



Prophetic Ministry

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“And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers to equip the saints for the work of the ministry, to build up the body of Christ.”
Ephesians 4:11-12

“You are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone.”
Ephesians 2:19-20

“Prophet”- One who hears from God and who speaks for God.

“Prophetic ministry” is a ministry that hears from God and speaks for God. It requires us to hear from God through all the means by which God chooses to speak and reveal Himself, always by the Holy Spirit and through seven primary means—the Bible, circumstances, spiritual gifts, family/friends, His inner voice, angels, visions and dreams. All the prophetic, revelatory and manifestation gifts are involved in prophetic ministry. (See 1 Corinthians 12:1-12.) Any local church or ministry can embrace prophetic ministry in order to sincerely give God the leadership and initiative in all things.

While there are certainly godly examples of prophets both in the Old and New Testaments, we normally choose to use the term, “prophetic ministry” rather than the title, “Prophet,” in order to avoid some of the excess baggage and controversy that surrounds some so-called modern day prophets. Prophetic ministry is vital on every level of ministry of the College of Prayer.

As the College of Prayer enters a new territory, or even launches a new Campus, or begins a new Module, we do well to pray for protection, direction, and revelation. In this context, prophetic ministry is able to identify hindrances and enemy strongholds (protection), see how to expose these hindrances (direction), and follow Christ’s strategy to remove these hindrances (revelation).

Everywhere the College of Prayer goes, we encounter things that God wants us to demolish and things He wants us to plant and build. Both the destruction and the construction of kingdom advancing ministry requires prophetic ministry.

Prophetic ministry can potentially be either forth telling and/or foretelling. While the Bible prophet would

both foretell and forth tell, prophetic ministry today typically operates only with forth telling, to bring to light things that had been unknown. When a foretelling word is received, we recommend that it always be subject to the discernment of other prophetic people before it is shared publically. *"The spirits of the prophet are subject to the prophet."* 1 Corinthians 14:32

What Prophetic Ministry is NOT

Typically foretelling
Drawing attention to itself
Boastful
Brings pride

What Prophetic Ministry IS

Forth telling
Drawing attention to Christ
Breakthrough
Brings humility and repentance

"See today, I have set you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant." Jeremiah 1:10 NIV

Foundational Principles for Effective Prophetic Ministry

1. You can't force prophetic revelation.

God is a self-revealing God who sovereignly chooses when to speak and what to reveal. We can, however, always seek God for His clear revelation. He is a self-revealing God and loves to give direction. (Exodus 33:19)

2. The best speakers for God are the best listeners and hearers.

You can ask for prophetic revelation. God loves to speak. (1 Corinthians 14:1) [See our College of Prayer Year 1 Notebook, Second Edition, Lesson 4, "Hearing God"]

3. Every sensory device we have in the physical (sight, hearing, smell, taste, touch), God can activate in our spirit, and then some! (Ephesians 1:18; Hebrews 5:14)

4. God will normally speak to you as you minister to Christ.

As you pray before the trip, during the trip, and as you arrive into the country, into the hotel, in the meeting room prior to the beginning of the Module, God will normally speak to you. Prior to the Module, walk through the room with your spiritual antennae fully extended. You will see, feel, hear and even, at times, taste and smell things in the spiritual atmosphere. During the opening worship, do the same. Always be alert to what God may speak to you. (1 Samuel 3:10)

Understand the difference between the levels of revelation. (Genesis 41:25-36)

Revelation
Interpretation
Application
Activation or Implementation

5. Keep your eyes on the prize.

From the very beginning of each Module all the way through to the end, the purpose of prophetic ministry is always leading toward an encounter with Christ. (John 16:13-14)

6. A fresh encounter with Christ usually requires a breakthrough, or what we refer to as, "breaker anointing."

7. Words of prophecy are to be given in love in order to build up the church. (See 1 Corinthians 13:1ff; 14:3)

"This is the one to whom I will look: he who is humble and contrite in spirit and trembles at My Word."
Isaiah 66:2b

Apostolic ministry and prophetic ministry always work side by side.
In order to effectively pioneer (apostolic ministry) you need revelation (prophetic ministry).

WARNING: Guard your heart against pride when you engage in prophetic ministry. The Apostle Paul had so much revelation, he was given a thorn in the flesh so he could not get cocky. (See 2 Corinthians 12:1-10.)

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