

5. What to do with Personal Prophecy

Judging Prophecy

- 1 Cor 2:15 “But he that is spiritual judges all things.”
- 1 John 4:1 “Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”
- 1 Cor 14:29 “Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the others judge.”
- 1 Thess 5:20, 21 “Do not despise prophecies. Test all things: hold fast what is good.

❖ God’s Word

- ⇒ Prophecy must line up with the principles of the Word.
- ⇒ _____ “We have also a more sure word of prophecy ... Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.”

❖ Prophecy must line up with the Spirit of the Word

- ⇒ Jesus came to show us the true Spirit of the Father.
- ⇒ _____ “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”
- ⇒ _____ “But speaking the truth in love.”

❖ Your Spirit Bears Witness

- ⇒ _____ “The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit...”

❖ Confirmed by Two or Three Witnesses

- ⇒ _____ “This will be the third time I am coming to you. By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established.”

1. Write out your prophecy and meditate on it

Hab 2:2 “Write the vision, make it plain on tablets that he may run who reads it”

A prophecy should be recorded. There are a number of reasons for this:

1. If you receive a 3 minute or more prophecy you will not remember it.
2. Place value on a prophecy from God - as someone who is giving one and someone receiving one. It is worth recording so that you can work with it in the future.

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3. If you are giving a prophecy, plan to record it or ask the receiver to record or get a scribe.

Josh 1:8, Ps 19:14 and Prov 2:1-6 - Meditate on God's word. Ask the Lord about any unclear parts.

2. **Go over your prophecy with your spiritual covering**

- To receive another objective voice speaking into your life.

3. **Compare with prophecies from previous times**

Look for a consistent theme coming through.

4. **The first interpretation is not necessarily a true application**

Several interpretations may be possible for the same word.

5. **Witness to your prophecy with your spirit**

*God can use a prophet to speak new revelations as well as confirm words
God speaks into our potential. God created us.*

6. **Do _____ with your prophecy 1 Tim 1:18**

Fight the Good Fight

"This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare."

7. **Don't do anything differently**

Continue as you have been unless God gives and confirms to you explicit instructions.

8. **Receive a prophetic word with faith and acceptance Heb 11:6**

Receive your word in a spirit of H_____

M_____ S_____

9. **Add obedience to your faith James 1:22**

The Lord speaks in order to bring understanding necessary to do His will.

10. **Patience is required to see the fulfillment of God's will**

This is so that our faith will not fail when we're discouraged; that is, if a prophecy or promise does not come to pass.

11. **A wrong spirit will negate the words God has spoken**

12. **Prophetic Time Terminology**

God is never in a hurry

He is always on time

Here is a guide to His definitions

- ⇒ Immediately – 1 day to 3 years
- ⇒ Very soon – 3 years to 10 years
- ⇒ Now or this day – 10 to 40 years
- ⇒ I will – some time during your life if you are obedient
- ⇒ Soon – the term Jesus used 2000 years ago regarding His second coming

13. **General Guidelines**

Personal prophecy must not

- ⇒ Take the place of seeking God for _____
- ⇒ Be a substitute for prayer, fasting or studying the Word
- ⇒ Replace the _____ of the Holy Spirit

Personal prophecy is only one way God reveals His will to us

- ⇒ It can play an important role

Personal prophecy will always be

- ⇒ In _____ (1 Cor 13:9)
- ⇒ P _____ (Gen 12 & 13)
- ⇒ C _____ (Gen 22:12, 16-18)

14. **Hindrances**

- ❖ Unbelief – Heb 3:19
- ❖ Mindset – Matt 18:21
- ❖ Wrong self image – Ex 3, 4
- ❖ Soul blockage – Jer 38:19, 1 Sam 15:24
- ❖ Impatience – 1 Sam 13:12
- ❖ Negligence, procrastination, and slothfulness - Ex 4:24
- ❖ Misapplication and misrepresentation e.g. Saul - sacrifice for obedience
- ❖ Pride – Is 14:13, 14
- ❖ Disappointment and disillusionment
- ❖ Blame-shifting, self-deception & people pleasing – 1 Sam 15:20, 21; 14:11-21; 20:7-12

15. Prophetic Terms Imply a Process

The _____ builds our character and grows the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Patience – Rom 5:3 tribulations, problems, trials, time delays allows the Holy Spirit to work in us.

Wisdom – means God allows problems & situations to arise beyond our capacity to solve.

Love – We will deal with some unlovely people normally someone close to us.

Faith – Is developed on the edge of disasters, when we need a miracle.

Build, Expand, Increase – Renovations, digging, uprooting, new foundations a soul stretching experience, a mess.

Great Harvest – Could mean a lot of planting, digging, and fertilising.

We need to be aware of what season we are in.

Victorious, Overcome, and Conquer - Going into a battle.

Restore– Could be things or could be us.

Eg: a car is stripped, pulled apart, rust removed, parts replaced, debris removed, there is an absolute mess, And THEN it is restored.

World Wide Ministry, Great Success, & Millionaire Ministry

Greater the Ministry – Longer the process

Eg: David, Joseph, Abraham, Moses

A short process - could lose your ministry Eg: Saul, Solomon

We need to appreciate the process & understand what God is doing.

I Will, You Will, We Will - God will enable us.

We need to co-operate with God.

Exod 6:6-8, God's 7 "I wills" to Moses

New Revelation, Vision, Bring forth a Ministry -There will be a birthing process. Growth is taking place on the inside. We need to be flexible.

We may feel awkward & stretched. Before delivery is the always the hardest.

We may say things like: "Why did I ask for this?"

"I don't want to go through this, it's not worth it, it's all too hard"

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Great Fullness - Sometimes we think this type of life should all good, smooth sailing.

A full life has all aspects:

Great good	Great, not so good
Great faith	Great fear
Great hope	Great hopelessness
Great success	Great perceived failure

This is a time to hold on. It's like a baby; it will go through several years where you have to care for it day and night.

16. Personal Prophecy

There are **PRINCIPLES** to understand and to apply on an ongoing basis.

Try to understand God's WAY of doing business (or processing us) and what He is saying.

1. Things usually get worse before getting better.
2. Delays are not God's denials.
3. Promotion comes from the Lord (Ps 75:6) and (Prov 18:16).
4. The process (our personal maturity) means more to God than the end result of prosperity or blessing.
5. Proper Biblical principles must be practiced.
6. Stubborn and self-justification can sabotage our personal prophesy.
7. Misinterpretation & wrong application can keep personal prophesy from coming to pass.
8. Greed can hinder God's blessing.
9. When God tells us something He rarely tells us - **Why**.

This is worked out on the way as we are obedient.

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10. We need to understand God's traffic lights:

God's WORD – what He is saying

God's WILL – what His specific will is for us

God's WAY – the way God's wants to do His will and what He has said.

Each stage needs a green light before proceeding

Key Points

1. We need to work with our prophecy
2. Understand God's timing
3. God puts us in process, to enable us to become the person who can fulfill what He has said
4. Warfare with your prophecy
5. Hindrances can stop our prophetic word being fulfilled

Your 5 Key points

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____