

## Moving in the Prophetic

Paul emphasised this gift far more than any other. We should give it the attention that it deserves.

Before the time of the kings, Israel was **lead by prophets**. The Lord was very disappointed when they decided they wanted a king, “They have rejected Me”

**What is it for ?** To build up the body of Christ.  
To be a sign for unbelievers. - An evangelical gift.

**What is it not ?** It is not total revelation. We see in part.

**It is:** Forth-telling and Foretelling divine revelation personally received.  
Can also reveal the cause of present problems due to past events.

**Eg** Warning of famine - lost donkeys – Guidance, Solomon to build temple -  
Strength and encouragement - brings hope – leads to signs & wonders.

Some prophecies are dependant on the the recipients actions – Jonah.

### 1. Know that you can prophesy

**1 Corinthians 14:31** *For you can **all** prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged.* Notice the little word 'all'.

**Num 11:29** Moses: *If only **all** the LORD's people were prophets.*

Whilst not every believer is called to be a prophet, each believer can prophesy.

My sheep hear my voice – are you His sheep? Yes - then you hear His voice.

Not for an ego trip or spiritual validation - **just a mail man.**

**Delivery:** Don't change your tone, voice, accent or use old English etc. Don't put on a show. Simple, effective communication – power comes from the Gods' words, the ability to reveal truth.

### 2. Desire to prophesy

Once we know that we can prophesy, we must actively desire to do so:

**1 Corinthians 14:1** *Desire spiritual gifts, but **especially** that you may prophesy.*

**1 Corinthians 14:39** *Desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.*

Desire is the magnet that attracts the prophetic anointing.

We need to intentionally listen.

### 3. Be sensitive to what bubbles up in your spirit

Be aware and sensitive to the fact that prophecies will often 'bubble up' from within you and continue to 'flow' as you speak it forth. The Hebrew word most often translated 'prophecy' literally means to 'bubble up' or 'flow forth'. As you prophesy, allow yourself to flow with the words/impressions that bubble up within you.

Dependence on learning and the mind is a barrier. The message must come from your spirit which is united with the Holy Spirit. **1 Cor 6:17** *whoever is united with the Lord is **one with him in spirit***. Once we have the message we must check that it does not contradict God's word.

Let the love of God saturate your being, everything must be done within love. If you have anger or bitterness be especially careful. Don't force a message. If a word is corrective for an individual treat them as an individual, then take 2 or 3 others then the whole church Matthew 18. Correct people using the biblical order - as directed by Jesus himself. So often we see people ignorant, ignoring or forgetting the biblical order.

### 4. Look for vision

Prophecy operates verbally and visually. Can be easier to distinguish visually.

The Holy Spirit can give cleaver images or impressions which cut through situations. Sometimes it can take a while for us to catch up.

Prophets used to be called "seers" 1 Samuel 9:9. A picture in your mind's eye.

**Jer 1:11** *The word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Jeremiah, **what do you see?**" And I said, "I see a branch of an **almond tree**." Then the LORD said to me, "You have seen well, for I am **ready** to perform My word."*

The words translated "almond tree" and "ready", both have a similar sound when pronounced in Hebrew – a play on words.

**Jeremiah 1:13** *The word of the LORD came to me the second time, saying, "**What do you see?**" And I said, "I see a boiling pot, and it is facing away from the north."*

The things I saw on mulberry street – don't embellish or exaggerate – don't dress it up. Say it then stop. Don't try and justify yourself.

The anointing can linger for a long time, you don't have to let it fly. The Spirit can also

bring to remembrance for the correct time.

*The spirits of the prophets are subject to the control of the prophets* **1 Cor 14:32** – you can control yourself – you are not obliged to blurt it out.

Does it line up with the nature, characteristics and attributes of God?

Make sure there is a response if one is needed – Nineveh

## **5. Look for people**

Paul observed a man intently – revelation that there was faith for healing  
Elymus – Paul looked intently – blinded.

## **6. The prophetic word can come in stages.**

Samuel selecting David. You may only get the first few words, the rest comes later carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## **7. Pray in tongues to kick start a prophetic word**

As you pray in tongues you build yourself up. You become more in tune with the Holy Spirit. Tongues can trigger the prophetic word. Ask God what He is saying.

## **8. Be around people who are prophesying**

A good way to catch the prophetic anointing is to be in the presence of those who are prophesying. The prophetic anointing can be contagious, and that is how Saul was inducted into the prophetic. Samuel said to Saul:

**1 Samuel 10:5-6** “... you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with a stringed instrument, a tambourine, a flute, and a harp before them; and they will be prophesying. **Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man.**”

## **9. According to the proportion of faith that you have**

There is the witness of the Holy Spirit. When the witness within you has ended then it is time to stop.

## **10. Types : praise – actions - prayer**

Zechariah on the birth of John the Baptist. Mary. Day of pentecost.

Also prophetic song, tune inspired by Him. Message through prophetic song psalms. I will deliver him – from God.

Paul bound with his belt

Holy Spirit directs what you pray

**Test it.**

Don't accept it just because it has been said. It must be judged.

The words/pictures can come from God, self or the devil. We must discern the difference.

Cults have been started because the word has not been judged.

Does it lead you away from God? Has it happened. ( some are conditional ).

Beware of a prophecy if it directly contradicts what the Lord has specifically told you.

Must be within the fence of scripture.

Never to be used to manipulate someone. A prophet told Paul **through the Spirit** not to go to Jerusalem. Paul chose to ignore the word.