

Guidelines for Proper Prophetic Procedures

Guidelines help you to effectively minister to the Body of Christ.

1. No personal prophesying outside of designated times and areas

- Only share a prophetic word with someone during the _____ times during the meeting while under the oversight of leadership.
- Do not prophesy _____ of proper oversight.
- Because:
 - ⇒ All prophetic words are recorded.
 - ⇒ We evaluate to ensure that people are not misled and that they respond appropriately.
 - ⇒ As hosts we are responsible to God, yourself and your pastor/oversight.

2. Be edifying

But he who prophesies speaks edification, exhortation and comfort to men

- Always seek to be _____ and encouraging – not correctional or directional.
- Harshly spoken and condemning prophecies generally prove to be unfruitful as they do not _____ the nature and character of God correctly.

3. Stay teachable

- Maintain a submissive teachable spirit towards your pastor and local church leadership.
- Eagerly receive input and correction.

4. Give personal prophetic words only under ministerial *supervision*

- The policy is all personal ministry should be given under supervision to provide a witness by the _____.
- Do not draw people aside and give personal words (back at home fellowship/church).
- Have your _____ / _____ present to witness any word given or write it down and give it to your leadership who can pass it on if they consider it is appropriate.

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- If your leadership asks you to refrain from giving personal words – please _____ their wishes and position.
- God can do more with a _____ heart than a heart that insists on its own way.

5. Review your personal prophecy with your leadership

This allows you to:

- Submit to those in _____
- Determine proper timing
- Have another objective voice to _____ into your life
- More clearly discern what God is saying

NOTE:

- Personal prophecy _____ the need for intimacy with God and pastoral counsel/oversight.
- It should not be used to _____ your calling (or any other situation).
- The gift of prophecy or even one functioning in the role of a prophet never supersedes the _____ and ministry of a church or meeting.
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The True Prophetic Spirit

1. God Loves His Prophets

The prophetic ministry / the voice of the prophet:

- Was God's primary method of communication with man in the Old Testament
- Is always near and dear to the heart of God
- Make us God's vessels

The Prophetic anointing enabled the prophets to:

- ❖ _____ happenings
- ❖ _____ from God
- ❖ _____ of their descendants
- ❖ _____ on how to deliver His people
- ❖ _____ on how to build a tabernacle

Biblical Examples of Prophets

- Enoch
- Noah
- Abraham (Gen 20:7)
- Isaac
- Jacob
- Moses (Deut 34:10)
- David
- Samuel
- Jude (Jude 14:15)

2. God Takes Special Interest in His Prophets

- Do my prophets no harm (Ps 105:15)
- He that receives a prophet in the name of the prophet receives a prophet's reward (Matt 10:41)
- Believe in the prophets and you will prosper (2 Chron 20:20)
- God backed the curse on the youths who were rude to Elisha (2 Kings 2:23, 24)
- God does nothing unless He reveals His secret to His servants, the prophets (Amos 3:7)

3. Prophets were established as God's Primary Means of Communication

- Num 12:6 _____

- 1 Sam 9:9 _____

Men of Israel sought God through a seer/prophet

- 1 Sam 22:5 The prophet David _____

Gad came to David with a message from God

4. Prophets Wrote Almost All the Old Testament

29 of the 39 books were written by prophets

5. Prophets Predicted the Coming Messiah

- Is 7:14 Prophecy to Ahaz of Jesus
- Is 9:6 Prophecy of Jesus
- Amos 3:7 God reveals to the prophets, before it happens

6. Prophets Prepare the Way for the Coming Messiah

- Mal 3:1 I send My messenger and he will prepare the way
- Mal 4:5, 6 Prophet's were sent to help others – not self
- Rev 11:3-12 Impact of prophets

7. Prophets are Told the Secrets of God

- Amos 3:7 God speaks through prophets – they are told first
- Ps 25:14 The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him
- Dan 2:22 God reveals deep and secret things

8. The Mystery of the Church was Made Manifest to the Prophets & Apostles

- Eph 3:2-5 Mystery now revealed by the Spirit to the prophets & apostles
- Eph 3:5 Revealed by the Spirit
- Col 1:26 Hidden mystery now revealed to His saints

9. Prophets are a Major Ministry in the Founding of the Church

Eph 2:19-21, "Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone."

10. Prophets are One of the Five Gifts From Jesus in the New Testament

Eph 4:11, 12

- ⇒ Apostles
- ⇒ Prophets
- ⇒ Evangelists
- ⇒ Pastors
- ⇒ Teachers

<u>Old Testament</u>	<u>New Testament</u>	<u>The Hand</u>
Prophet	Teacher	_____
Priest	Pastor	_____
King	Evangelist	_____
	Prophet	_____
	Apostle	_____

11. Prophets bring Judgment

- Jer 1:10, Judgment, then to build and plant
- Ezek 3:18, Warn (Rebuke — Repent — Change)

12. Prophets are in Every Age & Dispensation (or stage of History)

We find prophets from Genesis to Revelation (Adam prophesied to Eve... Revelation 18)

The reason they are in every _____ is that their _____ is _____.

God is always _____ to find a willing vessel to speak through.

13. Prophets Prepare the Way for Christ's Second Coming

- ❖ Prophets prepare the way through revelation for _____
- ⇒ Joel 2:21-26
- ⇒ Acts 3:19-21
- ⇒ Eph 2:19-22

- ❖ The body has to be built up into full stature; every person finding and fulfilling their ministry function.

⇒ Prophets _____ members (people) into their _____ ministries. (calling)

e.g. Samuel anoints David to be king 1 Sam _____: _____

Acts 6:1-6, Acts 13:3, 1 Tim 4:14

- ⇒ _____ ministries
- ⇒ _____ saints
- ⇒ _____ spiritual gifts
- ⇒ _____ members into their membership ministries
- ⇒ The prophet is not greater than the other ministries by virtue of the anointing he/she carries.
- ⇒ The prophet is not less than other ministries.
- ⇒ God sees the need for prophets in the Body of Christ.

Prophetic starts here

1 Cor 14:1, "Pursue love and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy."

1 Cor 14:3, "But he who prophesies..."

- ⇒ Speaks edification, (_____ and _____)
- ⇒ Exhortation (_____)
- ⇒ Comfort (_____ , _____)

Heb 5:14, "But solid food belongs to those who are of full age , that is, those who by reason of use (practice) have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

Differences between Old Testament and New Testament Prophets

Old Testament

1. Visible – high profile. (Samuel, Elijah, Elisha)
2. People were dependent on the prophet for gifts.
3. Preoccupation with sin / flesh. Natural, carnal areas.
4. Brought fear and awe. - People trembled when Samuel came to town (1 Sam 16:4) David anointed
5. Had exclusivity of special revelation
6. Unusual lifestyle and manner – (Elijah, Isaiah, Ezekiel)
7. Gained their credibility by the infallibility of their words. (Duet 13 , Luke 13:34)
8. Generally individualistic, breezed in from nowhere, did their job and left. No accountability to anyone.
9. Had a short season of effectiveness – (Jonah)
10. Addressed kings and kingdoms.

Played god

New Testament

1. Invisible – low profile. Part of foundations. (Eph 2:20)
2. People released to function in the gifts. (Eph 4:11)
3. Preoccupation with spiritual things in the heavenlies – warfare.
4. Bring hope, joy and rejoicing. (1 Cor 14:3) – edify - Build up, exhort - encourage
5. Equip the saints to move in revelation.
6. Naturally, normally spiritual.
7. Gain their credibility from the integrity of their heart – character and fruit.
8. Join in relationship together and are not isolated – part of a team
9. A life-time of fruitfulness
10. Help to raise up God's Kingdom

Play golf or go shopping

Key Points

1. *God loves His Prophets*
2. *God takes special interest in His Prophets*
3. *God uses the prophetic to speak and bring revelation*
4. *Prophets are a founding ministry gift of Jesus for the church*
5. *Prophets are in every age of history*
6. *Five Fold ministers can activate people into their ministry*

Your 5 Key points

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