

The Prophetic and the Prophetic Anointing

His word says to us “be eager to prophesy” and “eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy.” (1 Cor. 14:1)

We as a people have been called to carry a prophetic type burden; to live out God’s eternal purpose. There is a working distinction that will be made in further teaching between the office of a prophet and the prophetic ministry of a person and of a corporate people.

“Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons” (1 Corinthians 12:4-6)

Comparing oneself to another, and wanting what they have produces death. Avoid jealousy and insecurity. Through rejection or comparison, and the residue of legalistic traditions in a man/woman, we can walk under false “molds or yokes” that need to be identified and broken off with the help of the Holy Spirit so that we can walk with integrity within the Church. Allow God to take the lid off the box. Seek your own call and anointing, learn from others that are well seasoned and respected, but get your own. Walk in accountability with others and cultivate faithfulness with what you have a unique expression of all that you are to be in God.

We see the prophetic ministry as one aspect of the five-fold calling, resident in a degree in every ministry, more evident and activated in others. God’s ultimate weapon is a man or a woman who has encountered the prophetic anointing. God does not anoint projects but anoints men and women...people. First and foremost, your identity is in Christ first, not the gifting. God gives and we must allow the unique expression of His grace in our lives.

“And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit. (Joel 2: 28-29)

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father; And whatever you ask in My Name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."
(John 14:12,13)

* **Prophetic Anointing:** The supernatural enablement, grace, manifested presence of the Holy Spirit operating upon or through an individual or corporate group to produce the works of Jesus.

(Ephesians 4:11-13) 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. Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

The prophetic are not by birth or official designation, but by the power of their inner call and the response of their hearers. They speak the Word of the Lord in the Name of the Lord, and carry “weight” by virtue of the ethical, moral and spiritual urgency in their message.

(Isaiah 42:9) “Behold, the former things have come to pass, and the new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

The single most important characteristic of true prophetic people is the evidence that they have stood in the counsel of Jehovah and have faithfully declared what they have heard from His mouth. They are primarily concerned not with the distant future, but to tell forth the will of God in the crisis of their own days, essentially, interpreting God.

Prophecy is the expressed thought of God, spoken in a language that no man in his natural gift of speech could ever articulate and the substance exceeds the limits of what the natural mind could conceive. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways says the Lord. **(Isaiah 55:8)**

**But, as it is written,
“What no eye has seen, nor ear
heard,
nor the human heart
conceived,
what God has prepared for those
who love him” -**

These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God’s except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God’s Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else’s scrutiny.

**“For who has known the mind of
the Lord
so as to instruct him?”
But we have the mind of Christ.
(1 Corinthians 2:9-16)**

There are varieties of prophetic anointing:

Old Testament and New Testament, had as their most major task to declare that in Christ, all the prophecies were foreshadowed and fulfilled: **(Acts 3:24, 1 Peter 1:10-11, Revelations 19:10)**

Some prophetic people are placed in the church to equip the church. Others are placed in the church for ministry to the secular community to release God's Kingdom influence.

Transitions are difficult and won't happen without an "agent of change" as a catalyst with that being the role of prophets, to help provoke or guide biblical change. God wants to build on the old truth of our forefathers and maintain their pioneering spirit and use our own faith and fresh revelation to push into new territory with God. All change begins with repentance, a change of mind leading to a change of direction. If we don't change our way of thinking, in the end, nothing changes about our ways. A real danger is that the church will adopt new terminology but still think old and behave old.

Some prophetic people carry a governmental leadership anointing (Moses, Abraham, David, etc.) Others do not and should not, and it is wise not to covet or envy that call.

The list below is not a complete list and varieties may be varied; absent of sameness; different form of same thing, condition and/or collection of differences. There are many gifted and revelatory people that may be radically different from one another. Differences may be more than the array of personalities or the way revelation is delivered. This may include how a person receives revelation from God and the type of revelation they receive may vary from person to person. This makes for a variety of differences visually when watching and listening how someone delivers or ministers a word for the Lord.

1. *Spirit –Bearers*: They practice the presence of Jesus, releasing the ordinary manifestation of God's glorious presence, through a love-walk.

May have extraordinary manifestations, such as falling in the Spirit, quaking, shaking, ecsta speech, power encounters, kingdom clashes, angelic and demonic warfare, angel activity, fragrance of Christ, dreams and visions and interpretations. Proclaim God's corporate Purpose and heart standards for His people. Proclamation of the church's social responsibilities and moral actions and speak forth the administrative strategy of God.

(John 3:8), "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is of the Spirit."

2. *Prophetic Intercessors*: Help make way for the prophetic fulfillment.

3. *Prophetic Worship Leaders*: They usher in the manifested presence of God.

4. *Prophetic Evangelist*: This is taking the revelatory gifts to the streets, stadiums, neighborhoods, health clubs, executive places, shopping malls, grocery stores, parks, etc.

5. *Prophetic Counselors*: This is a combination of pastoral and prophetic. Often mingles with the spirit of counsel and understanding (gifts of healings and discernment of spirits). Their concern is with the internal condition of the heart and mind of man.

6. *Prophetic Enquirers*: These are a prophetic and teacher combination. They explain the ways of the Spirit, taking the bizarre and making it practical, relatable, and understandable. Their call is to multiply and disciple.

7. *Prophetic Writers*: This is a gift-mix of writing and the prophetic. They write with revelatory anointing, expressing God's heart to a contemporary society.

Prophet and "Prophetic Authority":

And God has appointed these in the church:

...first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues.

(1 Corinthians 12:28)

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"Make room for us in your hearts. We have wronged no-one, we have corrupted no-one, we have not taken advantage of no-one." (2 Cor. 7:2)

This scripture should and needs to be true for all of us.