

## Prophetic - 5

### Practicals

#### 1) Hearing the Prophetic

- a. Remember the “why” to keep our heart’s right.
- b. Know the One speaking. Keep in relationship and communion, this makes His voice recognizable and familiar.
  - i. My sheep know my voice
- c. Know the scriptures. Discipline is not a naughty word. Read the word regularly, even when it is a discipline and not jumping off the page at you.
- d. Ask, seek, knock. Ask for the gift, ask for the ability to hear, understand, and deliver well. Seek out more understanding on your giftings. Knock-step out in faith and courage.
- e. Practice. When the opportunity is given, do it. Take a risk.
- f. Be willing to be accountable.
  - i. I Corinthians 14:26-35\*
  - ii. Have a witness, teacher, with you, especially if you are new
  - iii. Suggestion: write it down and give to leadership
  - iv. Love before gifts.
  - v. Trusted people
- g. Be teachable. Be willing to be challenged, to learn more, to grow.
- h. Establish a foundation of a healed heart, solid identity, love for God and people, accountability, humility, transparency, vulnerability. **Be prepared by being proactive.**

#### 2) Delivering prophetic messages

- a. Do be polite. We are ministers of reconciliation and prophecy is to encourage, exhort, and comfort. If the Lord is showing you sin, consider the language. “I see sin” to “I see the Lord desiring purity in an area” or ask if he/she is struggling in an area because you see the Lord wants to bring some freedom.
- b. Do be humble. This is not timidity or passiveness but humility means getting out of your own way to share a message from the Lord that another person may really need. Lay down your fears and take a chance.
- c. Do ask for permission. “Can I share something with you?” “Can I pray for you?” “Can I put my hand on your shoulder/arm/back, etc?”
- d. Do let others have choices. Do not prophesy spouses, children, or things that say, “you must make this decision.”
- e. Do be encouraging, exhorting, and/or comforting.
- f. Not all words are from God. Sometimes people are so discerning they are reading your spirit and your wants and desires. As someone who picks up on things, if I am unsure if it is God showing me something or me reading them, I will say, “I am going to pray for you.” I pray what I see and ask Holy Spirit to please come and usually He clarifies the situation. But I am praying and asking for the thing not declaring, “Thus says the Lord” with the expectation tied to it that it will for sure happen. It is an encouragement for that person and I exhort them to continue to seek God’s heart in the matter encouraging them that He is faithful and will bring clarity.

'What is the outcome then, brothers and sisters? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. All things are to be done for edification. If anyone speaks in a tongue, it must be by two or at the most three, and each one in turn, and one is to interpret; but if there is no interpreter, he is to keep silent in church; and have him speak to himself and to God. Have two or three prophets speak, and have the others pass judgment. But if a revelation is made to another who is seated, then the first one is to keep silent. For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all may be exhorted; and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets; for God is not a God of confusion, but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints, ' 1 Corinthians 14:26-33 NASB2020

'What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up. If anyone speaks in a tongue, two—or at the most three—should speak, one at a time, and someone must interpret. If there is no interpreter, the speaker should keep quiet in the church and speak to himself and to God. Two or three prophets should speak, and the others should weigh carefully what is said. And if a revelation comes to someone who is sitting down, the first speaker should stop. For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged. The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets. For God is not a God of disorder but of peace—as in all the congregations of the Lord's people. '

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