

A red rotary telephone is placed in a field of tall, golden-brown grass. The telephone is the central focus, with its coiled cord extending upwards. The background shows a clear blue sky with scattered white clouds and a distant horizon line.

Introduction to the
Prophetic Ministry

School of the Prophetic

Helping you find and use your unique gifts, especially the ability to prophesy. (Col. 3:1)

PROPHECY

Prophecy is the mind and counsel of God speaking through man. It is proclaiming by faith the mind and counsel of God where He uses mankind to express His thoughts. It is the declaration of that which cannot be known by natural means. It is the forth telling of the will of God, whether in reference to the past, the present or the future. It is the result of a cooperative effort, a joint venture between the Holy Spirit and mankind. Prophecy is speaking what God has spontaneously brought to mind. It is simply God communicating His thoughts to man.



Put more simply, prophecy can be defined as “God talking to somebody, through somebody”

The essence of prophetic ministry is to communicate God's words to the people. The obvious and necessary complement to that is to be able to perceive God's words, His heart and His thoughts. Thus, prophetic ministry is made up of gifts of perception and communication.

We see these two dynamics in the prophetic ministry of Jesus where He stated in John 15:15: “...for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.

Several of these forms of perception are listed in Isa 21:2-3
“A distressing vision is declared to me;... Therefore my loins are filled with pain; Pangs have taken hold of me, like the pangs of a woman in labor. I was distressed when I heard it; I was dismayed when I saw it.” Here we see a vision in which Isaiah felt, heard and saw communication from God.

Another enlightening Scripture is in Numbers 12:6-8. The Lord spoke and said: "Hear now My words: if there is a prophet among you, I, the LORD, make Myself known to him in a vision; I speak to him in a dream. Not so with My servant Moses; he is faithful in all My house. I speak with him face to face, even plainly, and not in dark sayings; and he sees the form of the LORD." (Num 12:6-8) Here we see visions, dreams, seeing, dark sayings, and hearing God's words directly. All of these experiences become means by which God communicates to individuals.

6 Types of Prophetic Streams

1. Nabi (Bubble Up)- Unction from within to Vocalize. Flow. Water.
2. Roeh (Seer)- Discernment. Seeing on people, through people. Dreams.
3. Shamar (Watchman)- See Gods Timing, When Things will Happen.
4. Chozeh (Vision)- Going into a Trance, Open Vision.
5. Prophetes (To Foretell)- Future Prediction
6. Nataph (To Preach)- Tearing Open Heavens Bringing Revelation. Freedom through Energetic Vocalized Prophecies. Fire. Burning.

Kinds of Prophets

A study of names given to prophets in Scripture reveals a spectrum of ministry within the two primary components of the prophetic; perception and communication. It reveals that there are various functions, all of which are prophetic according to Scripture, and all valuable and necessary.

Seer or Watchman



In 1 Sam. 9:9 we see reference to the seer. "..when a man went to inquire of God, he spoke thus: "Come, let us go to the seer"; for he who is now called a prophet was formerly called a seer." This word is "ro'eh" or "ra'ah", and refers to a person who sees; an observer; a person endowed with moral and spiritual insight or knowledge. Essentially, the root "ro'eh", means 'to look at' or 'behold.'



The seer is one who has understanding of the times. This person has the ability to perceive and discern the spiritual significance of a situation and can give the Lord's perspective on a given situation. This person's strengths are giftings of illumination and discernment. This kind of prophet is extremely valuable as a watchman and intercessor in the midst of the Church.

Visionary

In 1 Chr 29:29 we find an occurrence of three different words referring to three different prophets. "Now the acts of King David, first and last, indeed they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, (ra'ah) in the book of Nathan the prophet,(nabiy) and in the book of Gad the seer(Chozeh)." While both Samuel and Gad were referred to as seers, the actual Hebrew word is different in the second case and carries some broader implications.

The word is "chozeh" and is defined as a person of unusually keen foresight; a person who sees visions; or a beholder in vision. The primary root, "chazah", means to gaze at; mentally, to perceive, contemplate; specifically, to have a vision of.

This kind of prophet is akin to the other seer, but the implications are that this person goes beyond simply seeing the current spiritual scenarios, but has a vision of what God is going to do or wants to do. This is the kind of vision that has a predictive element to it.



The Burden-bearer



There are several places in Scripture where a prophetic message is called a "burden". For example Isaiah 13:1, "The burden against Babylon which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw." This word "burden" speaks more to the function or message, rather than the person, but is important to examine. The Hebrew word is "massa", meaning simply "burden", but is used to describe prophetic utterances (Prov. 31:1) and even prophetic musical dirges (1 Chr 15:22). It implies the weightiness of the prophetic message prophets are sometimes called to carry.



Prophetic burden-bearers are called to pray. These are the prophetic intercessors. They can feel the grief of the Lord over the things that are not right. These prophets seem to live in the doldrums much of the time, but they are called there to pray "right" again those things that are wrong. God bless them!

The Herald

The last two kinds of prophets can be described by how they communicate more than how they receive communication from God. The "nataph" or "herald" is the prophetically inspired preacher. "Nataph" means as a primary root word; to ooze, i.e. distill gradually; by implication, to fall in drops; to let something soak in gradually, or figuratively, to speak by inspiration.

The word is translated "preach" in Ezekiel 21:2, "Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem, preach against the holy places, and prophesy against the land of Israel;"

A herald is defined as a royal or official messenger, esp. one representing a monarch in an ambassadorial capacity during wartime; a person or thing that proclaims or announces. To herald means to give tidings of, announce, proclaim, publicize, to signal the coming of, usher in.

The content of their message is every bit prophetically inspired, and as their sermons or writings "soak in" you know you have heard from the heart of God on the matter. But their mode of communication is not necessarily ecstatic utterance prophecy.

Oracle

The word "nabiy" is the most commonly used word in the Scripture for "prophet" and describes one who "gushes forth with an ecstatic utterance". This word describes one who functions as an oracle. The root word is "naba'" and means "to speak or sing by inspiration". A deeper connotation is "to bubble up, to gush forth, to pour forth". This is the word used in Amos 3:8 which states: "the Sovereign Lord has spoken - who can but (naba') prophesy", and Joel 2:28 which says, "...your sons and your daughters shall (naba') prophesy."

This is the "ecstatic prophetic utterance" prophet who speaks forth in the name of the Lord with a confident "Thus says the Lord...etc". This particular ministry goes beyond simple inspired insight; beyond prophetically insightful preaching or writing; and actually speaks God's words into a situation.

Although there are differing opinions across the Body of Christ about direct, "first person" prophesying; it is very clearly the most common mode of prophetic ministry throughout the Bible, and is the kind of spontaneous prophetic utterance that can frequently be seen.

oracle



FUNCTIONS OF PROPHETIC MINISTRY

1. Are forerunners who make a way for greater things to come. Matt 3:3
2. Deal with spiritual climates. Jer 1:10
3. Turn people from sin to holiness Jer 23:21-22
4. Are frontline Intercessors. Jer 27:18
5. Turn the hearts of fathers and sons. Mal 4:5-6
6. Are Stewards of the mysteries of God. Eph. 3:5
7. Carry lamentations, mourning, and woe. Intercession burdens. Eze 2:10
8. Are foretellers of things to come. Amos 3:7

9. Contend with false prophets of divination including Jezebel and Baal. 1Kings 18:19
10. Speak to the nations and kingdoms. Jer 1:5
11. Challenge demonic territorial guards. Acts 13:7



CHARACTER:

Why is it Important?

*The Body of Christ needs a revival of character, honor, integrity, and loyalty to the hearts of every individual who calls themselves Christians. This is even more so for a prophet of God because you are delivering a Word from God. **Can God trust you?***

As prophetic people we must take extra care in the construction of our character and reputation; otherwise our gifting

Could destroy us and the church body. Especially when giving prophetic revelation or words of correction and direction from God into the earth. Words of correction are concerned with the morality and purity; therefore, that concern must be reflected in our own lives. A prophetic person becomes useless and untrustworthy when character issues in your own life are ignored. A strong warning is given not to disregard lifestyle of accountability which produces an ungoverned nature and not to be trusted.

The Church body can not allow people with non-accountable giftings to speak into the people because the stakes are too high.

Character – is who you are when nobody is watching. The “YOU” people do not see. You can have great character or terrible character.

Personality – is how a person expresses and present himself to the world. A role or a façade. This could be close to the real person but not the real person.

Believers must strive to achieve the Godly character of Jesus Christ. His character was rooted in love manifesting in the fruit of the Spirit.

Every person can work to improve his character by: following the **Word of God**.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. 24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

Gal 5:22-24

Renew your mind on a daily basis - Rom 12:2

And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

You Need to Love God - Mark 12:30

And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

You Need to Love Others – Mark 12:31

‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.

You Need to Learn How to Forgive - Eph 4:31

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

Love God. Love People.

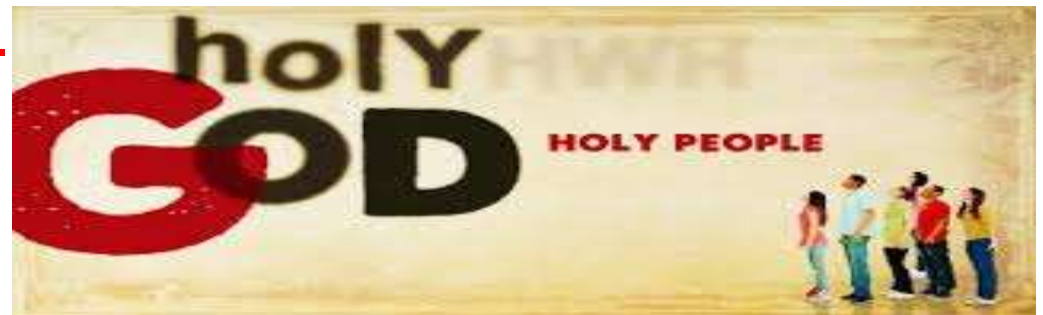
You Need to Live a Consecrated Righteous Lifestyle –
You must live a life of prayer and fasting. You not only
read the Bible, but you must study the Bible.-

1Peter1:15-16

But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all
your conduct, 16 because it is written, “Be holy, for I am
holy.”

You Shall Be Holy, For I Am Holy - 2Timothy 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a
worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly
dividing the word of truth.



You Need to be Bold in Christ with Power – Be bold to declare the Word of God. This boldness comes from not being ashamed to speak about Jesus Christ or do the work of the Ministry. – Acts 2:14

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, raised his voice and said to them, “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and heed my words.

Acts 2:21

And it shall come to pass
That whoever calls on the name of the Lord
Shall be saved.

Calls – gk. Epikaleomai – to put a name upon, to surname. To be named after someone. It is to make the name of the Lord **your surname**.

Surname means a hereditary name common to all members of a family, as distinct from a given name.

Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” Acts 3:6

How does God build Character?

God builds our character in the tough times.

Jesus learned obedience through the things he suffered (Heb. 5:8) Suffering brings out what is truly inside of you. It enhances your ministry.

Phil 4:4 – Always Rejoice. The reason we can do this is because God never leaves a soldier in the midst of a battle.

2 Timothy 3: 12 Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. Allowing God to build your character takes humility. If you resist God, He will resist you. Believers must learn to humble themselves under the Hand of God.

1 Peter 5:6 Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time.



Purpose of Guidelines in Prophetic Ministry:
Guidelines are to help prevent errors and govern the spiritual gifts properly. There should be safety for people you are ministering to and safety for you also. 1 Cor 14:39-40

Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues. 40 Let all things be done decently/properly and in order / orderly manner.

One of the most important things to remember is to walk in submission to the leaders of your covering. This brings order to the Body of Christ. This is about Spiritual Parenting and Covering.

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you. Heb 13:17

Matt 7:20

Therefore by their fruits you will know them.

The fruit is more important than the gift.

Prophetic Ministry includes **accountability**. Everyone must be accountable to someone in the ministry; preferably someone in leadership. All prophetic ministry is to function under covering of the leader and to be judged and corrected if needed.

Prophetic ministry should maintain intimacy. Team members must be open with leadership. Leadership must be open with team members.

Prophecy is delivered with unselfish motives. Love should be the number one motive in the prophetic ministry. Love for God and His people.



PROPHETIC MANIFESTATIONS:

Prophecy manifests in three ways:

- 1. The Spirit of Prophecy***
- 2. The Gift of Prophecy***
- 3. The Office of the Prophet***

The Spirit of Prophecy:

But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. 4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. So also you, since you are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek to abound for the edification of the church. 1 Cor 14: 3 – 4, 12

Prophecy edifies, exhorts and consoles the body of Christ as a whole NOT the particular person.

Spirit of Prophecy is the Holy Spirit's mantle of prophetic anointing which is given at various times to a believer or body of believers which causes him to prophesy the Word of the Lord and also minister prophetically in dance, song or music. It is not a gift or an office. Without this special occasion or atmosphere of the Kingdom this particular person could not move in prophecy.

What happens when the Spirit of Prophecy is present? He will testify of Jesus Christ. People tap into the mind of Christ, step out in faith and release prophetic ministry in a corporate environment. The entire body is comforted, edified and spiritually healed because of the prophetic flow. When the Spirit of Prophecy is present, the whole congregation unites on one accord with the moving of the Holy Spirit.

New songs are released, musicians perform at new levels of skill in their gifting, and prophetic messages are released throughout the congregation. Everyone in the room is caught up in the presence of God.

THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY OPERATES THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- It operates in an “OPEN HEAVEN” environment
- a. When a mighty prophetic presence of God permeates the service making it easier to prophesy than to keep silent.
 - b. When people come into a company of prophets.

- c. When people are challenged by the leader to let God use them.

THE GIFT OF PROPHECY:

It is a body ministry function. The gift of prophecy is one of the manifestations of the Holy Spirit listed in 1 Corinthians 12 whose purpose is to bring **edification** (building up), **exhortation** (warning people to bring them closer to God) and comfort (the making at ease) to the Body of Christ. 1 Cor 14: 3 - 4

But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men. 4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

Those who manifest the gift of prophecy are anointed to speak clearly and regularly to the body providing a constant flow of the Word of God to His people. This constant flow comes through the gift of prophecy resident within them.

I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification. 1 Cor 14:5

The gift of Prophecy is a gift of the Holy Spirit – not a position. It is given by grace and received in faith. It is not based on Christian maturity, can not be earned or purchased, and is not related to doctrine. It is inspirational. It is mostly non-directive, not correctional and seeks to bless people and glorify the Lord in simple terms. A person that manifests the gift of prophecy should have a very strong prophetic flow that stems out of an astute (showing an ability to accurately assess situations or people) relationship with God.

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, let us prophesy in proportion to our faith; Romans 12:6

Use or exercise - When you use or exercise your muscles, you are training them. You need to train and “work out” your spiritual gifts. This builds up the congregation and establishes them in the will of God. Those who manifest the gift of prophecy should be cautioned not to operate out of his gift alone. Instead, one should operate out of Godly character, gifting and leading of the Holy Spirit in order to avoid the excesses and imbalances of immature ministry.



THE OFFICE OF THE PROPHET:

The word PROPHET means one who is called out from among other believers to speak the mind of God. Prophecy is the plans and purposes of God, the testimony of Jesus Christ. To receive a prophet is to receive Jesus Himself.

for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit. 2Peter 1:21

Matt 10:40 “He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me receives Him who sent me.”

The purpose of the Prophetic office is not to just inform because the prophet speaks God’s Words. He also manifests the authority of God as He speaks and ministers. The words of the prophet carry the creative ability of God

To change the nature and form of that which is spoken to. The words can break spiritual and religious strongholds over individuals, assemblies and even Nations. The Prophet's words are building blocks in a ministry that command the forces of nature to begin to structure themselves to fulfill God's plan.

The Prophet must be recognized as a ministry gift that has specific authority and responsibility beyond the presence of the anointing in the church. The Prophet goes beyond edification, exhortation and comfort. He brings direction, revelation, correction and a Word of knowledge concerning past, present and/or future events and

Circumstances. The words of a prophet will stand the test of time, persecution and affliction. God can send a Prophet to a specific City, Nation, Province or region for a specific purpose. The presence of that Prophet is a sign that the Holy Spirit is about to move.

DUTIES OF THE PROPHETIC OFFICE:

1. To speak the Word and Will of God – All Prophets are called primarily to speak the Word of the Lord. It can come forth after a dream or vision or by an unction/anointing from the Holy Spirit. It can come forth by the sending of the Apostle or laying on of hands. Prophets are called to speak to: *PEOPLE, CHURCHES, CITIES and NATIONS.*

Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me:

“Behold, I have put My words in your mouth.
10 See, I have this day set you over the nations
and over the kingdoms,
To root out and to pull down,
To destroy and to throw down,
To build and to plant.” Jeremiah 1: 9 – 10

2. To Reveal - Prophets are spiritually discerning and can expose. He can tell the source behind a word, atmosphere, motive, action or reaction.

Then He said to me, “Son of man, dig into the wall”; and when I dug into the wall, there was a door.

And He said to me, “Go in, and see the wicked abominations which they are doing there.” So I went in and saw, and there—every sort of creeping thing, abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed all around on the walls. Ezekiel 8: 8 – 10

3. Identify - Prophets can identify a specific gifting that you may have. This can bring revelation or confirmation.

So he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, with bright eyes, and good-looking. And the Lord said, “Arise, anoint him; for this is the one!” Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah. 1Sam 16:12-13

4. To Establish, Impart and Activate Gifts –

The Prophet can be sent by God to establish a person in their place destined by God. The Prophet brings the Word of God and the Holy Spirit is poured out as God speaks. The Prophet can confirm and affirm callings on a particular person's life.

Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers; and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel arose and went to Ramah. 1 Sam 16:13

5. **They are SENT** – Isaiah 6: 8 “Then I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

6. To Reveal God's Plans for the Future - Often the Prophet is able to discern times and seasons. When they discern this they speak the plans of God. Daniel 10:14

Now I have come to give you understanding of what will happen to your people in the latter days, for the vision pertains to the days yet future.

7. They Interpret Dreams and Visions – Daniel 2:28

“However, there is a God in Heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will take place in the latter days. This was your dream and the visions in your mind while on your bed.

8. To Decree and Bring Forth Creative Miracles - The words of the Prophet carry the creative genius of Elohim.

Also He said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live.”’ So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army. Ezekiel 37: 9 – 10

9. To Bring the Judgment of God - God will send a prophet to powerfully speak His word of Warning and Judgment. Jonah 1: 1 - 2

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me.”

10. To Bring a Revelation of Spiritual Activity - Prophets can reveal the activity of demonic forces. Zech 3:1

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to oppose him.

11. To Flow in All aspect of Prophetic Expression - Prophets can operate in dreams, visions, songs, dances and acts. Exodus 15:20

Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took the timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.

12. To Activate Times and Seasons - Prophets will be an integral part of every new move of God. Amos 3:7
Surely the Lord God does nothing unless He reveals His secret counsel to His servants the prophets.

13. To Bring Direction and Clarification of God's Will -

Prophets move in revelation – an anointing to see and understand that which has confounded others. Isa 58:6

“Is this not the fast that I have chosen:

To loose the bonds of wickedness,

To undo the heavy burdens,

To let the oppressed go free,

And that you break every yoke?

Malachi 3:8

“Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, “How have we robbed you?” In tithes and offerings.”

14. To Play a Key Role in Spiritual Warfare -

Prophets can team up with angels in combating demonic strongholds.

Daniel 10:20 “Then he said, “Do you understand why I came to you? But I shall now return to fight against the prince of Persia; so I am going forth, and behold, the prince of Greece is about to come. However, I will tell you what is inscribed in the writing of truth. Yet there is no one who stands firmly with me against these forces except Michael your prince.”

15. To Endure - Through rejections, persecutions, afflictions and even death if necessary, the prophet is called to stand and deliver the Word of God no matter what the cost. James 5: 10 – 11

My brethren, take the prophets, who spoke in the name of the Lord, as an example of suffering and patience. Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

PROPHETIC FUNCTIONS:

Receptive: How Prophets receive a prophetic message.

- 1. Ro,eh, Heb word which means to behold, to see, to perceive. This is when a Prophet sees or beholds the prophetic message through a dream or vision.***
- 2. Chozeh, a Heb word which means a “seer.” These are prophets who see God’s revealed message.***

Responsive: How Prophets respond to a revealed message.

- 1. Nasah, Heb word which means tested, to make test, proven.***
- 2. Massa, a Heb word which means “lifting up of the soul or carry away the burden.***

Communicative: How Prophets communicate the prophetic word.

1. Propheteuo - Gk. Word that means to speak of what is to come.
 - a. The prophetic message is both human and divine.
Human – Naba/nabiy means to bubble up or gush forth, to pour forth.
Prophecy means to speak forth the mind of God.
A prophet is a spokesman for God.

Divine – Nataph means to drop or drip, to fall as rain



Key Definitions:

Prophetic Ministers – are all ministers who do not hold the office of a prophet. They must believe in the Prophet as well as believing that God still speaks. They may move in prophetic ministry by:

1. Prophesying with the gift of prophecy.
2. Giving personal prophecy
3. Prophetic counselling
4. Ministering with the gifts of the Holy Spirit
5. Ministering in prophetic worship

Prophetic People – They are the people of God who are filled with the Holy Spirit, and are fulfilling the scriptural command to desire spiritual gifts, covet to prophesy (1 cor 14:39). Prophetic people will do the following:

1. Believe in, propagate and support the ministry of apostles and prophets in the church.
2. Earnestly desire spiritual gifts and are using them.
3. Are exercising their spiritual senses in order to be fully educated and activated in all of the gifts of the Holy Spirit which Christ has ordained for them, including but not limited to the gift of prophecy. (Heb 5:14, 1COr 12:1, 7, 11).

Prophetic Ministry:

1. All the ways and means in which the Holy Spirit makes known the heart and mind of Christ to mankind.
2. The ministry of the prophet, prophetic ministers, and all prophetic people.
3. All the ministry and manifestations of the Holy Spirit and all the scriptural ways in which God can be praised.

This includes prophetic worship, singing, praising, dancing and all other physical outward expressions that will bring glory to the Lord.

Prophetic Anointing:

Anoint means to consecrate people to a particular position or ministry. You are consecrating people with the presence of God and the Holy Spirit.

It shall come to pass in that day

That his burden will be taken away from your shoulder,

And his yoke from your neck,

And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil. Isaiah 10:27

Because of this, yokes are destroyed through the prophetic anointing. A person who has a prophetic anointing means they have the calling to move in the

Prophetic ministry. It does not necessarily mean this person has the calling of a “prophet.”

Prophetic Mantle:

Means that you have the gifted ability to minister in prophetic ministry. To what realm? That will be determined by time and use.

Ex0 28:41, Ps 2:2, Ps 23:5, Zech 4:6, Heb 1:19



When God commissions His leaders He releases mantles over them. These mantles give them the supernatural ability to complete their mission. A mantle stays with the mission, not with the person.

God never grants someone an assignment without giving him the ability to complete it. God establishes all authority in the universe; therefore every leadership role on the planet is a mission from God (Romans 13:1).

Rom 1:11 For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established.

The impartation that takes place through the prophets and apostles cannot be underestimated. Paul makes it clear that the gift he is talking about cannot be established without his impartation.

Established – gk. – *sterizo* – to confirm, establish, to stand resolutely.

If Paul can say that the Romans are not established because of his absence, how many countries, cities, and provinces have leaders in place who carry no mantle or anointing for the office they inhabit, because of the lack of prophetic commissioning. How many offices have the wrong leaders in place? This creates an urgency for God's prophets to take their proper places in the earth so we can make disciples of all nations.

THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPARTATION:

Impartation – to give over, share, give, commit, deliver, grant, transfer, bring forth releases. 1 Tim 4:14

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

Impartation causes a revealing.

Importance: It stirs the new wine. It is used:

- a. To lend spiritual help
- b. To give or activate supernatural ability, anointing, or grace of God
- c. For strength and confirmation
- d. For establishment of your steadfastness
- e. For release and ordination.

Dreams, visions and prayers are also means of impartation.

Ways to Receive Impartation:

1. By communication of words - Teaching, preaching, prophesying, conversation.
2. By association – fellowship, spending time together, breaking bread.
3. By physical contact – laying on of hands, anointing oil, anointing cloths, blowing breath.



GUIDELINES FOR UNDERSTANDING PERSONAL PROPHECY

All personal prophecy is conditional, even if not stated or implied. It is always progressive – incomplete and ever expanding.

Luke 1: 31-33



And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

You will conceive – immediate
And bring forth a son = 9 months later
And of His kingdom there shall be no end = 30 years later
Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the
world John 1:29

Fulfillment of your prophetic word can occur at different times even if it is stated in the same sentence. The timing of God is very important to fulfilling personal prophecy. It requires cooperation and your participation, not your manipulation.

How to respond to a Personal Prophecy:
Basic principles: Obedience, Diligence, Dedication,
Revelation, Personal relationship with Jesus Christ,
Attitude adjustment and Divine flexibility.

Principles and practices:

1. Write it down, read it and meditate upon it often. This will help you understand, relate to and receive your prophetic word. Habakkuk 2:2
“Then the Lord answered me and said “Record the vision and inscribe it on tablets, that the one who reads it may run.”
2. Prove and Judge Prophecy – 1 Thessalonians 5:20
Do not despise prophetic utterances.
3. Witness to and then war a good warfare with prophecy
1 Tim 1:18 This command I entrust to you, Timothy, my son, in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you fight the good fight.

4. Do Nothing Different Unless Definitely Directed – If directions are given, follow them to the smallest detail. 2 Kings 9: 1 – 10 Jehu commanded by God to kill Jezebel.
5. Confront and eliminate every hindrance – Examples: Soul ties, pride, wrong mind-sets, self-justification, people-pleasing, inflated self-image, blame-shifting, carnal reasoning and procrastination.
6. Wait Patiently Upon the Prophetic Word – Isa 40:31, Ps 27:14, Hosea 12:5, Heb 6:12
7. Allow yourself to be made by God first – The man/woman must be made before ministry. Before you can BE, you need to be prepared to handle the blessings and call God has for you.

Example: Jesus had 30 years of preparation for 3 years of ministry.

8. Not Waiting long enough will produce negative results – Being disobedient will cause you to miss the appropriate timing of God. Resulting in a longer wait or unfulfilled prophecy. Ex. Num 14: 26-33 Israelites wandering in desert. Gen 16 – Abraham and Sarah producing Ishmael.
9. Receive your prophetic word with faith, humility, meekness and vision. James 1:21

Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

ACTIVATING YOUR GIFTS:

Desire – A scriptural key to receiving anything from God. Mark 11:24 Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you.

Exercise and Use – Practise your gift and your call. Master your craft. Romans 12:6 Since we have gifts that differ accdg to the grace given to us, each of us is to exercise them accordingly: if prophecy, according to the proportion of his faith.

Stir up – Based upon an individual's will, not God's will. God's will has already been established in His Word.

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

As we progress the Kingdom of God forward nothing changes the life of a person more than an experience and/or Word from the Lord. God is always speaking but are we always listening?

7 ways to stir up the gifts:

1. Being convinced/confident of His Will and purpose in our lives.
2. Being confident that you have at least one gift of the Holy Spirit.
3. Realize that you are imperfect and mistakes will be made.
4. Comprehending that you learn by doing.
5. Praying in the Spirit.

6. Activating the gifts by faith and not by signs or sensations.
7. Knowing that when we use the gifts given by God, fruit is grown.

ROLE OF THE PROPHET:

When Ezekiel entered the valley of dry bones, the outlook was bleak. Death hung over the battlefield like a thick, dark cloud of gloom. Then, suddenly God rocked Ezekiel's world when He asked the prophet: **CAN THESE BONES LIVE?** Ezekiel, the great prophet staggered to comprehend the possible outcome of God's inquiry. Finally he gathered himself and answered, "You know, Lord." Eze 37:1 - 10

The Lord took hold of me, and I was carried away by the Spirit of the Lord to a valley filled with bones. 2 He led me all around among the bones that covered the valley floor. They were scattered everywhere across the ground and were completely dried out. 3 Then he asked me, “Son of man, can these bones become living people again?”

“O Sovereign Lord,” I replied, “you alone know the answer to that.”

4 Then he said to me, “Speak a prophetic message to these bones and say, ‘Dry bones, listen to the word of the Lord! 5 This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Look! I am going to put breath into you and make you live again! 6 I will put flesh and muscles on you and cover you with skin. I will put breath into you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.’”

7 So I spoke this message, just as he told me. Suddenly as I spoke, there was a rattling noise all across the valley. The bones of each body came together and attached themselves as complete skeletons. 8 Then as I watched, muscles and flesh formed over the bones. Then skin formed to cover their bodies, but they still had no breath in them.

9 Then he said to me, “Speak a prophetic message to the winds, son of man. Speak a prophetic message and say, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, O breath, from the four winds! Breathe into these dead bodies so they may live again.’”

10 So I spoke the message as he commanded me, and breath came into their bodies. They all came to life and stood up on their feet—a great army.

God's exhortation to Ezekiel to prophesy to the dry bones of a once-powerful army and restore them to their former glory was a shadow of things to come.

The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. Heb 10:1

It was a foretaste of the most important role of the prophetic office - ***TO BREATHE LIFE INTO THE DEAD, DUSTY, BONEY ARMY OF BELIEVERS WHO ONCE TURNED THE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN, BUT WHO NOW HAVE RETREATED INTO A LIFE OF POWERLESS OBSCURITY.***

Like Ezekiel, believers are called to transcend the odds and transform history.

FOUR POINTS FOR THE ROLE OF PROPHETS:

1. When everyone else sees a valley of dry bones, it is incumbent upon us as prophets to envision a mighty army and begin to procreate with God through *prophetic declarations*. Prophecy is not just telling the future. Often times, God calls us to cause the future.
2. When God's people feel defeated, depressed, powerless and outnumbered, it is the responsibility of the prophets of God to rise up and pick a fight against overwhelming odds. Prophets can see into the invisible realm, and they know that there are more who for us than against us.
3. When the Body of Christ encounters demonic forces in the dark night of the soul and they feel hungry and

hopeless, it is the prophets who can see pass the plots of the enemy and envision battle plans of the angel armies. This gives us *authority to release declarations* of hope in the midst of a house of horrors, which in turn ensnares principalities and disarms and imprisons them in their own demonic devices.

4. When the mourners saw a crucified body and the soldiers were counting their coins, and Pilate had long washed his hands of the whole mess, it was time to keep in mind that God's prophets thousand of years earlier had already predicted an empty tomb.

Prophecy is seeing the negative situations of life through the eyes of God and then calling things that are not as though they are.

The tongue can bring death or life;
those who love to talk will reap the consequences.

Proverbs 18:21

Prophets build with words. Ezra 5:2 “The prophets of God were with them supporting them.”

So the Jewish elders continued their work, and they were greatly encouraged by the preaching of the prophets Haggai and Zechariah son of Iddo. The Temple was finally finished, as had been commanded by the God of Israel and decreed by Cyrus, Darius, and Artaxerxes, the kings of Persia. Ezra 6:14-15

The project succeeded because of the prophesying of the 2 prophets, Haggai and Zechariah. Prophets are builders. When we prophesy, we help build homes for others. Just imagine what is happening in the lives of people as we prophesy God’s destiny into their soul.

As prophets, we speak into the hearts of people, and our **words** are becoming living stones building beautiful castles that the Holy Spirit inhabits. We build fortresses that **protect** people from the storms of life. We are **builders** sent from God and commissioned to build great edifices for the Kingdom of God. We build with light, infused with love. We **enlighten people, build cities** on hills, which cannot be hidden. We are here to build lighthouses in the darkest places to guide people to our great King.

This is our call: **to transform the church** of the **living God** from destruction sites to construction sites, places where people come to be edified, discovered, developed and deployed.



Prophets equip the Believers.

Prophets are part of the five-fold team of people who equip the believers, whose ministry's outcome is to build the body in love. Prophets have a responsibility to help impart and grow the gift of prophecy in the lives of the believers. Prophets teach people how to speak the truth in love. Prophets give people eyes to see and ears to hear from God Himself, and for others in need. One of the primary responsibility of the office of the prophet is to create a prophetic community where every member of the Body understands how to give and receive prophetic words.



Prophets Commission Leaders.

Prophets have the privilege of commissioning people into their divine destiny.

1 Samuel 10:11 Samuel commissioned Saul and David as Kings.

Numbers 27: 18-23 Moses commissioned Joshua by giving him some of his authority.

Authority – hod – Heb word = splendor, majesty, authority, beauty, glory, honor.

Moses passed his mantle of majesty, glory, splendor, and honor to his successor. This affected Joshus's leadership:

1. It gave Joshua leadership abilities that he did not have before he received Moses' authority.
2. The majestic effects of this mantle attracted the people to Joshua, so that they were inspired to follow him.

As prophets, we are called to have a team mentality and to work with the other five-fold ministers honorably and humbly. Our prophetic words should always be open to judgment and scrutiny by the leaders over us, by the other prophets who walk with us and by the people who are affected by our prophetic declarations.

GOD'S SECRET SERVICE

Amos 3:7

**Indeed, the Sovereign Lord never does anything
until he reveals his plans to his servants the prophets.**

Throughout history, God has always had a special relationship with His prophets. “Men are famous on earth for the things they share, but prophets are famous in Heaven for the secrets they keep.” (Prophet B. Jones)

As prophets, it is important for us to realize that God tells us His secrets – things He does not want anyone else to know. That is the nature of God's relationship with His prophets. Because God tells His prophets His secrets, it stands to reason that we should ask permission to share the things He reveals to us. Sometimes God shares things He wants us to deal with only in prayer. We are responsible for the revelation we have – WE ARE RESPONSIBLE TO KEEP GOD'S SECRETS.



Prophets are spiritual detectives. Similar to Apostles, they deal with Spiritual Order, patterns and structures. They are foundational and minister to belief systems. When a prophet enters a room or when someone stands in front of him, he detects if anything is out of order. That is the revelation gifting going off within them. They are the most spiritually sensitive of all the five-fold ministry gifts. If there is anything out of order in the church or out of order in your life, he will pick it up in the Spirit.



The prophet's gift come alive during time of spiritual conflict, when the spiritual climate is hard, or things are out of order in the Spirit. Eph 3:4-5 Prophets are stewards of the mysteries of God, they approach the altar of God a bit different but always through prayer. Their heart's cry is to receive revelation of the mind of Christ for the people. He takes the Word of the Lord to the people.



Prophets are not called by God to be outside the local church, but have been given foundation gift to the Church. Because many churches closed their door to the prophetic ministry God gathered them in prophetic companies here they are accepted, send them to pioneer and start new churches until the Body of Christ ready to receive their gift, and used them to start prophetic school where emerging prophets were trained, confirmed, activated and released.

God wants to raise a prophetic people who are able to hear His voice clearly. Not just lone prophets, but a prophetic people. It is important the world hears the Word of the Lord with power and refreshing comes from the prophetic anointing. We need a prophetic people who have been delivered from the “fear of men” and who are not “men pleasers.”

Prophets carry a great sense of spiritual authority. They enjoy rooting out, pulling down, and destroying all spiritual opposition that gets in the way of the plans and purposes of God.



Prophetic People

See, I have this day set you over the nations
and over the kingdoms,
To root out and to pull down,
To destroy and to throw down,
To build and to plant. Jeremiah 1:10

Nations are symbolic of the natural realm,
and kingdoms metaphor of the spiritual
realm. To “root out” means to lay hold of the
root and pull. The prophet is called to root
out and pull down and destroy and overthrow.
All these words deal with destroying
opposition.

Prophetic ministry is a wonderful gift from God. Moses said, “Would God that all the Lord’s people were prophets and that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them.”
Numbers 11:29

