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Prophetic Encouragement and Prophecy

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Prophetic Encouragement and Prophecy - By Dr. Andries van Schalkwyk

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What "Prophetic" Means (Simple Explanation)

In the Bible, **prophecy** means to **speak what God reveals**—to strengthen, guide, or encourage others.

Revelation 19:10 For the Testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy

Prophecy must glorify Jesus Christ! Prophecy comes through the Holy Spirit, glorifying Jesus (John 16:13-14)

Key Scripture:

- *1 Corinthians 14:3* — “But the one who prophesies speaks to people for **edification, exhortation, and comfort.**”
- So, in simple terms, prophecy means hearing from God and speaking to build others up, not tear them down.

Basic Steps in Prophecy or Prophecy to Someone

1. Start with Purpose (Build, not impress)

Teach them that prophecy is not about sounding spiritual—it’s about **helping people grow.**

2. Stay Anchored in God’s Word

God will never speak something that contradicts Scripture.

3. Keep it Loving and Encouraging

If it brings fear, confusion, or condemnation—it’s not from God.

4. Practice Listening to the Holy Spirit

Pause, pray, and ask - “Lord, what do You want to say to this person?”

Bible Examples of Prophetic Encouragement

1. Barnabas Encouraging Believers

Acts 11:23

Barnabas saw God’s grace and **encouraged them to remain true to the Lord.**

Important - Prophetic encouragement strengthens people to stay faithful.

2. Judas and Silas Strengthening the Church

Acts 15:32

“They said much to encourage and strengthen the believers.”

Remember - Prophecy builds spiritual stability and confidence.

3. Jesus Speaking Life to Peter

Luke 22:31–32

Jesus told Peter he would be tested—but also that he would **return and strengthen others**.

True prophetic words bring hope about the future, even in or during weakness.

◆ What Did Jesus Say About Prophecy?

Matthew 7:15-16 — “Beware of false prophets...” You will know them by their fruits... (Does it glorify God and bear witness with Scriptures)

Matthew 10:41 — “Whoever receives a prophet... will receive a prophet’s reward.”

Jesus affirmed that:

- Prophecy is **real and active**
- But **discernment is necessary**
- Jesus followed prophecy because He bore witness to it in *Matthew 4:13-14* - *And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet ...*

◆ Is Prophecy Still Relevant Today?

✓ Yes.

1 Corinthians 14:1 — “Follow the way of love and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit, especially prophecy.”

1 Thessalonians 5:20–21 — “Do not despise prophecies, but test everything...”

This shows:

- Prophecy is still for today
- But it must be **tested and discerned**
- Remember, we are led by the Holy Spirit

Simple Method to Teach Someone

“Prophecy is listening to God and speaking His heart to strengthen, encourage, and comfort others.”

◆ KEY REMINDER

Prophecy should always:

- Align with Scripture
- Glorify Jesus
- Strengthen people

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