prophet, as well as any of the ascension gifts of Ephesians 4:11-16 will possess the qualities of an elder. Since this is part one on the office or ministry of the prophet, I thought it would be appropriate to include some helpful principles of good character and godly substance which takes us from manhood to ministry. For Jesus had 30 years of manhood, and 3 1/2 years of ministry. Meaning, the 10 to 1 ratio is, more manhood than ministry. John the Baptist prepared for 30 years also to fulfill a short-lived ministry, nevertheless, Jesus called him *"more than a prophet!"* Not forgetting, Jesus spent 3/4ths of his ministry training leaders. Yes he did!

So never think that ministry is based on dynamics and super stardom for it is not. Ministry is first unto God then unto one another. Without the quest for character, you are merely chasing a phantom so-to-speak. For character goes hand in hand with the charisma! Character is an issue and matter of the heart. The core of character is being before doing. You are not what you do, but you do what you

are. True character is not alone in ability, but in responsibility. And beloved, true ability is our response to God's ability!

1 TIMOTHY 3

There are basically four areas, which qualifies you in the character of eldership. These qualities are not to become impositional, but relational.

1- Spiritual: 2- Moral Character: 3- Domestic: 4- Ministry

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Spiritual

- A - Born again...John 3:1-5
- B - Water Baptism...Acts 2:38: Mark 16:15-20:
- C - Baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit...Acts 2:1-4
- D - Becomes an elder by the Holy Spirit...Acts 20:28

Character

- A - blameless: unquestionable integrity, irreproachable, without fault...
- B - a one-wife husband (all of your love and loyalty to one wife, not 2 or 3)
- C - vigilant: watchful and wide awake, not careless: Titus 1:8
- D - good behavior: disciplined, respectable, orderly: 1 Timothy 3:15
- E - given to hospitality: kind to people whom they receive: 1 Timothy 5:10
- F - sober: sensible, sound mind, sound judgment: Acts 26:25
- G - patient: gentle, kind, considerate: 1 Thessalonians 2:7; 5:14
- H - not greedy for filthy lucre: not after money or a hireling: Titus 1:7
- I - not tarrying or staying near wine: Proverbs 20:1
- J - faithful in all things: reliable, trustworthy, dependable: Hebrews 11:1
- K - not double-tongued: saying one thing and meaning another:
- L - not covetous: not controlled by lustful desires: Dt. 5:21
- M - not a striker: not violent: 1 Peter 2:23
- N - not a brawler: quarrelsome, contentious, or argumentative
- O - must have good report: excellent testimony, reputation
- P - must be grave: honest
- Q - must desire this office: 1 Timothy 3:1...not covetous
- R - not a slanderer: [diabolis, Greek for devil]

Also, Read Titus 1:5-9; Acts 20:28; and 1 Peter 5:1-2

Domestic

- A - rule his own house well
- B - husband of one wife
- C - wife must be grave: a spouse can disqualify their mate from office:

- D - elder's spouse not to be slanderous
- E - elder's spouse must be sober
- F - elder's spouse must be faithful in all things

Ministry

A - teach, **b**- not a novice, **c**- hold fast to the faith: also read Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:2 and Acts 20:28 –There's a whole lot to cover so please study the elder – ship qualities and prepare for test.

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Chapter 8

THE ASCENSION GIFT PROPHET: part 2

*And he gave some apostles; and some **prophets**; and some evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-12*

Along with all of the other ascension and ministry gifts, the prophet is given to the church by Christ as *his administration* to equip the saints to serve. The prophet, along with the apostle serve particularly as the foundation ministry to the church, although the evangelist, pastor, and teacher serve in the overall functioning life of the local assemblies, too not the way tradition once taught us. Apostles and prophets were first given to the church as the foundation and divine order of ministry. These two serve as the *double barrel shotgun, the two witnesses, the two legs* on the human body, and the first two to get the ball game rolling *so-to-speak! The leadership is servant in quality and character for the pioneering, launching, and development of the local church and the advancing of the kingdom of God throughout the earth.*

And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets... 1 Corinthians 12:28 (compare with Ephesians 4:11)

Therefore also said the Wisdom of God [Ancient of Days speaking here], 1 will send them Prophets and Apostles... Luke 11:49

And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; Ephesians 2:20

As it is revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; Ephesians 3:5

Rejoice over her, you heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets... Revelation 18:20

Apostles and prophets originally set the tone and pace for the *body at large*.

They are the trailblazers in establishing and building God's house. And to be perfectly honest with you, apostles and prophets are still needed today in the birthing of New Testament churches. For if we build on earth according to the *blueprint in the heavens*, then the glory that is in the heavens will be on earth also! Simply put, the glory is revealed from the pattern of the heavenly for the pattern originates *from the glory* of the Father. One speaks of the other for both proceeds from the Father. *John 1:1; Exodus 25:9; 33:18; 40:33-38; Acts 17:28*

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Now, assemblies today must consider the *awesome and staggering truth* that local fellowships did not begin with pastors, but with *apostles and prophets*.

Today, it appears that thousands of assemblies have started out of the anointing of a pastor alone and remain there. Thousands of assemblies build primarily on a pastoral grace without the acknowledgment of the apostles and prophets. And, tens of thousands of assemblies are moving right along with no revelation of what true ministry is, lacking the depth of *revelation, stability, vision, and direction* of the synergy, synthesis, and synchronization of apostles and prophets. Apostles and prophets are given for restructuring the church on a strong foundation, and to flow in proper alignment and spiritual order.

They instill within each local assembly the vision and purpose as to why each local church is uniquely set in that locality and region. They carry the presence and anointing for seeing the assemblies grow and excel in the spiritual progress and momentum through God's eternal purpose of the church on earth. This cannot always come from a resident pastoral grace, for prophets, and particularly apostles, carry a vision for the body of Christ at large! Their ministries are not limited locally! In fact, there is no other New Testament Ministry, which carry such *dimension of grace* to establish local assemblies in the governance and administration of the Spirit unto such forceful momentum. *Absolutely none!*

Back to the Prophets...

As with any ministry gift, the prophet is first a servant of the Lord and is given to the body. No one, including the prophet is to be received based on their dynamic personality, or their wonderful display of spirituality. No prophet is to be given the *preeminence* (as Diotrephes was in *3rd John verses 9-10*), or is to be received beyond their purpose and divine usefulness in the church. Meaning, we are to never worship them! For prophets, bleed like you and me. Prophets get tired like you and me. Prophets have personal responsibilities like you and me. And, prophets have to take care of their personal and physical needs just like little children, you, and me!

I remember working for a major engineering and construction company. I related to my manager how delighted I was to have the San Francisco headquarters representatives in town. My manager put me to rest by saying "Tim, they're not

special people, they're *just helpful, that's all!* The magnitude of wisdom from my manager's lips continues on in my hearing as I help to establish assemblies in the work of the ministry. For prophets are not glory boys, glamour girls, or whiz kids. Neither are they found to be some form of evolved species. They are helpful servants of the Lord doing their part to edify the body. When their objective has been reached and their purposed fulfilled, praise God, not them.

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PERFECTING THE SAINTS, NOT TO DEFECT OR INFECT THEM...

According to Ephesians 4:11, Jesus continues to give us prophets. These prophets, in verse 12, perfect or equip the saints for the work of the ministry. Meaning, they prepare you to serve before you can rule. They help to instill the character of a deacon {serving sense} in you so that your attitude can determine your altitude. They help you to hear and not to be heard. To serve, and not to be seen. And to all of you P.I.T.'s or Prophets in Training, remember this, you are training for Reigning and Schooling for Ruling!

1 Corinthians 13:11; 14:20; Hebrews 5:12-14; 1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18

Now, notice the following terms as taken from the sub topic above...

Perfecting: Katartismos, the Greek word for "*complete furnishing.*" From another Greek word meaning "*to complete thoroughly, repair, adjust, fit, frame, mend, make perfect, join together (Ephesians 4:16), prepare, and restore.*" Compare with other Greek words.

Defect: Lack of something necessary for completeness; deficiency, shortcoming, an imperfection or weakness; fault, flaw, blemish; to forsake a part, cause, especially so as to join in opposition (*Defector*).

Infect: To contaminate with a disease-producing organism or matter. To cause to become diseased by bringing into contact with such an organism or matter. To *invade* an individual, organ, tissue, etc. To affect or imbue with one's feelings or beliefs, especially in a *harmful or undesirable way*.

According to Ephesians 4:12, perfecting or completely furnishing the saints for the work and service of a deacon is quite an awesome responsibility and *task*. Furnishing, a very good word indeed, means to "*supply, equip, and to provide*" with whatever is necessary or useful. Therefore, prophets of God will use any and every opportunity to see to it that the saints are being equipped and prepared for ministry or service. Whether it is a prophetic epicenter, *prophetic presbyteries, mentoring, apprenticeship, or any other format of relational training*, prophets, as well as the other ministry gifts, will see to it that the life and nature of our Chief Ascension Gift Jesus Christ move from residency to Presidency within

you. That the sole motivation is that which is the motive of the kingdom which is LOVE – 1 Corinthians 13 – The Personification of the Kingdom, Christ!

Motivational Ministry of the Prophet – next page please...

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A *prophet's motivation* is generally steered toward the voice of the Lord. Prophet's are known particularly for *vertical* ministry whereas apostles are known for specifically for *horizontal* ministry. Prophets are usually sensitive to the *issues of the heart, which causes transgression and indiscretion* and many will speak to the root of the problem is in you in order for you to be healed and restored.

Prophets are not always understood by many, seeing that their ministry along with the apostle is towards the building and establishing of the church. Since the assemblies is a great burden with the prophet, as he or she desires to see the voice of God restored back in the saints, many would fear that the prophet and the *apostle* has become too critical in the church's foundation and functioning.

Prophets were given by Christ to *judge sin, reprove, rebuke, admonish, and to correct* when and where needed. Prophets are given to help the assemblies to flow correctly in the Spirit, and to give direction for the corporate life of the assembly. Apostles at large are not generally caught up in the day to day or daily administration of the flock of the people, as they are motivated more towards the spiritual journey and progress of that local vision. The overall care of the elders is more localized and domestic, tending to the day to day needs of the flock. This gives balance here. The apostle's ministry reminds me of the chief purpose of the USS Enterprise, "*To Boldly Go Where No Man Has Gone Before!*" *They are fueled with a vision and a divine drive to explore "The Undiscovered Country!" You will find a number of references of apostles and elders working together among the local flocks, care ministries, growth groups, or local assemblies.*

Prophets and Apostles are not as deeply motivated *with Sunday School, Drill Teams, Seven Last Words, Women In White, Men In Black, Usher Board Day, Deacon Days, Combined Choir Anniversary, Trustee's Day, Ethnic Pride Day, Holiday's Etc.* Their vision is on a whole different level. Yet many local elders are motivated towards carrying things into the life of the assembly. But again, apostles and prophets help keep the *stagnation* and the *hindrance* out, by speaking to the purpose of God for that local work, keeping it free from anything that might stifle the progressive spiritual momentum which it is divinely given for.

Let's look below at some of the earmarks of the prophetic office and ministry, particularly in the area of personal prophecy. For such involvement below should be reserved for the mature prophet as these prophets of maturity are seasoned with the wisdom of the Spirit and the grace of our Lord to speak. Note below...

- Involves insight and direction [Not just to direct]: Acts 13:1-3
- Involves conferring and impartation: 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Tim. 1:6; Rom. 1:11
- Involves confirmation of the will of God: 2 Corinthians 13:1; Acts 15:32
- Involves Correction which is not rejection, but direction: 1 Cor. 14:31

- Involves Judgment at times: 1 Timothy 1:20; 1 Corinthians 5:5
- involves the perfection of the saints for the work of the ministry: Eph. 4:12

MINISTRY CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ASCENSION GIFT PROPHET

[1] The Ascension gift Prophet is 2nd in the divine order of placement in the church.

This setting as #2 does not make him or her any less important than the apostle. The apostle and prophet are in synergy, synthesis, and synchronization with the building of God's house. When the two come together in union and divine purpose, they produce after their kind. *Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Acts 3:25*

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets... Ephesians 4:11
And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets... 1 Corinthians 12:28

[2] Prophets are a foundation ministry with the apostle. (Ephesians 3:5)

And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; Ephesians 2:20

[3] Prophets are given to perfect the saints for the work of the Ministry... Ephesians 4:12

Prophets of the Spirit should have the heart of God to see his people matured, equipped, *and established*. Prophets of the Spirit should be motivated in seeing every believer mature in the measure, stature, and fullness of Christ. Prophets of the Spirit should not be insecure with the idea of another prophetic student surpassing them, for the more you pour into others, the Holy Spirit has much more to pour back into you. Therefore, prophets should continue to teach, train, develop, and activate the believer in every vitally needed expression of ministry.

[4] The ascension gift Prophet involves the establishing and grounding of New Testament ministries as confirmed in the book of Acts 15:32, 35-36, and 41

And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed [or strengthened] them. Acts 15:32

Prophets go about to strengthen or confirm the local assemblies. As in verse 41 of Acts 15, strengthening or establishing the churches were a vital part of the prophetic and apostolic ministry. This may often involve visiting the brethren in other cities where the mantle of grace has been given to others. Establishing assemblies in spiritual order & alignment for kingdom purpose continues today.

[5] Prophets are known for confirming the word of the Lord in one's life, especially when it comes to ministry gifts, purpose, calling, and destiny.

Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers... As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. Acts 13:1-3

Prophets confirm the already revealed will of God in one's life. And you may have noticed here that the prophet's life involves much prayer and fasting. Prophets' must have times of purposed, personal, and proclaimed fasts. A prophet's fast [distinct from the other three] may involve a greater depth and degree of consecration not known by those whom ordinarily purposed themselves to fast. *Nevertheless, fasting is a way of life with the apostle and prophet. Isaiah 58:6-14... We fast from the finished position of Christ...*

[6] Prophets can be found in the company of other prophets at times.

And in those days came the prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch. Acts 11:27

After that you will come to the hill of God, where the garrison of the Philistines is; and when you come to the city you will meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a harp, tambourine, flute, and lyre, before them prophesying. Then the Spirit of the Lord will come upon you mightily and you will show yourself with them; and you will be turned into another man. 1 Samuel 10:5-6 [Amplified Bible]

[7] Prophets of God have the Spirit of Prophecy upon them.
Revelation 19:10; 1 Chronicles 25:1-3; Zephaniah 3:17

Next week, we shall cover more on the Spirit of Prophecy...

[8] Prophets of the Spirit may preach or teach under the divine inspiration of the Spirit. 1 Peter 4:11;

[9] Prophets will minister in Revelation Knowledge.

Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as the Spirit now reveals it unto his holy apostles and prophets. Ephesians 3:5

[10] Ministry Gift Prophets are known in the scriptures for the laying on of hands by prophecy.

Neglect not the gift that is in you, which was given you by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. 1 Timothy 4:14; [read also 2 Timothy 1:6]

Prophetic gatherings may contain the following

- 1 - the prophetic presbytery: prophetic team ministry Acts 13:1-3
- 2 - the candidate for prophecy: 1 Timothy 1:18; Numbers 11:25-29; 27:15-23
- 3 - the entire local fellowship involved in consecration before God: Joel 1:14
- 4 – the corporate release through song, prophecy, dance, etc. Zephaniah 3:17

This is a glorious realm of grace as time is given to speak and to sing the word of the Lord. The *Spirit of prophecy, the Prophet, the gift of prophecy, etc.*, are expressed in these meetings which has nothing to do with good old fashion revival type preaching. In such meetings, we wish not to call it another church service, but a prophetic gathering. Here, the sensitivity of the Spirit is needed as *callings, purposes, giftings, and ministries* are being confirmed and established. There are no superstars here, only servants whom obey the will of the Father in personal prophetic ministry. There are no personalities to be worshipped here, only the Lordship of Jesus Christ is exalted. No fanfare, no selfish "*bles me*" songs, just the presence of the *Lord to confirm his word in his people*.

[11] Ascension Gift Prophets are recognized in the word for impartation and extraction of spiritual Gifts. Romans 1:11; 1 Corinthians 1:7

Contrary to popular opinion, gifts of the Spirit are *re-enchanted, conferred, confirmed, released, and activated* in believers by valid, proven, seasoned, fruitful, and mature ministry. Such ministry is more recognized among apostles and prophets, however, God can use whom he chooses. Therefore, be open to the Spirit of the Lord to flow through you as he wills. Let God extract from you.

For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established. Romans 1:11; Also read 2 Timothy 1:6

[12] Prophets of God flow in other Spiritual Gifts and dimension of ministry...1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Prophets are not limited to prophesying only. Yielding to God releases God's ability! Again, true responsibility is our response to His ability!

[13] Prophets of God are involved in warning and judgment.
Acts 21:10-11; [read the Old Testament prophets as well]

This ministry is always given out of love, humility, and brokenness. If we can get pass the mannerisms, personalities, culture, color, etc., of prophets, and receive the genuine grace of God to reciprocate the word of the Lord, then we are maturing. Galatians 6:1 – compare this verse with the thoughts above...

[14] Prophets of God operate in the gift of prophecy to edify, exhort, and to comfort the assemblies. 1 Corinthians 14:3

This here in no wise contradict principle #13, for the gift of prophecy, no matter what strength or level of grace we are receiving or giving it, will have it's aim and goal to fulfill the above purpose, which is edifying, exhorting, and comforting. Even for *correction*, it still *edifies, exhorts, and comforts*. Even if there is a strong rebuke by a seasoned prophet, again, it edifies, exhorts, and comforts. The *Spirit of Truth* is always present as such dimension of grace is given. Love is the motive of the kingdom. Therefore, let 1 Corinthians 13 become a richly and rewarding word to you, as **Love** here is understood as a person, *Jesus Christ!*

Preparation of the Prophet

The prophet must understand the need for *preparation before presentation*. There is never to be a need for rushing to get any prophetic word out to the hearers and awaiting receivers. Nor should the prophet in training start and stop his developing ministry at "*Thus saith the Lord!*" The prophet is encouraged to give significant and needed time to consider the nature and calling of prophet. For Christ may call you, but God must set you in the body as it pleases him. An example, Paul, called to be an apostle, did not begin his full apostolic ministry overnight, for it took years to *develop fruit*. His discovered gifting was great, but fruit was assuredly being developed, and this may take some time. As a rule, if you bring me your gifts, I will bring you the Fruit of the Spirit to balance your dynamic gifting. *Character is always needed with Charisma!*

Like all 5-fold ministry the prophet will have the qualifications of an elder. 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1:5-9; Acts 20:28; and 1 Peter 5:2. One who is truly called and appointed to prophethood will go through a *period, season, and experience of proving, buffeting, testing, maturing, and personal development*. God's prophet will come to understand sooner or later that the prophetic word in them is but one aspect of the prophetic life of a prophet. For he or she not only gives a word of the Lord in season, but their whole life becomes a word from the Lord. Again, the prophetic is more than just saying prophetic things. It is actually a way of life!

Prophets, like the apostles, must have a distinct call upon their lives. It is not

enough for one to just prophesy over you the word of the Lord for becoming a prophet. That may be part of it, but there is even greater portion of develop yet to be seen. It is called "*Proving and preparing you for Prophethood.*"

As one who is being led in the life of a prophet, I want you to answer some questions below. This written test is not the *absolute way of becoming a prophet*, but it will challenge you as a person. You must remember that being a prophet doesn't exempt you from character development. Being a prophet does not mean you can say whatever you want. Being a prophet does not guarantee you \$1,000,000 dollars. But being called in the body as a prophet means, "God himself must set you in!" Do you want to be set by God? Do you want to flow in a dimension of grace where your life becomes pleasing to God or do you want to master a *few prophetic principles* and get to all the *prophesying stuff*?

As we close for now, rest assure that there is a whole new dimension of life in the Spirit and in the natural awaiting you. And as you consider this, just check out the few questions below to help challenge you in *calling, character, charisma, and conduct*. Again, this questionnaire is only designed to help you in your personal life as a man or woman of God. It is not being used as a measuring gauge or device for qualifying you as a prophet. That my friend will be settled as you respond to the Lord himself, and seasoned and mature ministry. Now, Let's take a brief look at these questions below, as we grow in grace.

Are you under the leadership of spiritual fathers? yes no sometimes never

Are you teachable, and can stand correction? yes no sometimes never

How do you feel about being a part of an assembly? good bad angry not sure

Are you honest with your debts and bills? yes no sometimes never

Is your sex drive under control or out of control? out of control in control

Do you love ministry more than your marriage? yes no sometimes not sure

Are you a racist in heart and despise certain cultures? yes no sometimes

Can you work well with others, especially in the local church? yes no not sure

Have you broken the ungodly soul ties of past bondage? yes no not sure

Do you want public glory as a prophet? Oh yes no I'm not really sure

Remember this to receive **[1]** witness in your spirit: Romans 8:18 **[2]** witness of the word: 2 Cor. 13:1; 2 Tim. 2:15 **[3]** witness by seasoned and proven ministry: Acts 13:1-3. In closing, make sure that you, the elders, the local, and the assemblies that you impart into know that you *are called to this dimension of ministry.*

CHAPTER 9

THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

The Lord thy God in the midst of you is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy {rejoice} over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17

And the Lord came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease. Numbers 11:25

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. Joel 2:28; Acts 2:16-18

For the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy. Revelation 19:10

About the Spirit of Prophecy...

One of the most *notable characteristics* of the Spirit of prophecy is that it is neither a gift [gift of prophecy] nor an office [ascension gift prophet], *but an anointing, far greater, the presence and person of the Lord*. It cannot be *mustered up, pumped, or primed*. The Spirit of Prophecy is a flowing stream of God's manifest presence. It comes as the Spirit of God wills, and is not *guaranteed* because we sing our *favorite scriptural songs of the week*.

Throughout this lesson you will discover biblical insights of what the Spirit of Prophecy is, how it comes, and what part you are to play in its manifestation within the corporate body. Keep in mind that the Spirit of Prophecy is one of the most *dynamic and outstanding expressions* of the *prophetic dimension*. In such meetings where this level of grace occurs, one does not necessarily have to be a *prophet to prophesy*, or a professional *singer to sing*, or the most advanced-trained minstrel of the decade. Here, the matter is yielding to the Spirit of the Lord and *discerning the mood of the Spirit*. Of course, this is what we all wish to do, and yet the Spirit of Prophecy is not always experienced in our midst. Therefore, don't box God into a ritual, formula, document, creed, or set agenda. What may have worked at the falling of the wall of Jericho, may not necessarily work the next time. If we attempt to get things going out in a strong sense of obligation or a "have to" mentality, we will not experience this genuine fellowship of the Spirit that comes by *the presence* of the Lord. Acts 3:19; Exodus 33:14

A classic example of mustering up our own strength is as follows...

Turning a personal Rhema word into a Logos: The Spirit of the Lord says that if we would leap seven times in this meeting, or if we would dance throughout the assembly seven times, then a fresh divine wave of healing *will manifest mightily in our midst*. Okay, we did that, but what about next Sunday's corporate fellowship, and the next seven Sundays? Should we do the exact same thing to *ensure or to guarantee the exact the same results every time? No!*

We should not relegate the anointing of the Spirit to *performance orientation*. If he moved mightily on one Sunday, then let us rejoice in this and advance forward unto the next Sunday with trust and confidence *in his ability, and not our own*. If a Miracle Night occurred in one month is that to say every month is to be a *Miracle Night? Can we guarantee each month to be a Super-Healing and Miracle Month? And, should we do the exact same things each time to ensure that God will move the same each time? No!*

A *rhema* word may come to your spirit at times, but just remember, it is a word from the *Lord*, a quickened word. It may even be for another time or instruction to continue in this wise. Rhema and Logos works together but know what is for a specific time and for all times. *Logos* may be the norm of doing things, but rhema is that spoken or uttered word from the Spirit of the Lord. It may quicken you to change the order of the meeting. It may rekindle within the elders to flow in a whole new direction. But it may not be for all times. Samson had a jawbone to defeat his enemies, and Moses held forth a rod at times to demonstrate for the impossible, *but is that to be the same ongoing method of all times? No!*

Rhema revelation is an inner witness or voice within your spirit. Your spirit man is made up of three parts, *intuition, conscience, and fellowship*. The fellowship or the communion part is where *God communicates with your spirit*. There, spiritual realities are made alive, and quickened. You sense an impression within you by the Lord, a *check or register if you will*. The rhema never contradicts the Holy Scriptures for in essence Jesus is both Logos and Rhema. It simply confirms in your spirit the *will of God [scripture], which is his "revealed" word for your life*.

So keep in mind, we cannot conjure up anything or *oblige* to anything that the presence of God is not witnessing to our Spirit. Neither should we make anything happen to prove that God is in the midst of us. For the appearing of the Lord can be like a gentle breeze or a rushing mighty wind. He, the Lord is the *IAM*, ever revealing himself to be whomever he needs to be for us at that time! *Exodus 3:14: 1 Corinthians 2:10-16*

What is the Spirit of Prophecy?

The Spirit of Prophecy is God's presence & a special anointing in the corporate gathering of the assembly where the mind of God is revealed in a manner much

like the gift of prophecy. However, the gift of prophecy is not the only thing evident in a prophetic gathering. The Spirit of Prophecy can be understood from the earlier given scriptures which, begins this lesson. The Spirit of Prophecy, though largely corporate, is not limited to the corporate life of the assembly. Many such persons experienced the prophetic stream of one or more dimensions of it without ever having been in a strong prophetically anointed meeting. However, the context of this lesson involves the corporate anointing.

The Spirit of Prophecy is when God chooses to speak to us in a number of aspects, manners, ways, and means. For example, it may be a *word from the Lord, a prophetic presbytery, the song of the Lord {spontaneous song, prophetic song}*, and worship through the dance, all revealing in part the voice of the Lord. Generally, this corporate anointing is experienced for the benefit of the whole, though the corporate may release personal ministry to a few. Still, the overall benefit is for the corporate anointing, meaning, for the whole group. Everyone can receive bountiful blessings as a whole if they are open to the moving of the Spirit. Again, if a select few receive a personal and strategic commissioning, impartation, or personal activation, all are to rejoice with the candidates, and receive the outflow of the whole corporate anointing. This refreshes all to be in anticipation to what the Lord wants to speak and do in the next appointed time. All can be richly blessed and edified in the corporate anointing, all meaning all

This coming down principle began in the *Garden of Eden, Moses' Tabernacle, David's Tabernacle, and Solomon's Temple*. Here, the Lord came down to commune with his people at appointed times. This is why Acts 3:19 speaks of the times of refreshing which comes from the presence of the Lord. Why? For they are appointed times and seasons. I don't think it merits for us to get out our calendars to pinpoint this day or another is to be the day of his visitation. There are many brethren today who are on the revival alert, tracking down what and where the next revival is, and I won't go there on a complete discussion so smile. The Lord moves as he chooses and in response to the beckoning cry of the Spirit in his people. We are to always be open to the Lord for what he wants at anytime. It really is about Him, a deeper intimacy and revelation of the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. Each gathering is to contain the three important developments as witnessed in Ephesians 2:5-6. Here, we are {1} Quickened together, {2} Raised together, and {3} Seated together in the heavenly places with Christ. Our gatherings, whether prophetic in scope or not, should contain this three-fold aspect of HIS life manifested in the midst of us.

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Now notice that the Spirit of Prophecy in *Revelation 19:10* reveals in a great part something, which has to do with a revelation of the person of Jesus. Take note...

And I fell at the feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellow servant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy. Revelation 19:10

*...those who bear testimony to Jesus are inspired like the prophets...NEB
...for to bear testimony to Jesus needs the inspiration of the prophets...TCNT
...for the truth revealed by Jesus is the inspiration of all prophecy...WEY
...for the testimony of Jesus is what inspires prophecy...GSPD
...it is the truth concerning Jesus which inspires all prophecy...KNOX*

*...for the substance (essence) of the truth revealed by Jesus is the spirit of all prophecy- the vital breath, the inspiration of all inspired preaching and interpretation of the divine will and purpose [including both mine and yours].
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Remember this, prophecy is in the *in-part realm*. Prophecy is a gift and manifestation of the Spirit, and it is the presence and anointing of the Lord at any time. Intimacy and close abiding with the Father seems to swallow up the in-part dimension, as we are to build our life not solely on gifting, but the character and fruit of His Spirit that enables us to be that vital expression of His. In addition, the voice of the Lord is not limited to a prophetic gift nor being a prophetic. In Joel 2:11, the Lord utters his voice {utterance} before his army. All are welcomed to drink from HIS flowing brooks, streams, rivers, and floodgates of LIFE. All of HIS people are welcomed to enter into the prophetic realm, as Moses himself says...

Would that all of the Lord's people were prophets {prophetic, inspired in the Spirit, inspiration of the Spirit, a people bubbling up and forth before the Lord}, and that the Lord would put HIS Spirit upon them! Numbers 11:29

So in truth, the Spirit of Prophecy is a prelude to *something greater than periods of corporate manifestation*. We are moving from visitation to habitation, from David's Tabernacle to Solomon's Temple. We are moving from Mount Moriah to Mount Zion, {Actually, we are there, but moving in experience, mentality, and perception}. We are moving ahead from Passover to Tabernacles. We are moving from the Garden of Eden to the New Jerusalem, from purpose and destiny to the Ancient of Days of the wool and hoary head of the Lord. We are moving from conception to perfection and the Calvary's cross unto the Throne, from glory to HIS unlimited Glory. 2 Corinthians 3:18

What are the Components of the Spirit of Prophecy?

What makes the Spirit of Prophecy so? How does it come and why?

Notice Revelation 19:10 again...

WORSHIP God...Worship is a primary part in the Spirit of Prophecy being revealed into corporate manifestation. Worship here is not *fleshy or soulish aspiration, seeker friendly, performance based, or entertainment oriented*. Worship here carries a revelation of the person of Jesus Christ. Every time a

fresh revelation of the person of Jesus fills our hearts, worship then, is taken to a *whole new level*. Or, every time we gather together in the corporate anointing, there is to be a deeper meaning and revelation of the Person of Jesus Christ.

Take for example the principle of *Moses' Tabernacle versus David's Tabernacle*. Moses' Tabernacle worship may appear a little somber than David's, for this is because David was given another revelation of worship for mount Zion, and at that, a glimpse of the New Testament. *Acts 15:16; Amos 9:11*. Moses' Tabernacle was one aspect and administration of worship, and David's Tabernacle was another. Still, *Solomon's Temple* worship was distinctly different in administration than both tabernacles. And every time God's people *advance forward* in his eternal purpose, and every time we behold the King of Kings in a fresh new light, our worship experience changes from glory to glory. Meaning, worship is ascribing worth – ship to God, He is WORTHY. We *become what we worship*, and our lives are filled with the light of his glorious appearing in us, but again, we ascribe worth to him alone. We worship the creator, not the creature. *God is worthy! Our life radiates the glory that we ascribe to HIM! Our life is the outflow of our beholding the Lamb and kissing the SON. Psalms 2, Rev. 14*

Let's look at the tabernacle and temple principle of worship again in this wise...

Moses' Tabernacle: Levitical Priesthood, more liturgical, *not a lively experience, but a meaningful one. Everything culminated with the high priest of course...*

David's Tabernacle: instruments of music, singing, *worship and praise* for the nation...Amos 9:11 and Acts 15:16 confirms this new dimension of worship

Solomon's Temple: final resting-place for the ark, priests *could not stand to minister...As with the first two above, the Ark is the presence of the Lord...*

In all of the above instances, nowhere do we find God's people ministering out of hurried desperation, anxiety, frustration, misery, woe, fear, dread, or self-ambition. *Nowhere is to be found the carnal appeals of so many today, who substitutes HIS voice for a fashionable experience of popular notes and melodies, while excluding the real deal which is the Voice of the Lord!*

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Testimony or Truth of Jesus: Here, *Jesus is revealed*, and he becomes the revealer. Revelation knowledge not otherwise known by natural means is expressed in these meetings. Jesus is made real to the people and wishes to speak his heart to his children. The inspiration of the Spirit witnessed upon the prophets of old is now upon the corporate assembly. It is an anointing which may be evident upon those whom may never *had prophesied before*. It is a corporate grace that taps into the mind of God. Here, the Lord really wants to speak to his children, or sing back to *them in mutual reciprocity*.

Bear in mind many have experience such dimensions while being in a traditional denominational setting. What I am after here is not some exclusive meaning of the Spirit of Prophecy to the entire corporate gathering. The key here is that he

who has ears to hear let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the assemblies. In many traditional camps, people were quickened to HIS voice, although again, the text in this chapter is involving a more corporate expression and celebration of the Spirit of Prophecy. Would that all would embrace this dimension...

Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty: This is a revelation of the Lord, One God with many natures. Sometimes the Spirit of Prophecy is characterized by a militant approach, or G.A.D. God's Army of Destination and Deliverance. Here, one may *operate in prophetic gesture or similitude*, displaying the presence of *the Lord in mime, dance, the arts*, or other expressions of the Spirit. *For what we are doing here is simply acting out in physical manifestation what God is saying and doing in the Spirit.*

He Will Save: Salvation is the nature of *Jesus, Yeshua Messiah*. Here, there is a revelation of love and compassion to save the whole world, as the Lord is revealed as *mighty* in the midst of us. Here, we sense the *strong arm* of the Lord who stands among us. There is no job or person too hard for the Lord. He saves the utmost. Salvation, deliverance, peace, and prosperity are in His name.

He Will Rejoice over Thee with Joy: A *new kind of joy* is released in the corporate anointing. This joy is simply the joy of the Lord, which becomes our strength. It is {HIS} joy unspeakable, and full of glory. Remember everything about this verse speaks of the revelation of the Lord to his children. In *this light of truth*, we see joy as the opposite of sadness and sorrow. We see the kingdom of God being joy as the works of darkness is characterized by *doom, gloom, sadness, and sorrow*. This joy over us brings to mind that we are His and he is ours. A fresh new revelation and experience boldly arises and abounds as we know we are all HIS, at all times. He is forever rejoicing over us with great joy!

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He Will Rest in his Love: *He will rest in silent satisfaction, and will make no mention of our past sins or even recall them.* Read Romans 8:1-2

He Will Joy or Exult over you with Singing: *Now this is interesting.* The Lord himself wants to sing over us. The song of the Lord is not only what we sing to him, *but also what he sings to us*. The song of the Lord is a new song, a song of the Spirit. It is likened unto the 144,000-remnant company of *Revelation 14:1-5*, a people who have been marked with the mark of the Lord in their foreheads, having the mind of Christ. *Philippians 2:5; 1 Corinthians 2:16; Ezekiel 9:4-6*

The Lord's song is a prophetic song, a song of *spontaneity*, a Song of Songs, a song *revealing the heart, will, purpose, counsel, and mind*. It does not come by mental assent, or by singing songs entitled *"the rough side of the mountain, I'm only human, sweeping through that city, or any song out of tradition and a bound soul!* It comes rather, from the presence of the Lord. *2 Chronicles 29:26-28; 1*

Samuel 10:5-6; 1 Chronicles 25:1-3; 2 Kings 3:14-19

The Song of the Lord [Preparation for the Bride] Revelation 19:7, 8; 21:2, 9, 10; 22:17

The Song of the Lord is a revelation of the Bridegroom and the Bride. Revelation 21-22 It is a song that is ministered to and from your human spirit by the assistance of the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16; Revelation 22:17; Jeremiah 33:11; Psalms 45:10-17; Isaiah 49:18; 61:10; Ezekiel 16:8-14; Matthew 25:1-13; Jeremiah 2:32; Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6; Acts 15:16; 17:28; Ps. 42:10; 49:4

The Song of the Lord is a new song: *Psalms 96:1; 98:1; 100:1-4; 137:4; 149:1.*

The Song of the Lord is a song with instruments. *Revelation 5:8-9; 14:1-3; 15:2-3; Psalms 32:2-3; 147:7; 150:3-5; 2 Chronicles 29:25;*

The Song of the Lord is the Song of Creation. *Psalms 103:22; Even the heavens and the earth sing of the wonderful works of the Lord. Psalms 104:12; Isaiah 49:13;*

The Song of the Lord is a *song the angels sing. Revelation 5:11.* It is the song that was sang before there was time. *"The morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy." Job 38:3-7... Colossians 1:16, 17; John 1:1-3;*

The Song of the Ages is returning to the life of His people. The Song of the Ages is *the song that has been sang concerning you and me before our very birth.*

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The Song of the Lord is not exclusive for the saints to enjoy. The Song of the Lord ministers to those out of fellowship with the Father (Psalms 18:49; 2 Samuel 22:50), and brings deliverance. In 1 Samuel 16:16-18, 23, no lyrics were sung, just the finger instrument was played. It releases the prophetic dimension (2 Kings 3:14-19; 1 Chronicles 25:1-3), ministers strategically (*Joshua 6:20; Judges 7:20, 21; 2 Chronicles 13:14-17;*) Acts 15:16, many, many, more!

Important note that the Song of the Lord and the instrument of music were ministered together. Here, the Song of the Lord has the potential of greater release of the Spirit when there is a skillful minstrel in the midst. The song and the instrument become one purpose and minister the glory of the Lord among his people. Out of this glory is revealed his purpose and plans.

Note the scriptures below...

And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the

trumpets. And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the Lord began also with the trumpets, and the instruments ordained by David king of Israel. 2 Chronicles 29:26-27

Moreover David and the captains of the host separated to the service of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of the workmen according to their service was: Of the sons of Asaph; Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asaerlah, the sons of Asaph under the hands of Asaph, which prophesied according to the order of the king. Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiiah, Hashabiah, and Matithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, to give thanks and to praise the Lord. 1 Chronicles 25:1-3

But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him. 2 Kings 3:15

I trust that you, *lead elders and senior ministers*, will incorporate new expressions of grace and administration of the Spirit into your corporate worship experience. My prayer is that you will *encourage* the hearts of God's sheep to celebrate and to anticipate the Song of the Lord. HIS song *draws us nearer* as he chooses to minister with us. Let's become discerning over what we are singing and to continue to sing HIS heart. *For it is one thing being a cheerleader, song leader, and praise leader. But to be a worship leader, well, that is something else! Too often our songs sing about him, fewer minister to him. But the revelation is that we are to become HIS song in the earth...*

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THE DANCE: AN OUTWARD AND VISIBLE EXPRESSION OF WHAT GOD IS SAYING IN THE SPIRIT:

The "*dance*" is a *restored aspect* of worship and praise life in the local assemblies. Although tradition tries to invalidate its present position in the global church, the Holy Scriptures cannot justify the absence of dancing. Many would prefer to call it "*shouting*," but beloved, you shout unto God with your mouth the voice of triumph, and you dance with your feet. *Many Conservative Evangelicals oppose dancing before the Lord.* "Too Charismatic, they might say!" And, there are numerous Pentecostals who look at the term "dancing" as worldly, assuming that dancing is for sinners and so-called shouting is for saints. But just to bring you up to par here, if you claim shouting as the same as dancing, then you are putting your feet in your mouth. Smile. *Note below some scriptures on dancing...*

2 Samuel 6:14-16: I call this Davidic Worship. The Hebrew word for dance here is "*to whirl*." Hence, to Dance...[Strong's Concordance]

1 Chronicles 15:29: David's wife Michal despises (hates) his liberty to dance. Dance here in the Hebrew means "*to stamp, to spring about (wildly or for joy)*,"

jump, leap, skip."

Psalms 30:11: Mourning here is turned into dancing, from a word meaning "a round dance."

Jeremiah 31:4: God's desire is that we go forth in the dance. Here, it is the Hebrew word "*Mechowlah*," as in a dance company. This too, is *restored Davidic worship for all of God's people, and not just a Jewish tradition*.

Also, in the New Testament, the very meaning for the word "Gospel" implies in the Greek *that the gospel causes one to leap and to dance*.

There are many expressions of the Spirit of Prophecy, but again, it is God's special presence to sing, *to prophesy, and share his intimate heart and mind to his children*. True, an element of these truths may be sparked in our hearts in each fellowship, but there is still a distinct grace and administration of the Spirit given by the Father which releases the corporate body into corporate destiny. Meaning, one may taste of this refreshing of the Lord here or there, but this is to become a vital expression in the ongoing rhythm and life of the corporate anointing. Although the dance is enhanced during the Spirit of Prophecy, it is not to be reserved in a box until we decide to become prophetic on that day. All of God's people ought to rejoice in all aspects of corporate life, from dancing, leaping, to shouting for joy with the voice of triumph. If we are practicing His presence on the norm, the greater the prophetic dimension in our midst.

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CHAPTER 10

PROPHETIC INTERCESSION, PREACHING, TEACHING, & COUNSELING [The Unction of the Spirit of the Lord]

But you have an unction [The Greek word "Chrisma," an urgent, or an anointing] from the Holy One, and ye know all things. 1 John 2:20

There is a two-fold look at the work of the Holy Spirit given below...

[1] The anointing is present in the life of the believer which speaks of our being sanctified, consecrated, and separated for a holy use. *2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 2:20. All believers are anointed because of the anointed one.*

[2] The anointing also is defined as the inner workings of the Holy Spirit, even as he enables us to function in his gifts, and to flow in *his operation*. All believers do not flow in the same level of anointing for ministry. Benny Hinn functions in a different anointing for deliverance and divine healing than many local area elders. Bishop Earl Paulk is anointed to teach the message of the kingdom in a bold and new living way. Each of these men is pioneering important developments and progressions of the kingdom, and many more are emerging in these streams. Many *today can preach it*, but few have the *heart of a father to impart God's*

richer and deeper depths and dimension of the Spirit.

The anointing abides...

But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him. 1 John 2:27

The context of *1 John 2:18-29* speaks of the anointing of the Holy Spirit as opposed to the spirit or mentality of Antichrist. Antichrist is against, instead of, and guise as Christ. It is a false anointing that is spoken of in verse 19 of 1st John 2. This antichrist is not supported of here as some political leader in the Middle East, nor is it regarded here as some endtime mastermind from Syria or Europe. The *Spirit or mentality of antichrist* is first and foremost mentioned in John's epistles as they, not HE. If you look around in some of today's assemblies you will find civil war and doctrinal battles over the meaning of the term anointed. You've got the Fundamentalists who ascribe tongues, divine utterance, *and the gifts of the Spirit to the works of the devil, and recognize* the prophetic and other such expressions of grace as aberrant theology, satanic in origin. And, you've got those in the church that deny the power of Christ and ascribe *such as doctrines of devils. All of this is the Spirit {mind} of Antichrist {Substitute}*

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So, we see here that there is a true anointing of the Spirit, and a false one. There is Christ, and Antichrist. There is the Spirit of Truth, and the Spirit of Error. And, according to verse 19 of *1 John 2*, there are those of the company of God's true body of believers, and those who have withdrew from such company. *1 Corinthians 11:19; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; Romans 8:9; 2 Peter chapter 2*

Again, the true anointing of the Holy Spirit distinguishes us from the rest of the world. It would be most helpful to read all three of John's epistles, as they were particularly written to warn and guard the church *against Gnostic reasoning*.

Prophetic Intercession:

First of all, we are coining this phrase here in the prophetic school. And this is not to suggest that those who intercede are all to become prophets. No! But there is a dimension of intercessory prayer that *intermingles and overlaps with the prophetic realm*. There is a dimension of grace whereas the song of the Lord intermingles with solid preaching and teaching, and where rhema revelation quickens you *beyond normal counsel and deliberation*.

Prophetic Intercession is the mind, will, and counsel of the Lord that reveals his plans and purpose through prayer in the Spirit. It is the *burden* of the Lord that you are quickened to. It is praying the will and mind of God. It is having his heartbeat. It is giving yourself to God for others and for the nations. Again, this is *not to suggest* that you will become a prophet when interceding. But with the

stirring of the Spirit, the rhema of the Lord, the divine *quickening of the Lord*, the Holy Spirit takes your intercession to a whole new level of grace than just having a simple burden or concern to pray. It is more than a natural observation to pray about a thing, but the very mind of the Lord himself. True, this can be experienced in the life of many intercessors, many of which flow in a prophetic grace to speak the oracles of God.

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings, which cannot be uttered. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. Rom. 8:26-27

The prophetic realm is that which speaks forth the mind, and counsel of God. It is the declaration of that which cannot be known by natural means. Therefore, when you connect the prophetic with intercession, you take intercession a notch or so upward. Intercession in *Romans 8:26* is "huperentunchano," a verb *defined as "to intercede on behalf of another."* Also, to make a petition. In *verse 27*, it is "entunchano" meaning "to fall in with, meet with in order to converse, then, to make intercession." You are praying the voice, mind, and will of God on earth.

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Prophetic Intercession may also be known when God is giving you an inner witness to pray. Here, a word of knowledge or a word of wisdom may be present. Spiritual gifts and spiritual manifestations are in operation to discern and to detect things when needed. Your intercession becomes prophetic in scope and character as what you are praying in the Spirit carries the same or similar substance and tenor as one who would prophesy what thus says the Lord.

We are all born to intercede, and that intercession is not an office but is a body ministry in the global interactive kingdom community or church. Prophetic people are to understand *the times* and pray the will and mind of God in *heaven to be done in earth*. Prophetic people are to be in tune to the eternal purposes of God, and to become sensitive to the voice of the Lord and his operations.

Below are some points to consider about intercession...

Whenever God wanted to do something tremendous in the earth, intercession preceded.

Whenever you give yourself to God, your vision of his purpose will expand...

Yielding to God on a regular basis will increase sensitivity of the Spirit...

True intercession is always motivated by love, the motive of the kingdom...

It is the burden of the Lord: his concern is your concern: his heart is your heart...

You are standing in agreement with God: you become a co-labour of the Spirit...

Your life is characterized by selfless and undying love: a life of intercession...

Intercessors will stand as watchmen upon the wall, watching and praying...

Although intercessors are bold in the Spirit, they are meek, broken, and humble... Their lives are clothed in humility...

Intercessors value the importance of discretion, even when the Spirit reveals things to them...

Intercessors are not mouthy, full of gossip, backbite, slander, and accusation of others...

Intercessors will discover both the lamb and the lion in them; first building on the lamb – character of God...

Intercessors are also mediators, they stand between heaven and earth...

Intercessors will travail and give birth to what God is saying and doing...

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Prophetic Preaching and Teaching...

Again, another coined phrase, which is not to suggest that all that preach or teach under a prophetic anointing are to be classified as prophet.

Prophetic preaching & teaching is a stream of prophetic grace whereas the Spirit may quicken one at times to speak as an oracle of God, the utterance of things not ordinarily received from the *exhausting of the human mind and intellect*.

If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God... 1 Peter 4:11

Like intercessory prayer with a twist of the prophetic dimension, prophetic preaching and teaching enables you to readily get the mind of the Spirit in proclaiming or explaining the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. It may be the simple rhema word, your spirit quickened to certain scripture passages, revelation knowledge, or a direct word from the Lord to give to the people. The only thing is, this realm is not necessarily characterized by "*Thus saith the Lord!*" *it may have the inspiration of prophecy, but may not always display the full use of the gift of prophecy.*

With prophetic preaching and teaching, you may not always access your planned notes. You may not always read them word for word. In fact, you may get an entirely different message from the Lord altogether. For the prophetic dimension to preach and to teach cuts through the chase, getting it from the Lord and administering his presence to his people. The Spirit of the Lord may even enhance and enlarge your understanding of your prepared notes. Therefore, be

encouraged to get the mind of the Lord when you preach and teach. And with that, you may even sense the giftings of the Spirit for a specific purpose and use.

The prophetic dimension will grace you at times to flow in spontaneity, not human-bound rigid order. For divine order is not merely church structure, but what God is doing in the Spirit also. Yes, divine or spiritual order may be for the speaker to shut down for now his ability to reason things out with God, and to flow in the utterance of the Spirit. Sometimes, a preacher or teacher of the gospel may be unaware of the process of speaking forth the divine oracles of God, or simply unaware that this potential lies resident in the Holy Ghost. And yes, some men and women of God were deeply surprised by the potential of the Spirit within them. But beloved, it does not have to be a surprise anymore. For prophetic preaching is linked with the presence of the Lord and his spiritual gifts. Yes, it may begin by you uttering precious realities of the Spirit, but remember this, the gifts of the Spirit are another way of saying that one desires to fully preach Christ, which Paul confirms in Romans 15:19

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Prophetic Counseling

And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after hearing of his ears: Isaiah 11:2-3

God's counsel involves a word of wisdom, a word of knowledge, and understanding. It also involves the discerning of spirits {1 Corinthians 12:7-11} In this principle lies the making or building of God's house. Proverbs 9:1; 24:2-3

His counsel is advice, planning, deliberation, and purpose. His counsel has stood the test of time and is as gold tried in the fire. His counsel is steadfast and sure. It is the same, yesterday, today, and forever! Isaiah 46:11

As with the other areas of prophetic development, prophetic counsel too, is the quickening *of the Spirit, which reveals the mind of God concerning a thing. In any ordinary discourse* or through some normal deliberation process, one may spend hours trying to find out what a matter is, but not with prophetic counsel. Like the other coined phrases mentioned earlier, prophetic counsel gets the mind of God on the scene without all of the systematic approaches to solving life's problems. In the prophetic dimension of counsel, the revelation gifts are present. These gifts include the word of wisdom and the word of knowledge. These, along with the discerning of spirits, are characterized by knowing in the Spirit, whereas faith, healing, and the working of miracles are recognized as doing in the Spirit, and the gift of tongues, interpretation, and prophecy as saying in the Spirit.

According to Proverbs 15:22, without counsel, purposes are frustrated or

violated, but in the multitude of *counselors they are established*. In chapter 11:14, *there is safety in counsel*. Therefore, Spirit led counsel is when you move from **dialog to trialog**. This ranges from a two party conversation to a three party conversation. Meaning, with you, the counseled, and the Holy Spirit.

Have the mind of the Lord in prayer for others, as it becomes rather frustrating to rush in to pray for others out of haste. For suppose someone asked you to pray with them for a mate, or sought counsel from you for a companion. Will you quickly pray for them as if the red light is about to turn green? And what if you agreed with the counseled about this mate they have in mind? Well, you could be praying witchcraft prayers, not even realizing that the person whom you are praying for is desiring to marry someone whom is now married themselves. This is why we need the Spirit of the Lord in our counseling process. Without the quickening nature of the Spirit, we can ramble on for hours getting nowhere!

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A look at the Anointing and the Presence of the Lord

Without a doubt, the anointing is a measure of the *divine presence* of the Lord. Many want to sense or become enabled by an anointing.

In truth before there was record of the anointing, there was the presence and glory of the Holy God. The anointing in essence is a measure of HIS presence, and Adam, the Patriarchs, and others walked in the glory and presence of God not being deemed as having a special anointing. In one sense, having the anointing for a thing is temporal, as the glory of His presence far surpasses just being or having to be anointed for a special calling or service.

When the anointing has served its intended purpose, the Spirit of the Living God continues to manifest throughout the earth to do according to his pleasure. When man in his frailty have come to his wits end, like the beginning of Genesis 1:2, the Spirit of God moves upon the face of the waters in the midst of a formless and void earth.

God's will and authority is his presence. Spiritual authority is his presence. In some cases, people try to flow out of an anointing when they themselves do not respect God's set and appointed authority in rightful matters. You don't claim an anointing when you have a rebellious nature to spiritual leadership. You don't profess how anointed you are when you can't receive simple instructions. For the anointing is in the instructions. Some things will greatly enhance in your life when you are properly aligned to God's order for spiritual authority and fatherhood in your life. Don't bring me your gifting when you refuse to receive correction when needed. Don't bring me your anointing for healing the sick when you are not willing to submit to proper spiritual authority. And don't get up in the corporate anointing and try to steal the show so to speak when you have not learned how to be seasoned under God's spiritual order for your life. For divine order equals divine presence. Some things in terms of the anointing will only come when you

are walking in divine order with God's set man and woman in the ministry.

The anointing of the Spirit can be increased or decreased in our lives through a number of factors, but the reality of the matter is that *this divine influence or presence comes from God*. The anointing is the presence of the Spirit that consecrates us, and sets us apart for himself. The anointing of the Holy Spirit is also God's *divine enabling*, and glorifies the Christ [Anointed One], never the person whom operates through the anointing. In today's church, we tend to magnify men with *great anointing*. True, the anointing reveals the holiness of the Holy Spirit, and the sovereignty of the Lord to use whom he chooses. The anointing is not merely for us but to minister unto the Lord by ministering one to another. Let us never lose sight of the Lord's graciousness to empower those whom he will for his intended purpose and glory.

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In the Old Testament, there are a number of uses for the anointing as *holy oil*. There are references of the anointing in conjunction with one being consecrated for service, especially kings and priests. And there are scriptural passages of the Lord acknowledging his servants as "*his anointed*." All in all, the anointing is something that acknowledges our being set apart for the Lord himself. Even the very sacraments and furniture of Moses' tabernacle were anointed or consecrated for service. And, people were not only anointed for service, but for death and burial as well. Take note of a few references below...

And shall anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office...Exodus 28:41

The Lord sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel...1 Samuel 15:1

And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him, for this is he...[David] 1 Samuel 16:12

Surely the Lord's anointed is before him...1 Samuel 16:6

Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy fellows...Psalms 45:7

Now he which establishes us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God... 2 Corinthians 1:21

And the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing...Isaiah 10:27...

The Quickening Spirit of the Lord

The quickening nature of the Lord is re – enkindle and makes alive. It carries in it the nature to give & to reproduce life. This life is confirmed in *Acts 17:28* as we find ourselves living, moving, & having our being in him. This quickening nature is the life that is more than meat in *Matthew 6:25*. It comes in part to make alive something that was once dead. Thank God for the quickening. {I smile after recognizing the phrase "the quickening" on a once popular TV show}

Isaiah 11:3 speaks of the *seven-fold* work of the Holy Spirit upon the "*Branch Man*" Christ Jesus, and the corporate Christ (the church) or many member son. Here, he (or we) are made to understand things by the quickening Spirit. And in 1 Corinthians 15:45, Christ, the last Adam, is *made a quickening Spirit*.

Quicken me according to your word. Psalms 119:154

Quicken me, O Lord, according unto your word. Psalms 119:107

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Definitions to consider...

Zao, is a Greek word, which mean, "*to live*." Scriptures would include *Hebrews 4:12* and implies "*being made alive*."

In *Psalms 119:25, 37, 40, 88, 107, 149, 154, 156, 159*, the word quicken is defined as "to live, to revive, give or promise life, recover, repair, restore, save, be whole, etc."

In Romans 8:11, to quicken is to "vitalize, make or give life."

Psalms 119 verse 50 and 93: Both contain the same Hebrew word above in the reference verses of Psalms 119. Here, the *word of the Lord has quickened us*.

Other scriptures for quickened in the NT are *1 Corinthians 15:36; Ephesians 2:1, 5; Colossians 2:13 [to reanimate conjointly, quicken together]*, and *1 Peter 3:18*

John 5:21...the *Father quickeneth whom he will*: John 6:63...the *Spirit quickeneth*: Romans 4:17...*he quickeneth the dead and call things into existence*: 1 Timothy 6:13 further adds that *God quickeneth all things*. And let's not forget 1 Corinthians 15:45, Christ the last Adam, the quickening Spirit!

Closing thoughts on the inward LIFE

The inward life is the hidden life of the inner man, life from the inside out...

Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? Job 38:36

Behold, thou desire truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. Psalms 51:6

The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord, searching all the inward parts of the belly. Proverbs 20:27

For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness. Psalms 18:28

I will put my law in their inward parts... Jeremiah 31:33

This inward life is where the "Naba and Nabiy" {prophet and prophesying} is flowing

from within. It is the commanding of the blessing of the Lord for that which is resident to come forth to bless others in the prophetic dimension. Many desire a personal breakthrough and have not released the rivers of living water to bless others. If you really want a personal breakthrough then begin to open yourselves to the prophetic rivers of the Spirit to prophesy as the Spirit of the Lord gives utterance. Reiterating what Moses once said in Numbers 11:29, "Would that all of God's people were prophets or inspired in divine utterances.

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CHAPTER 11

UNDERSTANDING PERSONAL PROPHECY

Principles to Encourage Proper Use

Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge. If any thing is revealed to another that sitteth by, let the first hold his peace. For ye may all prophesy one by one that all may learn, and all may be comforted. And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints. 1 Cor. 14:29-33

The practice and use of *personal prophecy* is one of the most *interesting* ones in Pentecostal, Charismatic, Full Gospel, and other related Spirit-filled Circles. Even among many Evangelicals, the subject of *personal prophecy* has brought about *many questions* and *much curiosity* abroad as many believers *relentlessly seek answers* to their many *questions and concerns* related to personal prophecy. Personal prophecy, though common among prophetic tongue – talking camps, *is not exclusive* to any one community of believers. For saints everywhere seek and desire to excel in the operation of the gifts of the Spirit, via, prophecy. And one sure reason is that Paul the apostle encourages it.

1 Corinthians 12:7

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.

Each man is given his gift by the Spirit that he may use it for the common good. PHI

Now, the Spirit shows Himself to each one to make him useful. BECK

1 Corinthians 12:31

But covet earnestly the best gifts:

Aim hard for the choicest graces- Ber

But earnestly desire the higher gifts- RSV

1 Corinthians 14:1

Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

1 Corinthians 14:12

Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church. [Ask for them in abundant measure, but only so as to strengthen the faith of the church- KNOX

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Personal prophecy is the restored dimension of grace to the corporate body of Christ. It is not to suggest that the gift of prophecy or the ascension gift prophet has finally returned to the seen after 1500 years in oblivion, or that these dimensions of grace have become obsolete and outdated due to the canon of scripture. But although the gift of prophecy has been functioning in *fragments of society* throughout history, there has never been a time in the history of the church like today as the full recognition and release of the prophetic flow is taking place. Meaning, since the close of the canon, there is no period in church history of such resurgence of the prophetic life as it has been in the last decade.

This *present hour* is the most concentrated and intense ever in the restoration and release of the prophetic dimension. Never have so many saints become desirous of this spiritually restored life in the assemblies. However, like any *reformation movement* this *restored dimension* cannot go on without the needed and necessary checks and balances of the word of God and valid oversight. No *amount of spiritual awareness divinely appointed activity or agenda of the Spirit* is exempt from the need for true functionality through the focus of its stated purpose. The operation of the Spirit must be established through seasoned, proven, fruitful, mature, & valid ministry.

Any true vision will have a visionary, and every local assembly will have defined leadership. If it is visionless and leaderless then it is not the vision and leadership of the Spirit of God. True vision and leadership will have defined lines of communication, clear vision, and stabilizing influence to carry out the core values of the vision. The reason why it is a Spirit filled vision is that Christ is the one who gives us the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is he, which testifies of Christ the sender. In truth, there is no such thing as a Spirit –centered church, but rather, Christ – centered and Spirit –filled and led. Thus, God glorifying!

Let us continue on with Personal Prophecy and the Prophets....

Surely the Lord God will do nothing but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets (inspired speakers). Amos 3:7 [read also verse 8]

Personal prophecy is an *integral part* of the *corporate anointing* of the assemblies, local and universal. It has not passed away with the apostles no more has the voice of the Lord and the baptism of the Spirit has. Regardless of *our cultural and geographical differences*, or one's *limited scope and vision* in some spiritual things, prophecy and its valid use is to continue on in the life of the local church as this serves as a vital part in edifying the body. Yes, the gift of

prophecy and the ascension gift prophet are both a part of the administration of the church. *One is a gift of the Holy Spirit. The other, a gift of Christ!*

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Now there are diversities of [or, distinct] gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations [varieties of service], but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations [varieties of effects], but it is the same God which worketh all in all [but it is the same God who achieves his purposes through them all...PHI: but it is the same God who does all things by putting energy in us all...Wms: 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 with the latter portion of verse 6 in the translation or paraphrase of Phillips and C. Wms.

Concerning Personal Prophecy

Personal prophecy is when one operates in the gift of prophecy. Personal prophecy edifies, exhorts, and comforts according to 1 Corinthians 14:3. Whether personal prophecy carries the simplicity of speaking the word of God in faith, the coupling of certain spiritual gifts with the word, or the prophecy of judgment through a more mature expression, it still edifies, exhorts, & comforts.

*Personal prophecy is made up of rhema revelation, a spoken or uttered word given or received. If received, it may come from a prophet, a prophetic presbytery, a responsible believer in the local church, or an inner witness to your spirit man through prayer, worship, and the word. A rhema word is a quickened response to the presence of the Lord and his personal will for *your life*, as the *logos word is the authority of the written word and basis for the rhema word.**

From time to time, we encourage a special moment in the corporate life of the assembly where the saints can exercise through faith their prophetic potential. In such meetings, the Spirit of the Lord is present to release the voice of the Lord. People are then instructed to wait on the Holy Spirit for direction. *At some point or time, one person after another may come forth with a quickening prophetic word for the corporate body and at times for someone specific within the assembly. The Spirit of the Lord may simply inspire someone to share a specific verse and elaborate his heart and mind on that scripture. At another time, one may be quickened to pray through a word of knowledge over someone with a sickness or disease. Still, there are times where the intercessors will come forth with a more visible role in the corporate life to pray in the Spirit. And of course, the assembly is always open for the more mature and seasoned prophets to come forth and prophesy. Such meetings are needed at times to encourage growth in the prophetic and to see how each has matured in their expression.*

On some other occasions, I may assemble a prophetic presbytery to confirm, confer, impart, and activate believers in their purpose, calling, gifting, and divine destiny. Some prophetic words may come forth under the inspiration of *preaching and teaching and the song of the Lord and other times it may come forth from a mature and seasoned prophet while not ever having to preach or teach that night. All in all, personal prophecy strengthens and blesses God's people. The Lord rejoices over us with such needed expression of ministry.*

PERSONAL PROPHECY IS OUR RESPONSE TO THE RHEMA REVELATION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Personal prophecy, like all other operations of the Spirit, must have its inspiration and origin in the Holy Spirit. However, personal prophecy is not exempt from mistakes, culture, personality, and one's beliefs in the word of God. Meaning, the origin of the true word given may come from the Lord, but the manifestation may not always be to your liking. Some people are more verbal, confident, reserved, touchy, etc., as we all have strengths and needs to consider. Therefore, don't let one's cultural dissimilarities or geographical influence stop you from receiving a true word from the Lord. Just remember that the manifestation and the response of the one giving or receiving a prophetic word may vary.

Mistakes can happen while giving or receiving personal prophecy at times. For we are all learning. However, if we don't learn from our mistakes, there is always the possibility of *the personal prophecy being hindered in its transmission. There can arise taint or stain in the transmission as the debris of self, fear, anxiety, obligation, theological interpretations, personal conviction, tradition, etc., can filter through and interfere* in the process. Yes, beloved, it's true, that many men of God had given or received a word with certain hindrance factors to follow. From frustration, haste, being head strong, *or even with an heir of importance among others, the prophetic release can find itself shaded in some gray areas.*

Now, simple gift prophecy is to edify, exhort, and to comfort. *But simple gift prophecy has its limitations. Simple gift prophecy is for all believers, but all believers are not called to be an ascension gift prophet. If you are a believer and is graced to give the simplicity of the prophetic dimension, then praise the Lord. But if you assume that you can delve further into the deeper realms of governmental prophetic grace, which is reserved for the more mature and seasoned prophet, you may lack wisdom and need further tutoring and prophetic mentoring here. The mistake is when a novice prophet or prophet in training is given the lead to exercise an undeveloped function in a way that arrests the attention of the corporate assembly, thus sending signals and mixed messages that such person is truly an established prophet of God! Read first Timothy 3 concerning novices.*

As a rule, I believe in allowing young prophets to share at times in the team ministry of more mature prophets with the intent and purpose of apprenticeship for the young prophet. If you expect a person to be licensed to drive a car, they must practice how to drive. If you expect a person to become a nurse, they must practice their calling, otherwise, you will have reckless driving and a lot of dead patients in your care. Why? For no one took time to mentor the others into proper character, charisma, conduct, and calling. Therefore kingdom principle says, "preparation leads to presentation!"

IMPORTANT PRINCIPLES FOR GIVING AND RECEIVING PERSONAL PROPHECY

Predictive prophecy is not reserved for believers in general. Mature prophets are involved in powerful predictions, birthing of gifts and callings, activation of gifts, establishing order in the house, and membership ministry in the corporate and local body of Christ. Please, do not assume a place in prophethood where you are not called, graced, or anointed to be. Start out where you are, and grow, grow, grow. Don't ever be anxious to give a prophetic word to others...

Predictive prophecy carries the element of other spiritual gifts, including the word of wisdom. As an apostle, much of my teaching and impartation flows in the word of wisdom. God has given me some prophetic insight into his eternal purpose and the destiny of the church. Most times when I minister, it goes through the local assembly with a word for the corporate region. The substance and strength of these divinely uttered words are said by others to be meat in due season. Therefore, I encourage the young prophets not to assume prediction too soon. Start out in confessing the scripture, intercession, exhortation, etc. Remember we are here to edify the body. *All of these gifts are submitted to the body!*

Simple gift prophecy does not include the other manifestation of the gifts of the Spirit and is not considered revelation knowledge from the standpoint of comparison to a mature prophet who functions in the authority to prophesy and establish God's governmental order. Therefore, young prophets must continue to edify, exhort, and to comfort. Like a *child, you must grow into prophethood. You must become a child before becoming a man. 1 Corinthians 13:8-14:40*

Prophecy ministers to your Spirit, not necessarily to your emotions. Learn to receive a word with a spirit of quietness, not being worked up and anxious to receive. Keep still and let the prophet speak in his or her grace as a pastor would in counseling his flock. The same with a teacher that teaches, an evangelist that heralds the good news of Christ, or as an apostle in reforming foundations in the church were he is received. Just remember if you are receiving a prophetic word, keep still, yes, your body still, and pay attention, too. Don't make the mistake of becoming distracted to the prophetic, never having to hear one thing the prophet was saying. I have witnessed this too often, as folk would attempt to fall out on the floor or wiggle and squirm before receiving the word of the Lord. Folks like these are soon taken up with the idea of them about to receive a prophetic word that they don't necessarily prepare their hearing and body posture to receive it. Of course in some of our meetings the individual or candidate for personal prophecy may surrender and yield to the presence of the Lord in those meetings, but we are speaking here of some who react before responding to instructions.

For beloved, the anointing is in the instructions. Here intelligibly and receive...

...In personal prophecy, motivation is extremely important...But!

Ezekiel 13 is a classic example of poor or improper motivation.

Say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts...Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing. They have seen vanity and lying divination...Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination? Ezekiel 13:2, 3, 6, 7 [portions of]

True motivation has its roots in the love of God. 1 Corinthians 13 is a perfect reading experience on being developed in the love of Christ. The love of God is not rash, envious, provoking to anger, impatient, egotistic, or found to behave itself unseemly. It does not seek its own, think evil, or rejoice in iniquity. However, I have met some prophets of this order, who prophesy gain, but not true godliness. Therefore, check your motivation. Please remember that love or charity is kind, rejoices in the truth, bears, hopes, endures, and believes all things. And, when our motivation is steered towards the love of God, your soul will not have to fight and struggle inside to get attention when you are giving or receiving a word. You no longer have to dictate the spirit man (so-to-speak) with your intellectualism, for that is where the non-illuminated soul doesn't want to give up for the release of the spirit. Ask Mr. Spock from the popular Star Trek Series.

Yes, you may be logical, but all logic is not truth!

Now again, pure motivation of the heart is important, but did you not know that you can be a true prophet with a false word and a false prophet with a true word?

True Prophet, True Word...2 Chronicles 12:5

True Prophet, False Word...1 Kings 13

False Prophet, True Word...Joshua 13

False Prophet, False Word...Numbers 22:7; 23:5; 24:1

Simon the Sorcerer had impure motives for ministry...Acts 8

Deotriphes did too...3 John 9-10

Well, so did Judas in betraying Jesus...

Even a wonderful man of God can have proper motivation and intention, but the results fall through because of the principles given on the following pages. These principles will help guard against presumption, rash, and anxiety. Such prophecies will always fall short of the Heavenly Father's expected end for giving and receiving personal prophecy.

What Personal Prophecy is not to be characterized by...

Don't receive or give personal prophecy out of a strong doctrinal or theological

sense. In other words, if God is not giving a specific rhema word on *the condition of one's healing, don't assume that the person is to throw away their medicine because the bible says "by his stripes we are healed." (Isaiah 54:4-5) That's cool for the scripture to confirm this, but what is God saying to you in the transmission of personal prophecy?*

Don't receive or give *personal prophecy out of an over-dependency of the prophetic. For personal prophecy should never substitute or take the place of the written word of God.*

Don't let people guide you around town as their personal following flock for personal guidance. Let the word confirm the already revealed will of God in your life. Don't let them tell you that you must submit to them in private and do whatever God is saying through them. If they are un-teachable, refuse correction, always alone *through personal rejection, not accountable to spiritual authority, have a low-level in the word, always defensive and argumentative, boast how spiritual they are, judgmental, preaching out of hurt, etc., then don't follow them anyway. Ezekiel 13*

Presumption is foolish prophecy. When you give out of such mindset, you are doing more harm than good. If God is not speaking through you or to you, then shut up! Don't ever assume things or read into things that is not being quickened to you by the Holy Spirit

Judging Prophecy

According to 1 Corinthians 14:29 confirms the need to judge prophecy. Judgment *of prophecy is not reserved for the prophets only. The local assembly at large has the right to judge prophecy. Even the church of Ephesus in Revelation 2:2 has tried those claiming apostleship. It would be good practice to record prophecies given in your assembly. This way, you can effectively recall things that were said over the flock, as well as each individual member to further advance on the prophetic word given.*

On next week, we shall hand to the continuation of this, as we explore further more principles and guidelines for the *personal prophecy. Expect as before more pages to be given to you for class eleven. When the Holy Spirit tells me to stop, I stop. So, right now, I stop! Why? I don't know, but the Lord is faithful!*

PERSONAL PROPHECY: continued

Now, continuing on, judging prophecy is necessary, as we need to consider some kingdom principles below...

A Does it glorify Christ? [The Holy Spirit always testify of Jesus Christ our Lord]

B- Does it measure or stand up to the authority and integrity of the Holy Scriptures?

C- Does it produce the fruit of the Spirit and the Character of the kingdom?
Romans 14:17

D- Does it bear witness with your Spirit and does it draw you closer to the living God?

Prophetic people must *judge righteously!*

Judgment is given to the saints who possess the kingdom in Daniel chapter seven. We need to discern *between the true and the false*, for *1 John 4:1-6* confirms this. Therefore, test or try the spirit, not just one's word or display of *super-spirituality*. Test and discern, even with the *authority of the word* as recorded in *Hebrews 4:12*. Let the word dwell in you richly with all wisdom. Let's judge without ever being judgmental. For righteous judgment comes from God!
James 3:14-18

PERSONAL PROPHECY: YOU'VE GOT TO START SOMEWHERE

Personal prophecy may *hold a bit of controversy* in many some circles, however, anything that is being vibrantly restored, recognized, and received in the church will have its share of discussion one way or the other. As personal prophecy is a *mode or method of operating* in the prophetic dimension, it should become a *foundation truth* to any New Testament church with proper guidelines and protocol to follow. Meaning, elders of the assembly with the discernment of spirits will encourage the function and operation of the gifts according to the word of God and the seasoned oversight given to them by the Holy Spirit. Elders of assemblies will develop some sense of *cooperation and coordination* to ensure a correct flow of the spirit of God. Meaning, if the principle would work in the secular world and the family, then why should it not work in the local church?

Proper and safe environments must be assured for the best development of the prophetic dimension, whether for seasoned or young maturing saints. Elders should not become too *sensitive* in the sense of controlling all actions of *givers and receivers* of the prophetic. And elders should also allow room for mistakes to happen. One of the keys to *successful prophetic* ministry is the principle of giving it a try. And remember God wants to speak to and through you unto edification!

CHAPTER 12

[P.I.T.] PROPHET IN TRAINING THROUGH FATHERHOOD, MENTORING, AND SEASONED LEADERSHIP

Today we shall discuss the importance of prophetic people in their relation to fatherhood, mentoring, seasoned leadership, accountability, and right relationship. In this brief study we shall examine several references of scripture to encourage the emerging prophet to be aligned to proper and right relationships. Below we shall list some important “R’s” in our discovery...

1 – Right Revelation – All prophets, prophetic people, prophetic assemblies, and prophetic ministries are given to Right Revelation. Revelation is more than having a doctrinal treatise or thesis. Right Revelation is more than majoring on certain select truths for your own personal edification. But Right Revelation is yielding to the Spirit of Truth proceeding from the Father to establish you in the present truth, or what the Holy Spirit is saying now in His word. 2 Peter 1:12, 1 John 2:7-8. Present truth is a now word for the body. You can be grammatically correct and logical with facts, but all logic is not truth and a fact is different than the truth. Right Revelation is more than illumination of the scriptures, but is substance in the Spirit to walk out this life giving nature, and the authority to teach and to impart what the Father is giving you to speak. Some brethren are seasoned in authority to speak present day truth, others are echoes in the whispering wind. The religious crowd recognized that Jesus spoke with authority, not as the scribes. He spoke what the Father had given him. His doctrine was not his, but of Him that “Apostello” or sent Him. John 7:16-17

2 – Right Relocation – All prophets, prophetic people, prophetic assemblies, and prophetic ministries are given to Right Relocation, or where the Spirit of the Lord would have them to be. First things first, is that doing comes out of being. We are born to be than born to do. Right Relocation is the principle of now only making your calling and election sure, but being in the place of strategic kingdom alignment to where you are given to grow, mature, function, and demonstrate the levels of prophetic dimension. Of course this takes much wisdom, prayer, timing, patience, and maturity, but I am convinced that so many are in places they don’t belong. How can a church of 10,000 members shun the prophetic dimension or exclaim it as aberrant in practice, yet preach prophecy notes by the 3 Blind Mice of Scofield, Darby, and Larkin, via, the 1800’s dispensational teachers of prophecy? How can folk hear the voice of the Lord in their spirit to awaken and arise out of slumber and sleep, yet remain in broken cisterns with hope of changing the religious system they are in? If God has called you into deeper spheres than you need to be in a place that will minister to corporate destiny.

We need to be in Right Relocation, as the Oil from the Beard of Aaron is flowing down into the rest of the body. If you are not in the prepared place of the Lord, the place of His choosing and the place where His name is, you may not receive the scheduled depth and dimension of the Spirit awaiting you, for being out of place. Psalms 133:1 confirms how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity. The dwelling is an appointed place and an appointed time. From such place the Lord commands the blessing forevermore. In Revelation 12, the woman fled into the wilderness to her prepared place. She was nourished because she was where she was supposed to be. If you are not in your prepared place, right relationship, divine connection, or submitted to seasoned ministry, the truth is you are out of place. So, have you made the divine appointment or is it a reoccurring and frustrating disappointment? Are you “bone of His bone”? Are you fitly jointed together as a joint of supply? Are you doing what you were strategically given to do? Adam, where are you?

3 – Right Relationship – All prophets, prophetic people, prophetic assemblies, and prophetic ministries are given to Right Relationship. Right Relationship is God’s appointment for your life, divine order and strategy of taking you to the next level of your destiny. Right Relationships involves the planting of the Lord, but the fruit of that plantation. From being spiritually fathered, mentored, and coached along the way, Right Relationship is more than just a spiritual hook up {or was that a hiccup?}. But Right Relationship perceives the need to submit to the process of development as a son would a father. In Right Relationship, there may be someone that you are open to, accountable to, someone that is an example to you in the Lord. In this understanding, God is allowing you to meet the appointed other, as you and me are not an island unto ourselves. He has what we need in another. Our destiny is locked up into the life and progression of another. God has someone that is given to speak into your life. He wills that we yield to the higher anointing in wisdom, direction, vision, and stability. Someone is appointed to your progression, so get in position for your progression.

Spiritual fathers are graced to give assignment to their seed. According to Luke 1:66-80 Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied concerning his seed John of his strategic place and operation in the earth. Fathers name their seeds, and give assignment to them. Within the seed is the potential to become a tree. Spiritual fathers speak into the life of the seed, the seed is watered, it grows, and in time it is ready for harvest. This carries in part the analogy of the planted seed. However, when referring to the seed sons of the apostolic fathers the seed most notable and outstanding in feature is the seed of the father as the prodigy and offspring of the father. Spiritual fathers bring forth sons in the DNA of Christ, the born identity. Spiritual sons are those who are about their father’s business. According to scripture there are many instructors, teachers, and great academicians, but where are the fathers? Where are those that have begotten you in the gospel? 1 Corinthians 4:15; 2 Timothy 2:2

Although the term “Spiritual or Ministry father” is oftentimes interchanged for the word

mentor for some interpreters, take note that all spiritual fathers mentor their sons, but all mentors are not spiritual fathers. A son may have more than one mentor, but will always have a true identifiable spiritual father. The mentor of the father's son will only give the necessary and needed counsel that shall coincide and under gird what the father is speaking into the son. The mentor, though in a great place to add momentum and increase on a number of levels, will in essence testify of the father's heart and counsel for the son. A mentor is not to make the grave error of becoming a tormentor, nor a transgressor. When the father and the son are appointed together, the counsel, tutorage, coaching, and encouragement of the mentor will in no wise become contrary to the training of the son through the father. Sons learn obedience through endurance, and will submit to the process even if they don't momentarily understand everything. Yes, they will seek for understanding and wisdom will continually become the principle thing in them. But the son will honor the father by becoming a father to his own sons as well.

For in Proverbs 13:22, "A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children...The destiny of the son becomes a legacy for the sons that come forth out of him. This is how the inheritance or heritage continues on unto the children of the children. The covenantal bloodline and legacy reaches into another generation. Isaiah 58:12 calls this the foundation of many generations {genes, genetics, genealogies, genesis}. Note the scripture below from 2 Timothy 2:2

And these things that you have learned of me among many witnesses, the same commit {deposit} you unto faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

The principle of fatherhood and sonship in women...

According to Judges chapter 4 and 5, Deborah was a prophetess and wife of Lapidoth whom judged Israel. She had many that were accountable to her, and served the same principle of appointed of well-defined leadership as would any pastor, apostle, or spiritual leader. Though a woman, she understood authority as the scripture references her husband. Huldah the prophetess was also mentioned as a woman in a place of great authority, and references her husband named Shallum, the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas in 2 Kings 22:14.

In Numbers 27:1-8, the daughters of Zelophehad the son of Hopher, had five daughters {hmm, I liken this to the pre-five-fold era in principle and potential}. The daughters stood before Moses and the congregation and believed it was their right to inherit the father's inheritance as sons. The name of the father was not to be done away with in the absence of male seed, so they stood in line for the possession of the father, as a son would expect to receive from his father's inheritance. The inheritance and covenantal blessing of the father passed on to the daughters. They had the right to receive the father's inheritance. With this in mind, fatherhood and sonship is a kingdom principle, not a gender agenda.

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Note below some scriptures on fatherhood and sons...

We are orphans and fatherless, our mothers are as widows. Lamentations 5:3

A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation. God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry land. Psalms 68:5-6

And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse. Malachi 4:6

For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: 1 Corinthians 4:15

And one in the same place answered and said, "But who is their father?" 1 Samuel 10:12

Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; Hebrews 5:8

And Elisha saw it, and he said, "My father, my father...2 Kings 2:12 {My father, my father is a witness of heaven and earth, fatherhood in heavens and fatherhood in the earth, His will done on earth as in heaven}. Father – son is a spiritual kingdom order. Spiritual fatherhood acknowledges the destiny in the son and the son's success is in part rooted or locked up in the father.

If you endure chastening (discipline), God deals with you as {a father} with sons: for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards {spurious and illegitimate, no and not sons. Hebrews 12:7-8

No one stands alone and has all of the answers themselves. We all have blind spots, strengths pushed to the excess [*weaknesses*], and the need for *checks* and *balances*. Spiritual fathers are needed to further raise and release the sons into the fulfillment of God's divine purpose for their lives. You are not a spiritual father because you give birth to a son, but that you train up that son in the way he or she is to go. The son will grow in grace, stature, and wisdom, not departing from the father's heart. The son will become double-portioned by the father. True success or rather authenticity is when there is a true successor.

I have noticed over the years how many ministers came to me and asked if I could be their spiritual father assuming it to be a ministerial alliance or association. Most never know the depth and scope of what the father and son is. Most never considered that it is *not always the sons* who come seeking out the fathers. But it is the fathers of the Spirit who are sent to them to ensure in part the deposit and covenant bloodline ordained in this appointed relationship

Keep in mind, ministry is to be relational and not impositional. *Fatherhood is relational*. School of ministry is *relational*. Local assemblies and plurality of elders is *relational*. Church dynamics is *relational*. Gifts of the Spirit are *relational*. Signs and wonders are *relational*. All of God's dealing through the local church and in the earth is *relational*. Before you run with high esteem and great regard the principle of father and son, bear in mind the integrity and quality of all

commitment as being relationship-based, and not authority-based. Before you can really *preach commitment*, you need to preach and establish relationships. The one thing that we are to market {and I use this term loosely} is not necessarily tapes, books, or the beauty and size of your edifice. Rather, we are to promote healthy and godly relationships. And if I may use this conventional term to make a positive point, "*establishing family, godly, and structured relationships* "sells" *not only in the local church, but sells local assemblies itself!"*

Recognition and Restoration of True Apostolic Leadership

In the early church, the apostles had been given spiritual and regional authority for the vibrant life of the city-church, one church with multiple fellowships. In that era, you did not hear of the roaming and roving of so many dissident members of local assemblies, recycled from one local ministry house unto another. True apostolic wisdom and authority was present, relationship-based, and had set the tone and pace for the pioneering development of the local church.

Many shun the idea of apostles today alluding to the infant baby church with multiple elders. The issue is not that we simply return to the pattern of a true vibrant New Testament church, but to return to the pattern in order to excel from where it started. In other words, once we return to the pattern, the glory follows. The reason why the glory follows is that the pattern came from the glory in the first place. God's model design in the heavens became translated on earth, invading our realm with his as divine order again equals divine presence.

True spiritual order and authority by the apostles will provide proper levels of spiritual growth and momentum and protection at the same time. The two-edged sword protects and provides. And, protection is not restriction.

Today, everyone seems to be led in what to do and where to go, and for many, it is a frivolous notion. To think that we have to pray about everything when it comes to the apostles' doctrine, or to spiritualize common sense, is nonsense. When it comes to apostolic fathers given regional and spiritual authority to launch the kingdom communities or assemblies into new frontiers, it is the anointing, authority and the agenda of apostles then, to take the local church into a whole new level. The reason why it appears as control on the part of the apostles is that our humanness is inherently stubborn and rebellious. We can obey the boss on the job and be at work early, but to hear from an apostle on spiritual order and kingdom alignment, "Well, I've got to keep praying about it!"

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And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed {emptied or drew out} his trained {initiated, practiced} servants {serve before being seen – Ephesians 4:12} born {or begotten} in his own house...Genesis 14:14

To the masses of believers everywhere and to all of those whom feel the prophetic call on your life, when was the last time you had proven faithful to a local house? Where you faithful in the least, in money matters, and that which is

another man's? Did you endure the chastening of a son, and where you sent by the father on the divine commissioning? Where have you stayed long enough to qualify you through leadership and training? Who has begotten you in the gospel? What were the specific developments in your progression as a son in the father's house? Who sent you forth in apostolic affirmation?

When emerging in the prophetic dimension, it is not a question of simply God telling you that you are a prophet, his prophet of the hour. The real deal is that *someone else divinely appointed to you have something you need*. Your breakthrough and blessing of purpose, calling, gifting, and commissioning comes from the rich spiritual deposit that is rooted in another. Someone else is purposely designed to take you where you are to go. You just don't go on your own account, that is, without the accountability of the Holy Spirit in leading you in right relationship. God not only anoints, he appoints, divinely...

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility; for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God [5-fold ministry], that he may exalt you in due time: 1 Peter 5:5-6

To the prophets and sons of the prophets, training for reigning and schooling for ruling comes through appointed others. Samuel led the way as a pioneer of the prophetic lineage, the company or line of the prophets. Moses gave the {apostolic} foundation, launching mentalities to become a prophetic expression, prayerful that all of God's people were prophetic in dimension. Numbers 11:29

Attitude determines Altitude

Like anything seasoned and valid in expression, and ordained of God, there are checks and balances. These are designed to protect us from our own selves. One of these important check marks is the principle of the measure of rule recorded in 2 Corinthians 10:12-18. The measure of rule is not a mere restriction of potential or possibility, but is a sense of boundary, a parameter, that all are called of God but not all are called to everything. When we abide by the principle of the measure of rule, we will reach those whom the Lord would have us to reach. When we don't, we boast on or from another man's measure.

I am of the belief that a number of prophets and emerging leaders have been born or shaped out of offences. Many leave assemblies busted and disgusted, mad at church leaders and angry at the way the elders rule in the assemblies. I have met scores of disgruntled folks, redefining the church as the whore of Babylon, or anyone in seasoned leadership as being a narcissist for legitimately acquiring a new home or car. From here, the angry and riotous mob of prophets will roam from assembly to assembly, with a view that the Lord has sent them there to change things in their new assembly. Many then begin to feel that after settling in a little while and finding favor with the elders of the flock, that they can

become the voice of God in the assembly, without disregard to the true vision and spirit of the house. I have met many of these persons who would substitute the leadership and example of the reigning elders for a showdown in *“Thus says the prophets who was sent to rebuke you over this house!”*

Is there a time to speak? Yes! Paul understood this in 1 Corinthians 14:31-33. There is a timing and wisdom for the release of the prophets, but all things are done decently and in order. {Verse number 40}. For those who think that decently and orderly is something of being a control freak, think again. The word decently is defined as “properly, decorously, and honestly.” Somehow we become a space cadet after reading this verse thinking someone is out to stop us in our gifting grace. Of course there are brethren out there that mean much harm, and will use any snare, ploy, pitfall, and trap to lure you in through their bait {the bait of offence}. But then why focus on these sordid fellows when we can enjoy the richness of our newfound local assembly, relationship-based without becoming too familiar with one another. We can begin to learn to trust God one in another, and not become so suspicious and loaded with questioning when it comes to the place of God’s appointment, the place of his choosing.

Before a prophet becomes set in a new local assembly they have to be perceived and received in this measure, not assuming their particular and unique expression will open so many wide doors and windows of opportunities for them. The prophet must learn that in settling in a new place, it is in one sense an assignment, but in another sense it is kingdom alignment. Many want an anointing for an assignment, but not the divine appointment for alignment. God is strategically aligning us for kingdom purpose, not our own. To know your purpose is to first know HIS purpose. What many call destiny is just a shot in the dark, but God is about stability, not running to and from scattered about with every wind of doctrine. He wants stability {Isaiah 33:6}, not hurriedness. The stability of the kingdom is defined in part through core values. Core values give us momentum in our excelling and winning walk. We learn obedience, not alone to simply hear. When we hear it must be rooted in listening, and the listening enables one to take the necessary challenging action. Like many that are having a hard time paying simple bills, perhaps it is because we are not paying attention to the heed and beckoning call not to be negligent and unscheduled in spending. We all have to be accountable to someone, somewhere!

You do not deserve to be a prophet, nor do you demand God to be one. It is by grace and his loving design, and through the buffeting and scourging process of following before leading, serving before being seen, understanding without trying to be understood. You don’t come in to exalt your own gate or to insist on being the prophet of the house. When you come into a new local assembly, the assembly is not necessarily new in formation, nor is your specific gifting in the prophetic is new. What is new is your being fitted for service in a new environment for you. You are a novice to this work, new to you, and new in experience, too. Now, you must position yourself to hear, understand, bear fruit, and to become a mature expression of HIS purpose. Can you handle this?

Proper spiritual oversight

Remember them, which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end [goal] of their conversation [life]. Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch over your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you. Salute all them that have the rule [are in authority] over you...Hebrews 13:7, 17, 24

Proper spiritual oversight carries many benefits. For one thing, it protects us and creates a safe haven from the wolves, and a place to grow while making certain mistakes. Proper spiritual oversight watches over our souls, and lovingly has the interest of leading us into greener pastures. And proper spiritual oversight is as important the principle of having a father and mother of a domestic nuclear home, or a true God-fearing president of a nation. No matter how some have tried to run circles around it they can't. God's channel of leadership for training other leaders is through seasoned, proven, fruitful, mature, and valid ministry.

Remember all truth is parallel and all authority is God's authority.

Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever resists the power resists the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. Rules are not a terror unto good works, but to the evil. Will you not be afraid {reverent} of the power {the power of the principle at work, the reverence to what God has established as his divine order}? Romans 13:1-3

All authority begins with God. Without authority, there would be disorder in every facet of life. Order must be established and obeyed through a sound conscience, illumined by the Spirit of God and mutually reciprocating. Obedience is more than compliance: it is a change of the heart and mind, a change of will. Yes we serve willingly and cheerfully, and such cheerful joy does not serve as a basis or cause to manipulate the process from either end. Without mature and seasoned ministry, the potential of anarchy, chaos, and confusion is at risk. Judges 17:6

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Matthew 16:19; Luke 10:19; John 1:12; Mark 16:15-20; Romans 13:1-8

Scriptures to consider in our progression through divine appointment

And it came to pass, when the Lord would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal...And Elisha said unto him, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee...And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me...He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him...2 Kings 2:1, 2, 9, 13

And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house. Acts 20:20 [I call it 20/20 vision].

True spiritual fathers will pour all that they are and have into you for your growth, edification, and advancement in kingdom purpose.

And he gave some, [he keeps on giving, he continues to give] apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting [equipping] of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Ephesians 4:11-12

All of the above reveal the encouraging need for someone to take time with another! In such process includes patience, wisdom, care, respect, and a cultivated and genuine love! Theresa and me enjoy the time that we share and invest in those whom we are appointed in a much deeper covenant relationship.

The *Elijah-Elisha Principle* is the classic example of *establishing* proper and *right relationships*. The *genuine purpose* of it is to help the fathered or mentored *excel* through the leadership of the mentor, or the son through the maturing competence of the father. Maturity is a key here in what and how the son receives from the father.

With such model, one would think that it would be necessary to *duplicate* the very life experiences of Elijah. But from the above distinctions it is clear that Elisha became the "*double portion man*," but different than the way Elijah lived. For though someone fathering you here in this text is without a *certain dwelling place*, it does not mean for you to mimic the same experiences of the father in all details. Know whom it is that you are appointed to, and know that the spiritual ministry father is designed for your destiny and inheritance, to lead you into your expected in.

However, the key is to help you to learn and advance from these experiences to better improve your serve to others. We are not here to fit, but to change things. Authority is given by God and delegated through his set persons. Before you give anyone levels of authority provide them with levels of responsibility. Remember the principles of relationship are what give cohesion to specific commitment. Relationship precedes commitment.

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PROPHET IN TRAINING

A SAFE ENVIRONMENT TO DEVELOP THE MINISTRY OF THE PROPHETIC

When developing a prophetic people in the context of the local assembly, one must consider two important principles for effective prophetic development...

- 1 The environment must be a safe place to encourage the prophetic dimension to flow...**
- 2- The prophets in training must be encouraged to flow even when they are**

making mistakes...

The setting or place for one to flow in the prophetic is *very important*. How many of you can remember the first time you witnessed a word from the Lord while sitting on the pew in the assembly? Were you *nervous, anxious, afraid, or confused*? Were you prepared to hold that word until released to give it, or did you give it anyway to the corporate grace of the assembly without ever consider the response or reaction? Whatever your response, whether a prophetic word in your spirit or on the tip of your tongue so-to-speak, the *initial reaction* to the *what, who, when, where, how, and why* of the prophetic should come to no surprise to you. Especially if you are new to the *ministry of personal prophecy!*

As you prepare to excel in prophetic grace, you must consider that it is all a learning experience. Note below this scripture...

*For ye may all prophesy one by one that all may learn, and all may be comforted.
1 Corinthians 14:31*

It takes time to grow into the prophetic dimension. Whether you are a babe in Christ or just new to the prophetic ministry altogether, *training takes time*.

Now, let's look at some words and meanings for the follow...

Mentor: A wise loyal advisor, a teacher or coach; a trusted guide or counselor...

Coach: A private tutor who prepares a student in a subject or for an examination.

Train: One meaning, to discipline or condition. Discipline has to do with a sound mind.

Impartation: To give or share a portion of. This is also the principle of conferring...

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Apprentice: Any learner or beginner; a novice; from a word meaning to apprehend and to teach...

Develop: To cause to grow gradually in some way; to build, make stronger and effective...

Activate: To make active, cause to engage in activity: motion, function...

Father: one who engenders or relates to his children {apostolic principle}...The idea here is to recognize, to raise and to release. Training and development is lent to the father and mother, patriarch and matriarch, or in governmental terms, seasoned apostles and prophets...

From the above definitions we see that *learning is a process of development*.

Whether from the college of experience in general, or from the context of the local assemblies, prophets and prophetic people need *defined lines of communication* and *structured learning*. All learning will not be written on paper, nor will it absolutely be confined to a classroom. But learning can also be a caught thing, for some things are better caught than taught. As with the fire, zeal, compassion, and grace of solid leadership, you may catch their spirit, but not always attend sessions on textbook theory. Therefore, one of the keys of effective learning is having a *hearing ear*, and a willingness to apply and practice kingdom principles. *For hearing without the need of doing equals deception James 1:22*

KINGDOM PRINCIPLES TO CONSIDER...

Prophets and prophetic people need encouraging times of *mentoring* and seasons of refreshing from a pool or company of prophets. Many prophets and prophetic people are found in assemblies and ministries where the *prophetic is not fully embraced*. And sometimes, the prophetic is deemed *unscriptural and obsolete* by reigning leadership of Evangelical and Classical Pentecostal churches. Therefore, the need remains; *"What does the prophetic person do when there is no level of encouragement for them in prophetic ministry?"* How do you help establish a prophetic people whose own assembly refuses or is ignorant of entering in to the glorious unfolding of prophetic dimension?" And how do you encourage others from *various assemblies* to be taught, trained, developed, and activated in the prophetic while remaining faithful to their own local assemblies?" *(Open discussion)*

Remember what we said earlier, that a safe environment and room for mistakes are expected. If there is no safety, the prophetic will not flow freely. If the blame game is seen as a motivation for not making mistakes, the prophetic will not flow freely. Therefore, young novices or beginners in the prophetic must be assured through proven ministry of the expectations and boundaries of the prophetic, otherwise, you may become discouraged from coming forth freely and fluently.

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A safe training environment is crucial. Not merely for results, but for opportunities *to learn and grow*. *For you can learn from mistakes*. You can learn from disappointments. You can learn from missing the mark or the bull's eye. You can *learn from not being too* certain of what you are doing. But you will not learn, grow, or excel in the prophetic flow *if you never try*. You cannot remain fearful forever. You cannot sit around and wait for an angel to lift you up out of your despair. So, if you have a problem with functioning in the prophetic for fear *that you will make mistakes, then welcome to the party*. For a countless many have had struggles in the past, including your's truly. However, the remedy became quite clear. *"If you first don't succeed, try, try again!"* And, "Practice makes _____!"

"I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me...Philippians 4:13"

Practicing the Prophetic

Even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised (Greek, trained) to discern both good and evil. Hebrews 5:14

Now, it is time to exercise the prophetic. Yes, right here in this class!

I will begin by saying that hearing or seeing in the Spirit can perceive the prophetic. Sometimes, one is more adept to one aspect of perception than the other. However, *you will not be encouraged to compare your spirituality and expectations* with another. For it is all a matter of yielding to God and operating in faith. So let's begin the exercise!

The Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy? Amos 3:8

*For all may prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.
1 Corinthians 14:31 [also read the entire chapter of 1 Corinthians 14]*

*But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal (for the body) 1
Corinthians 12:7*

*But all these worketh that one and selfsame Spirit, dividing (distributing) to every man
severally as he will. 1 Corinthians 12:11*

*But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.
Ephesians 4:7*

*Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy,
let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith. Romans 12:6*

*Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied
of the grace that should come unto you: 1 Peter 1:10*

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*Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the
edifying of the church. 1 Corinthians 14:12*

*As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good
stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of
God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God gives: 1 Peter 4:10-11*

But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit... 1 Corinthians 2:10

#1- Let's pray in our understanding...1 Corinthians 14:15

[I will lead in prayer, but you may also pray accordingly, using your very own words]

#2- Let's now pray in the Spirit for a moment...Jude 20;

[Praying in tongues is good to get your spirit man in connection with the heart, will, and mind of the Spirit of God. Praying in tongues builds up your spirit man tremendously.]

#3- Let's become quiet in the spirit and listen to what the Lord is saying.

[This is the still small voice of 1 Kings 19:11-12. Also read Psalms 46:10]

Remain still for a little bit and let the Holy Spirit minister to your spirit..

#4- Begin to release your faith to speak the word of the Lord. It may be for a particular person, or for the whole group, but begin now to release faith.

Faith is so essential for maximum living. Just look at faith as simple it is to breathe air! Expect to hear and to speak what the Spirit has given you.

#5- Release what you feel is given to you by the Holy Spirit.

Now remember, prophecy ministers to your spirit man and may not always make sense. Therefore, say what you feel the Holy Spirit is saying to you. Please, all young and novice prophets or prophetic people, refrain from "thus saith the Lord, or The Lord told me! Try saying, "I hear in my spirit, I feel in my spirit, I sense in my spirit!"

Learn to move in the Spirit realm. Don't worry about making mistakes. You have to start somewhere, so proceed with faith and assurance in God. Also keep in mind, this is a safe environment. You do not have to worry at all, we are all here for you. Release the streams of his presence, and flow...

Now, in your quiet time begin by quoting the word out aloud as faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. At times, use some earphones and listen to worship and praise songs, as well as anointed teaching and preaching. At times, turn off everything and begin to listen quietly to the gentle presence of the Spirit. Train your spirit man to eat and pray the word, especially the things that are conducive to your transformation. Pray in tongues daily. Stay in close fellowship with God and his people. Also, try going to sleep with anointed music and teaching. Keep a journal beside your bed in case a dream or vision quickens you. And most of all relax and remember that God loves you and really wants to speak to and through you! Psalms 139:17 (God is always thinking about you); Jeremiah 29:11; John 10:27; 14:26; 16:13

As we stop in this book, I want to leave you with a few closing thoughts, some scriptures and principles for your edification. It has been an enjoyable experience

with you, and we shall see you again in our next session and training. Remember to feed the seed and to nurture the nature, for by divine enlightenment you are becoming what you already are. Apostolic blessings to all and know that you are highly flavored of the Lord. Please turn in your 1000-word neatly typed response of all that you have learned and mail it to P.O. Box 32, Ruston, LA, 71273... Address to Dr. Tim and Theresa Early.

So Moses finished the work. Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. And when the cloud was taken up over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward in all their journeys: But if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it was taken up. For the cloud of the Lord was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys. Exodus 40:33-38 [read also Exodus 25:8-9]

*And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled the house of the Lord. So that the priests **could not stand to minister** because of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord. Then spake Solomon, The Lord said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. I have surely built thee a house to dwell in, a settled place for thee to abide forever. **(Habitation)** 1 Kings. 8:10-13*

Have a great week, and do prepare to receive test questions following. Prepare for graduation at the scheduled date given, and please call for date and time. Our sincerest joy to all of you, local elders, and leaders from all over the world. Remember to turn in all assignments following each chapter or lesson.

Chapter Thirteen

Prophet, No Prophet, More Than a Prophet

The Prophetic, Prophetic, Prophetic! I have had my fill with the loosely usage of the term, and the levels of racism that is arising among a number of prophetic camps and clusters.

To think, that one culture or another has patented the prophetic, or that another which feels they hold the key to the prophetic, is not prophetic at all. There is nothing prophetic about feelings of superiority or inferiority of one group over another. There is nothing remotely close to being prophetic when we esteem that the prophetic serves best under our banner of ministry, or that all roads lead to the prophetic, via, our church, network, or particular affiliation. There is nothing prophetic when we insist that only a small handful of adherents have been carefully selected to pioneer the prophetic, and that all others are to stand by in

awe, wonder, and amazement {for some, enticement} at the great feats these prophetic experts display.

There is nothing prophetic about insisting on joining the "Prophetic Club," members only, or from turning certain peoples away that does not measure up to our criterion, expectation, and status.

For in some places of our travel, we have seen how the prophetic becomes mechanical, as Theresa puts it. In this, the prophetic becomes like a push of a button, or the turning of a key, and round, round, round it goes, wherever it stops, nobody knows.

There is nothing prophetic about downplaying or ignoring the significance of certain cultures as it appears through our own estimation that they lack prophetic history and stability. There is nothing prophetic when you hear such statements as *"You folk are best served for preaching, praise, and gospel singing, while we serve best for intimate worship and teaching." You folk need to get with us for the grounding of the word, as you far too often promote and promulgate the preaching aspects thereof.*"

And, there is nothing prophetic at all when we suggest that one particular culture has no say so in the area of the prophetic, as they are still looked upon as heathens, primitives, and under-developed peoples...

Well beloved, when it comes down to it, there is a gross preoccupation with our own self-importance, pride if you will. There is an inflated notion {ego} that our clan, kind, and cluster is going to save the day when it comes to the end time voice of the Lord,

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our group, our gathering, and our idol god. There is also the fear of king Saul who witnesses the new arising of David, as David represents the principle of being brought forth from the backside of the mountain, outside the range and perception of the ecclesiastics. For in this principle, the norm, the method of which Samuel first alluded to, height, size, stature, etc do not qualify David. David was out of sight, but not out of mind. God had purposed David as a new order of kingdom leadership that did not fit the mold and frame of "even" Saul's considerations. That is because God had something else in mind than the usual approach, methodology, and imagery of men.

O, that the global and local church would be purged from prejudice {to Pre-Judge} and Racism, moving from an Aaronic order {homo-sectarian, limited in scope and character, a prejudice priesthood}, into the flowing streams and true nature of Melchisedec. {Hebrews 5-7}, the king-priest ministry, the bloodline of the saints.

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In another instance, it is believed that America, the USA, is largely responsible for the present paradigm of global apostolic reformation. Not true, and not so. America prides itself as being the true heralding voice to the nations for apostolic destiny. Yet, the greatest movement and paradigm shifting for apostolic reformation is not coming from America, but from the developing Third World Nations of the earth. Yes, shocked as some of you might be in hearing this, Global Apostolic Reformation is not an American concept. It did not originate in the USA, but the USA is a major part in its overall universal development.

And may we add, that we hear so often of the apostolic, apostolic, and more apostolic, while ignoring the deeper development of the true prophetic amongst the local and corporate body of Christ. Meaning, we have not heard nor seen the full scope of the prophetic, while parading and prancing that the apostolic is here. We act as if the prophetic in some degree has been decimated, and that it is the time of the apostles to arise.

Spare me, Please...

Apostles have been coming forth for centuries past, not just since 1990.

The apostolic has been evidenced in the earth for a very long time, much earlier than our 500-year timetables, long before the great reformer Martin Luther. The Apostolic is not relegated to an historical icon, but is the nature of HIS church, the Mission and Commissioning of HIS people {Genesis 1:28}.

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The Apostolic is not some earthly headquarters in the USA, but a mentality, with new configurations and frequencies abounding each day. The Apostolic and prophetic are not mere movements, but messages. The idea of the apostolic and prophetic is not something entirely new, nor is a current trend. But the apostolic and prophetic are dimensions of the Spirit that is leading the corporate body into new patterns for kingdom advancement.

These are the voyages of the apostolic and prophetic dimensions, its continuing mission, to explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life and new civilizations, to boldly go where no man has gone before.

{I could not resist the moment of phrasing it this way, and many of you know why.}

There is a path which no fowl knows, and which the vulture's eye has not seen. The lion's whelps have not trodden it, nor the fierce lion passed by it. Job 28:7-8

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Now, the title of our discussion is, **Prophet, No Prophet, More Than A Prophet**
We begin by understanding that Prophets are not alone made {character} in the process of development, but that the prophets are first BORN!

Prophet

*Before I formed you in the belly I KNEW you, and before you came forth out of the womb, I SANCTIFIED you, and I ORDAINED you a prophet unto the nations.
Jeremiah 1:5*

If prophets are born, then so are apostles, and any other strategic purpose in the earth. One is first born to be then he or she is born to do. You are born to succeed, born to achieve, born to accomplish things in LIFE.

You are born with significance and born to make a difference. Discovering your genius {Genetics, Genes, and Genealogy} is tapping into your purpose in life. You are empowered to empower others, and enriched to enrich many. Your nature is to be a blessing to humanity, a mentor, and not a tormentor.

From the mind of God, you are called, justified, and glorified, before birth.
Romans 8:30

Every culture on earth, every tribe, nation, kindred, and tongue, are all born from the purpose and plans of God. All are ordained of God, including Native Americans, the Ainu of Japan, the Aborigines of Australia, and the indigenous tribes of Africa and South America. Asia, and in particular the "Stan's" of Central Asia including Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Turkemenistan.

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All of the Islands, and all of the many dialects and languages of the earth are ordained with an eternal purpose. Nothing is without purpose, and not one culture is excluded or alienated from the plan of God's purpose. All nations shall reveal the accurate patterns and purposes of God, including the eastern nations of Europe, Belarus, Moldova. Central America, Iceland, the Iberian Peninsula, and the Russian Federation. All are ordained to show forth the praise of HIM!
Yes, ALL!

When it comes to prophetic purpose, we must see the potential {1 Timothy 6:15} of God in every people of the earth. With Jeremiah, the Lord affirmed his purpose as a prophet unto the nations. There are prophets to Jerusalem {Your local city}, Judea {Your county and region}, Samaria {Your State and nation}, and the Uttermost parts of the earth {Simply that}. All are not destined to be globetrotters and intercontinental travelers. But then, some are. Yet, many are purposed for a more localized vision, with a lasting impact for their specific region. Whether local or Trans-local, Jerusalem or Antioch, it is a progressive vision. Isaiah 14:26

In 2 Corinthians 10:12-18, Paul speaks of the Measure of Rule principle, that which protects one from their own selves. In the measure of rule, it is not to restrict your anointing, nor is to place you in a box. Rather, it is a kingdom dynamic which enables you to reach your fullest potential in what you are given to be and to do. It respects the simple yet important truth that you may have an overlapping and synergy of anointing and gifting, and yet it identifies your greater or lesser anointing as well. It enables you to reach those the Lord would have you to reach, and not to boast in that which the Lord has graced others to do.

Prophets are as diverse as diverse can be. Prophets and the Spirit of prophecy are chiefly related. There are prophets in writing, poetry, to prophets as minstrels and prophets in song. For the Spirit of prophecy is an anointing, not a gift, nor an office. Zephaniah 3:17; Revelation 19:10.

There are levels and dimensions of the prophetic in Similitude {Hosea 12:10}, Dance {Exodus 15:20 - Outward expression of what God is saying in the Spirit}, Singing {2 Chronicles 20:20-22}, Instruments of Music {1 Chronicles 25:1-3}, Catching the Spirit of your Leaders {Numbers 11:24-25}, Prophetic People {Numbers 11:29; Acts 3:25}, and Prophetic Company {1 Samuel 10:5-6}. The prophetic is not limited to being a prophet, nor more is the apostolic limited or confined to being an apostle.

Now, though prophets are born, in another sense, prophets, through process and character development are MADE. Abraham was MADE a Father of a Multitude, Father of many Nations. How? Through the predetermined counsel and will of God, but also, through the making, shaking, scourging, and buffeting of process.

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If you are born to be, then you are also born to endure and persevere, For Perseverance is the key to success in life, and the key to perseverance is having a vision of what you are born to be and born to do. You cannot persevere for that which you have no vision of. You must have a vision, that which is born out of your purpose.

So, what are you born for? To fly away in a Scofieldian evacuation plan, or as the meek, inheriting the earth?

If your calling is prophet, teacher, apostle, or simply helps, it is not exclusive to a so-called church environment. It is given strategically in the earth realm, and not behind the closed walls of so-called church existence. For in the dominion of PURPOSE, the kingdom is executed and advanced in the most unlikely places. The kingdom subdues all things, including the marketplace, and all social economic spheres. By the anointing, authority, and the agenda of the Spirit, the Kingdom becomes the mission and mandate for planet earth, not the security of regular church meetings.

The Kingdom then, is the real world.

No Prophet

But he shall say I am no prophet, I am a husbandman; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth. Zechariah 13:5

What is the thrust and highlight of our development as sons? To be named as a prophet, or to possess other important qualities which becomes the substance and foundation of being a prophet? What was Jesus like for the first 30 years of his life? What did he learn, what did he become? Though he was born a king {John 18:37}, was he not also a carpenter's son? What and where did Jesus place value in? Being an itinerate minister? No. Having spiritual gifts and manifestations {Luke 10:17-20}? No. His eternal motivation and drive was to please the FATHER! This is God's beloved son in whom he is well pleased. Matthew 3:17; 17:5; John 8:29

I like the idea of being NO apostle or prophet. My life is augmented and increased with new value and meaning when I discover that I don't have to put a premium on being anything of my own, in the charismatic sense of the word. I now walk in a whole new expectation for the fulfillment of purpose and the fullness of destiny without having to wear the prophetic and the apostolic like some security blanket.

I can vanquish into new territory, knowing that I am that I am wherever I am. I don't have to be called apostle to feel secure, or to be recognized for the prophetic to feel needed.

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Like the above passage and text, I am no prophet, I am a husbandman, I am a worker, a servant, and one that tills or labors. I esteem a healthy work ethic, doing what I am given and purposed to do. As a husbandman, I value HIS labor, HIS vineyard, and would rather be remembered for consistency, faithfulness, and commitment to a significant purpose and cause.

Unlike the lazy, wicked, slothful, and drunken servant, we desire to put our hands to the plow with unwavering commitment. We desire not only to be successful, but authentic, as the key here is faithfulness. Faithfulness in the least, faithfulness in money matters, and faithfulness in that which is another man's. Luke 16:10-13...In this, a three-fold cord is not easily broken. Ecclesiastes 4:12. We remain faithful, for HE is faithful that PROMISED!

Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was a Hermann {cattle-tender}, and a gatherer of sycamore

fruit. And the Lord took me as I followed the flock {committed to his life work in the midst of the Lord choosing and qualifying him}, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel. Amos 7:14-15

Amos makes no claim of being born in some lineage of prophets. He states that he is not a prophet's son. Amos was a farmer, a man accustomed to sowing and reaping, and tending to cattle. He had his work cut out for him, and in the providence of God, he saw marvelous potential in this farm boy. For God does not call the qualified, but he does qualify the called.

The Lord honors character and commitment. It is one thing to get a gift overnight, but it is another thing to develop years of fruit. It is one thing to be named as a prophet, it is another to be faithful and fruitful in every season of your life. It is a blessing to acknowledge the driving force behind the prophetic dimension.

More Than A Prophet

*Then as these men went their way, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: What did you go out in the wilderness {desert} to see? A reed swayed by the wind?...A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and one {out of the common, more eminent, more remarkable and} superior {representation} to be a prophet. Matthew 11:7-9
{Also, read verses 10-11} - Amplified Bible*

John the Baptizer is considered in the words of Jesus as "MORE" than a prophet is, superabundant, not the norm. John did not minister in any prophetic gatherings, he had no healing lines, and he had no acceptance among the social elite.

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John is not on record of issuing out personal prophecies one to another, nor is he acknowledged as a progenitor of some prophetic company. John may have had the appearance of the early Hippie movement in America, and ate locust with a similarity and reminiscence of shrimp, but Jesus declared he was MORE, much more than a prophet was.

The question is, "What did John have that we do not possess at large today? Sure, I understand the context and usage of the meaning "More than," in conjunction to the following verses, and the setting and time, of which John's ministry had budded. But let's look at the higher principle here. John is more than what we call, "Prophet." The account of Amos and Zechariah is "No Prophet." And Jeremiah is born as a Prophet.

In the underlying theme here, "Just what is the Lord after?"

Jesus regards John as coming forth in the Spirit of Elijah. But John did not perform any miracles, no signs and wonders, yet he is MORE than a Prophet!

Yes, yes, and a thousand times yes, I understand the theological implications here, but again, what is the HOLY Spirit after in this portion of our discussion? What do you see as being "MORE than a prophet?"

What if the Lord is looking for something in us far greater than our personal prophethood?

What if he is magnifying HIMSELF in the kingdom principle of ABOVE AND BEYOND? Does being a prophet require that we have the fifteen so-called steps in assuring prophetic success? Or is the true prophetic a matter of obedience to God? Is it what you attempt to do, or what HE is saying about you?

Is it the dependency on man's greatness or God's favor and grace? What caused the Lord to add much favor and grace to a prophet that does not fit the bill of all the other Old Testament Prophets? Where do you see yourself in the above passages?

God is after something in us that is bigger than gifting. May we all quiet our minds and listen to HIS voice within, for the Lord is now speaking...I thank God that I understand clearer being born what I am, and yet, not having to place great esteem on being called what I am, to being called by the Lord more than what I would consider myself to be. Thus, **PROPHET, NO PROPHET, to MORE THAN A PROPHET!**

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Chapter Fourteen

Another Look at the Prophetic

Quote from the Global Leadership Institute International...

What is the universe, or what is the UNI-VERSE? In the Webster's New World Dictionary the universe is "the totality of all things that exist." It comes from the Latin root "Universus" or "all together." The prefix "Uni" is "one," and the word "verse" is "to turn." In this brief note we decided to break up the word UNI-VERSE into two parts, deriving from it another important discovery and meaning.

In kingdom language, the Uni-verse is the One Saying, the ONE thing the Lord has spoken from old. It is the ONE word, the ONE statement, the ONE verse from everlasting. It is the ONE thing God is saying about what he has already said and had spoken. It is the only one thing he will ever say. One verse, one word, the one thing he has ever spoken.

So I ask the question, are you ONE with the UNI-verse?

Some Helpful Prophetic Principles Along the Way

In all of our years involved in prophetic assemblages throughout the corporate body of Christ, it is always our sincerest desire and greatest joy in seeing people developed in prophetic community. Here, prophetic community acknowledges that the prophetic dimension is not limited to ascension ministry prophets, but is given in the greater sphere of the corporate anointing for all saints abroad. It is bigger than one man, and one local ministry. It is widely effectual and has a far more reaching impact than what a prophetic conference alone could do. It is not exclusive to the most prolific prophetic ministries of our time, and cannot be labeled or deemed alone as prophetic simply by those esteemed in their comprehensive understanding thereof.

The prophetic is the speaking forth of the oracles, counsel, mind, will, and purpose of God. It is not confined to gifting, but is an anointing. It is not relegated to what we tend to do to make for a successful and eventful meeting in prophetic history. Rather, the prophetic is the Spirit of Prophecy as recorded in Revelation 19:10. It is that delicate and vital expression of God's voice and mind revealed in the earth at any and all times.

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It is God who in times past had spoken to us through one instrument or of another, and is now speaking to us through his SON {Hebrews 1:1-2}. It is in the revelation of the SON that the prophetic flourishes in considerable depths and degrees. It is when Jesus is exalted and Christ is magnified that the Spirit of the Son becomes the Spirit of Prophecy in the corporate anointing.

When Christ is revealed {Revelation 1:1} in his exalted position, it translates and transfers into the corporate body where now, the corporate Christ becomes through revelation and demonstration that voice, that river, and that embodied dimension and expression of God which enriches the earth. Psalms 65:9; Hab. 2:14

In this, the corporate Christ, the many membered son, reveals in part the principle of the children of Issachar where they discern and understand the times and seasons. It is here where the oil [Psalms 133:1-3} and ointment ON the beard becomes oil FROM the beard of Aaron, and flows onto the rest of the body. It is activating the vast floodgates, portals, pathways, doorways, and dimensions of the Spirit that are within each of us {Psalms 42:7; 46:4}. It is where the nature and principle purpose of the prophet becomes by impartation and activation "a prophetic people," just as the nature of the {apostle} apostolos and

apostello which brings to life the quickening spirit producing an apostolic people, an apostolic priesthood {Melchisedec in scope and dimension}.

The flowing dimensions and streams of the prophetic become corporate in anointing, corporate in gathering, corporate in demonstration, and corporate in destiny. Whatever is a part of the life and nature of the Lord Jesus Christ is an integral part of the corporate life of the church. Christ {Revelations 1:5-6; 5:10} multiplied - {Ephesians 4:11-16} becomes the number which John saw, a number which no man can count.

When referring or referencing the prophetic, we are not alluding to current world events, dispensational charts, or Christian Best Sellers. Rather, we are intimating in part through the agency and operation of the Spirit the very heart and bosom of the Father. It is revealed it seems through a myriad of ways, means, and expressions, and is not to be consigned to the idea of church only, or to the early church era. In any way, which the Lord purposes and proposes, the prophetic is not to be limited to our finite notion of what we think or feel the prophetic is.

For he is gracious to whom gracious and merciful to whom merciful. God "wills" whatever venue or vehicle of expression HE chooses to bring about his eternal purpose. He purposes and plans any means necessary to bring about the completion of his purpose.

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The voice of the Lord {Psalms 29:3-9} is the God of eternity {Isaiah 57:15} speaking into our time and earthly sphere, through our earthly shell, into our inner man. The prophetic is simply the in-part realm of perceiving, knowing, understanding, and demonstrating the universal {30 - fold}, manifest {60 - fold} and eternal {100 - fold} presence of the Lord {Exodus 33:14}.

So in essence {smile on this one}, God is not necessarily prophesying to us. His voice shakes the earth and the heavens, and it rumbles inside the pit of our being, quickening the "Naba" and the Nabiy" to erupt from within. We now perceive through the prophetic what HE {His voice} is saying throughout the earth. Meaning, the voice of the Lord {Hebrews 1:1-2} is not exclusive to our definition of prophecy. It is the way God is {Genesis 1:1}, and the prophetic through the person, presence, and passion of the Holy Spirit {1 Corinthians 2:10-16} is one of the chief means by which we communicate this dimension.

The voice of the Lord is universal, our perception of this is in part and parcel. God's eternal purpose and presence is far greater in scope than our comprehension to perceive it in its entirety. His presence moves from tent to tent when we think we have gotten a hold of all the rights and privileges of the prophetic. He buries our Moses' so that we will not make a shrine out of it. He

hides and reveals himself when he feels. He is gracious and loving to let us in on what's really going on.

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Across the board the prophetic has had its share of classifications and categorizations. In the United States alone, we have seen quite a melting pot of prophetic churches, and a great assimilation of prophetic beliefs emerging from the last 150 years. Below I shall list 4 main areas the masses deem as being the true foundational emphasis of the prophetic. And I am referring largely to the United States.

1 - Futuristic Prophecy - Current world events, interpreting the word through the latest findings and happening of today's world news. This is perhaps the poorest form of prophetic understanding, and one of the most erroneous methods to ascertain the prophetic. It is displaced and diabolical, an unilluminated theological foundation, and serves as the basis of the most prestigious religious universities around. Its particular emphasis is on a parenthetical plan for the church and a perceived cataclysmic and catastrophic future for the rest of the world. It interprets the book of Revelation from the literal text with a warped notion that the book was written for the 20th and 21st century. It is the Grand Daddy of this lucrative industry which futurizes and literalizes through the negative slant what has already taken place in the past. More money has been made on kingdom postponement than you could ever imagine.

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This is nothing more than Jeroboam's Feast, whose name means "*Enlarger*." Jeroboam diverted the attention {side tracking} of the real Feast of Tabernacles by conjuring up his own feast for his own reputation and to enlarge his own kingdom. 1 Kings 12:26-33

2 - Lucrative Scheming Prophets - As seen in many of our inner cities as well. They are mostly heard on radio and live radio stations across the USA with a special and mass appeal for your \$\$\$ while prancing and raving how blessed you will be when you give your \$\$\$ in exchange for a prophetic word. I have witnessed meetings of this kind before, when you are told to obey and pay the prophet first before you get yours. One such lady had the audacity to tell us that her covering Prophet had the authority to get his cut before you would ever receive your prophetic word. In this same vein, people were encouraged to ask certain questions and to provide their birthdate, and in return for a sizable sums of money you would get a prophetic word within 72 hours.

Further on in this industry, you may witness on a number of gospel music and Pentecostal preaching stations the special services announcing with the following cliches, "*If you need a check up from your neck up, then don't meet me here, beat me here tonight, tonight, tonight!*" *I am going to tell you about your past,*

your present, and your future, I will tell you things only you and God know about!" So come to the Deliverance Mecca of North America, and let the prophet and the apostle fix it or un-fix it for you!" Let the man and woman of God meet your every need tonight, tonight, tonight!"

3 - Over Emphasis of Personal Prophecy and for Personal Benefit Only - For many, the prime objective and sole use of the prophetic is in the arena of personal blessings, things, and stuff. I have had the privilege of helping a number of prophetic elders to steer their motivation towards the Lord, and not alone to his stuff. Many would come into these illustrious settings expecting a miracle, that is, every time. The object of affection in Sunday morning worship was only for a breakthrough, and blessing. Worship is seen only as a means of getting what you want from God. Giving large to get even larger blessings what the leadership stresses. Everything and for every reason you would attend the meeting is designed for one thing and for one thing only, to 'COME AND GET IT!'

The ministry of the word becomes nothing more than a watered down expression or pep rally to get those emotions super charged and into high gear. The meetings become characterized and fashioned as a reverential awe towards the prophetic spokesperson.

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Meeting after meeting would result in an over indulgence and extreme demand in personal prophecy, with the underlying idea that the meeting is worth the wait when the prophetic {the show} is on display. One person after another would hope and pray that during this Sunday morning {now, early to mid afternoon} they would be the lucky candidate to receive the word of the Lord for their personal blessing and breakthrough. People would be led to believe that the sole purpose in the circumference of life was to get a blessing and to keep satan from it at any cost.

The whole idea would be believed to mean that satan is after your car, your house, your money, your blessing, and your toys. The central theme and focus would be on keeping satan away from your well-deserved goodies. Very little would you hear of a strategic prophetic word for your purpose and destiny, and rarely would there be an assigned prophetic presbytery to speak into your calling and purpose in the corporate body. After all, a similar attitude exists here as found in category number 2 above. In this atmosphere, there is little appreciation for the person and presence of the Lord, and no hint as to our dominion of purpose {Genesis 1:28}.

There is little teachability in the word and for many, no reason to be taught at all. Everything centers on who will get the next blessing, and what that blessing will be. That is the reason we have checks and balances, as it protects you from your

own self. An assembly that is driven for needs and wants will forfeit kingdom momentum in their strategic alignment to HIS assignment.

4 - Present Truth Prophetic - Here, the prophetic dimension is vast in scope, and entails much more than personal prophecy for expected personal blessings. It incorporates strategic purpose, the plan of God, God's decreed will and the destiny of the saints.. It gives ear to the accurate knowledge and understanding of the will and mind of God in the earth, with a breakthrough {*Micah 2:13 - the Breaker is come*} spirit and sent-one mentality.

In Numbers 11:29, it was the desire of Moses that all of God's children were prophets, or to flow in the various dimensions of the prophetic. One good reason is that Moses himself walked with the Lord lip to lip or face to face. The Lord took Moses to a higher plain and dimension than just knowing God's acts, for he knew his ways. The same hold true in Acts 3:25 where it confirms we are the children, offspring, and prodigy of the prophets. God wants more than we having do to expect another personal miracle.

The Father wants prophetic community, interactive relationships with one another not only for the betterment of the core and corporate anointing, but to activate within one another the hidden dimensions for kingdom advancement, and to release the streams of his presence in the earth.

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God wants us to talk to God in one another, and to consistently flow in a rhythm of the Spirit where we are headed to what we were born for.

For that is the big concern I have in the corporate church, in that the average "service" as it is deemed, lacks two important features and earmarks of discovery.

More than being named as these, the lack is quite evident as there is drought in so many places from not having to receive impartation {Romans 1:11; 1 Corinthians 1:7; 1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6} and activation {Book of Acts, Activity, Activation, Active Momentum}.

There is a considerable lack in conferring, and minimal discernment to extract what is already within the saints. As the Holy Spirit confirms that what Mary had in her was conceived of the Holy Ghost, so many have not come to the foundational truth that *what is born in them is of God*, and that God wants it to be extracted.

It is there within you beloved. Potential is there. The gifting is there. The anointing is there. All that God has is right there, but very few take time to help

activate those rivers. Some of the most needed personal breakthrough is not in lacking finance, but in never having to speak to the rivers and the voice of God within you. Some of the most disappointed, disgruntled, and troubled of supposed believers is because no one has ever taken time to impart, confer, quicken, and to activate what God has already placed within him or her.

If Church is geared up to go for a roller coaster ride, then it is no wonder why many have not discovered their hidden potential or potency. For a true prophetic center will also value most importantly a relation-based fellowship, not alone a prophetic epicenter. Flourishing horizontal relationships with vertical relationship to the Father is the key to a healthy and vibrant local assembly.

In each of the prophetic dimensions, I would rather find a genuine fellowship with social intercourse among the brethren, having all things in common or community. A place where the voice of the Lord can flow freely and without intimidation! A place where the voice of the Lord resounds HIS movements in the earth, and as the sons of Issachar we speak forth in divine utterance what we perceive through divine revelation.

It is our joy to see the global saints in a powerful saturation of prophetic principles not alone for merely prophesying, but corporately establishing the present truth in the earth and a foundation for many generations to build on. We pray that you become a prophetic reformer for your generation, and seed into others through the empowerment of your life in prophetic purpose and prophetic destiny.

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