

Walking in the Prophetic Anointing (Part 1)

I. The Importance of Prophecy

In 1 Corinthians 14:1, Paul says, “Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but _____ that you many prophesy.” Why is Paul specifically instructing the Corinthians to earnestly desire prophecy above any other spiritual gift?

A. Divine Revelation

The reason why Paul valued prophecy above any other spiritual gift is because of the _____ it carries. Because of this revelation, one who prophesied would be able to speak to the _____ of the moment when the congregation assembled.

Whereas the teacher or preacher might only be able to obtain information about the specific spiritual concerns of the people from observation or conversation, the prophetic person would have in addition the ability to know about specific needs through “_____”. In many cases the things revealed might include the secrets of people’s hearts, their worries or fear, or their refusal or hesitancy to do God’s will.

Prophecy, then, is superior to other spiritual gifts because the revelation on which it depends allows it to be suited to the specific needs of the moment, needs that may be known only to God. In this way, prophecy is _____ to be speech that edifies, speech that ‘fits the occasion’, that it may impart grace to those who hear.

II. The Spirit Behind Prophecy

The power and significance of the gift of prophecy is not just found in the content, but in the _____ of it. In terms of fulfillment, we must see how we deliver prophecy just as important as what we prophesy.

If God desires to communicate Himself to His people as the _____, it would not be edifying or helpful to whisper or speak in a sheepish tone. In the same like manner, if God desires to communicate Himself as a _____ and kind Father, it is not beneficial to yell and scream. Delivery must match content!

By listing three specific objectives of the gift of prophecy when the saints gather, Paul is clearly placing _____ on corporate prophecy.

1 Corinthians 14:3 says, "But one who prophesies speaks to men for edification, exhortation, and consolation."

A. Edification

The Greek word for edification is "oikodome" which in essence is _____ . As we pursue love and eagerly desire to prophesy, we are to seek God for words of edification for our brothers and sisters in Christ. God is seeking to build up that which has been torn down and to speak life into that which is dead and dry.

B. Exhortation

The Greek word for exhortation is "paraklesis" which means: _____ . Words of exhortation have the ability to shift and bring saints into alignment with the will of God very quickly. They can also encourage those who are downcast and move those who are stagnant in their walk with Christ.

C. Consolation

The Greek word for consolation is "paramuthis" which means a _____ . Prophetic words of consolation bring healing, understanding, deliverance, and often times hope in the midst of turmoil.

III. The Prophetic Components

I believe four specific gifts, the gift of _____ , the gift of _____ , the gift of _____ of spirits, and the gift of _____ that are found in 1 Corinthians 12 comprise the DNA of the prophetic ministry. They can be ministered together or singularly depending on what the Spirit of God is revealing.

A. Words of Wisdom (Acts 27)

Direction, insight, and understanding into situations, circumstances, and events revealed by the Holy Spirit.

B. Words of Knowledge (John 4)

Events, dates, times, and details about people's lives that are mysterious or secrets unless revealed by the Holy Spirit.

C. Gift of Prophecy (Acts 11)

Predicting the future by the Holy Spirit.

D. Distinguishing of spirits (Acts 16)

Intuition granted by the Holy Spirit to discern good and evil, gifting and calling, and supernatural activity.

III. The Prophetic Process

There is a process in receiving and delivering prophecy that is a key to moving in the gift!

A. Revelation

In this stage of the prophetic process, we _____ the revelation God has given us for what it is. The prophetic can come in many different forms which we will discuss in the following section.

B. Interpretation

In this crucial stage, we begin to engage the Holy Spirit by asking Him specifics of what He has revealed to us. We seek to establish _____ instead of a _____

C. Application

This stage provides a very _____ to the prophetic word that has been received and interpreted. In other words, how does this apply to the person's life? Where does it fit? Remember, true prophecy always gives us a prayer agenda.

IV. Receiving Prophetic Words

There are numerous pursuits and avenues available to assist us in earnestly desiring the prophetic gifts. Here are just a few of the many ways:

A. Intimacy

Don't forget to pursue love! Guidance and insight into our lives and the lives of others is a byproduct of relationship with Jesus. One significant key to prophesying is loving people enough to ask God _____ about them. When intimacy with Jesus is replaced with an addiction to prophetic ministry, a Simon the Sorcerer complex is inevitable.

B. Prayer

If we can pray, we can prophesy. Many of the _____ prophetic words God wants to release over His people come through _____ intercession and prayer. Prophecy is releasing what Jesus is praying.

C. The Word of God

The Bible is foundational in receiving and giving prophecy. Our lives are not guided by prophetic words, but rather the infallible Word of God. As we search and study the Scriptures, we can always be asking the Holy Spirit which passages He might want to _____ and speak to others through.

D. Impressions/Burdens

Many times God will allow us to _____, _____, and _____ the pain and burdens of others and even His own heart that will lead us into receiving and delivering prophecy.

E. Physical Pain

Words of knowledge leading to prayers of faith and miracles typically fall into this category. We have to get beyond the _____ mindset and into the Holy Spirit led lifestyle.

F. You See/God Thoughts

Some prophetic people see _____, _____, or _____ in the spirit that they can't explain. Others have words just drop in their spirit.

G. Visions

This is seeing in the spirit realm. It can come through _____ often times accompanied by various descriptions.

H. Dreams

God will speak to many individuals as they sleep during the day or night. He can reveal many different things in this arena. Because many dreams are symbolic in nature, they are often _____ to many, even those who receive them.