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The Prophetic Ministry

In this lesson we will explore how we can, as Spirit filled believers, flow in the prophetic. Just what is the Prophetic? It is speaking a "word" from God, by the Spirit. It may be on a personal level, or to a group. The Prophetic always blesses, exhorts, encourages, edifies, comforts, directs, or foretells. Prophecy often goes hand in hand with a Word of Knowledge or Wisdom, and is always in accord with the Word of God. Many times the Gifts intertwine.

It is a word that God gives you, that does not come from your mind. Paul spoke strongly about the need for the prophetic ministry within the church in 1 Corinthians 14.

We are to desire to prophesy. Seek and covet the gift, as it is so needed within the Body of Christ. People need to "hear from God" today, more than ever.

Many times, as a man or woman of God preach, the prophetic word comes forth, by the inspiration of the Spirit. To fully understand the Prophetic there are some things we need to know. Prophetic words are almost always conditional, especially in the case of personal prophecy. Look at the word "many are called, but few are chosen" What lies between the calling, and being chosen" The Prophetic speaks God's will, but our own will is still involved. Therefore, a prophetic word may show us God's will, but we have to receive it, move toward it, and walk it out. Discuss the timing of prophecy. Our lives (our church) is like a book with many chapters. We may receive a prophetic word early in our Christian walk that would be in chapter one of the book, but not come to pass until chapter 10, or even 20. It is a word showing us what will come to pass, as we stay faithful and obedient to God. If it doesn't come to pass, it does not mean that it was a false prophecy, but rather that we didn't move by faith to receive what God planned for us. We must be "doers of the Word, and not hearers only." The Ministry of Prophet has changed much from the Old Testament to the Church age. Jesus Christ brought the Era of GRACE. Prophets move by the Spirit, to encourage and edify. It is a ministry of love and compassion. There have been instances of warnings given prophetically. However, Condemnation and Judgement are not the general content of the Prophetic today. We "catch" the fish - we don't clean them! We are to preach about sin, but never condemn the sinner. We may share a word with someone that is in spiritual danger, but we are never to be judgmental. Study 1 Corinthians 13. We are to be "Christ-Like" in all that we do and say.

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Summing It Up

All Believers are Commissioned to Share the Word of God, and to share their testimony. We are to be His Voice, His Hands, His Feet, His Faithful Ambassadors. . . . In Jesus Name. The Body of Christ, is to continue the ministry of Jesus ~ until He Comes. See Mark 16:15-20

Things To Ponder

Have you ever received a prophetic word? Has it come to pass? Are you expecting it to?

Do you listen closely when the prophetic word comes forth? Do you "hear" it?

Are you praying and desiring to prophesy? Expecting to?