

# **APOSTOLIC FOUNDATIONS FOR A PROPHETIC CULTURE**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Jane Hamon, "Never doubt in the dark what you heard in the light."

Hearing the voice of God:

1. A light in the midst of darkness
2. Trumps our personality, our personal purpose, our natural wisdom, etc.
3. Moves us out of our subjective decision-making to OBJECTIVE (absolute truth, wisdom) decision-making.
4. God is raising up His army
5. Prophetically and apostolically empowered
6. To be reformers (rescue from error and return to the rightful course)
  - a. Lives
  - b. Systems
  - c. Structures
  - d. Society

Col. 2 – Reformers

1. 1 John 4:17, "As HE IS so are WE in THIS WORLD!"
2. Col. 2:6, "As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk IN HIM!"
3. Col. 2:9-10, "For IN HIM dwells all the FULLNESS OF THE GODHEAD BODILY. And you are COMPLETE IN HIM which is the HEAD of all principality and power."
4. Vs. 12, "Buried WITH HIM in baptism, wherein also you are RISEN WITH HIM."

Eph 1 -

1. Vs 4, "chosen IN HIM"
2. VS. 10: "that in the dispensation of the FULLNESS OF TIMES, He might gather together in one all things IN CHRIST both which are in Heaven and ON EARTH, even IN HIM."
3. Vs. 13: "Having believed you are sealed with the Holy Spirit unto your inheritance."
4. Vs. 18-19, "The eyes of your understanding being enlightened that you may KNOW what is the hope of His calling, and what the riches of the glory of HIS inheritance IN THE SAINTS. And what is the exceeding greatest of His power to USWARD who believe according to the working of His mighty power.
5. Vs. 20 – Jesus raised from the dead...set right hand of the Father
6. Vs. 21 – FAR ABOVE ALL principalities, powers, might and dominion...
7. Vs. 22 – put all things under His feet, gave HIM to be the HEAD OVER ALL things TO THE CHURCH!
8. VS. 23 which is HIS BODY, THE FULLNESS OF HIM THAT FILLS ALL IN ALL

Eph 2:6, "raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus"

## THE IMPORTANCE OF HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD

The Bible: God's mind in written form

The Holy Spirit: God's mind in quicken form

Prophecy: The mind of God is verbal form

Prophetic: *propheteia*

- Coming from Divine inspiration (God speaking)
- Declaring the purposes of God

A. God wants to speak to you!

- 1) Acts 22:14, "The God of our fathers has chosen you to know his will and to see the Righteous One, and to hear words from his mouth."
- 2) John 10:27, "My sheep hear my voice and the voice of a stranger they do not follow."
- 3) KEY VERSE: Hebrews 5:14, "But strong meat belongs to them that are of full age who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

B. FILTERS

- 1) First: Does it align with the written Word of God (The Bible)
  - a. Psalms 119:11 (NLT), "I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."
  - b. Psalms 37:31 (NAS), "The law of his God is in his heart; His steps do not slip."
- 2) Second: Does it align with His heart
  - a. 1 Cor. 14:1, "Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gift, but rather that you prophesy." (Follow love and speak God's mind)
  - b. 1 Cor. 13:1-2, "Though I speak in tongues of men and of angels and have not love, I am become as sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and I have all faith so I can remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing."

C. Foundational purpose for those who prophesy

- 1) 1 Cor. 14:3, "But he that prophesies speaks unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort."

Prophecies means:

1. to utter forth, declare a thing which can only be known by divine revelation
  - a. Coming from divine inspiration
  - b. Declaring the purposes of God
2. Edification
  - a. (the act of) building up

- b. The act of one who promotes another's growth in Christian wisdom, faithfulness, joy, and holiness
- 3. Exhortation
  - a. Encouragement
  - b. That which affords comfort or refreshment
- 4. Comfort
  - a. Any address, whether made for the purpose of persuading, or of arousing and stimulating, or calming and consoling

Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision (prophetic revelation), the people perish (cast off restraint), but he that keeps the law, happy is he."

- 1. Vision: in this context is not goals or plans, but rather divine inspiration, illumination, revelation, prophetic insight.
  - a. It creates a filter for your life choices
- 2. You perish (cast off restraint) because you do not have divine inspiration in your life choices.
- 3. Perish:
  - a. to let go of, let loose, ignore, let alone
  - b. avoid, neglect
  - c. to show lack of restraint

How do we hear?

- 1. Sense/Feel
- 2. Hear Words
- 3. See picture
- 4. Revelation

Saturday “Graduate Level Training”

**TRUSTED Prophetic Saints**

INTRO: God’s love is unconditional, but can he TRUST us?

1. We must recognize the power of the words that come out of our mouths – “Can God trust me with the words of my mouth?”
  - a. James 1:26 (NIV), “If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless.”
  - b. 1 Peter 3:10, “ “ He who would love life and see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit.”
  - c. Ps. 39:1, “I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue...”
  - d. Ps. 141:3, “Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.”

Proven global prophets (roundtables) saying there is greater revelation of the power of WHAT WE SAY decree, declare, and speak... When we speak what God speaks, it releases HIS POWER

- a. Thoughts creates words Is. 55 – thoughts and ways
- b. Our words have the capacity to shift things in the spirit realm to bring change on the earth. “Thy Kingdom come, they will be done.”
- c. We are in a season of history where there is a greater release to activate the prophetic:
  - i. Activate: “To make active, to cause to function
  - ii. Root Word: Active: engaged in action; characterized by energetic work (New vision, New strategies, new activity) to excite
  - iii. Also means: To place a military unit or station in an active status “What is my assignment?”
  - iv. “We’ll accomplish more for the Kingdom with less effort”

**1 Cor. 14:32 (KJV), “And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets, For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.”**

HOW DO WE BUILD TRUST? Two domains of trust —it is possible to have trust in one area, but not the other. We must make a quality decision to make deposits into both.

- **Character**
  - Inward wealth exceeding outward wealth
  - Inward maturity exceeding outward platform
  - Inward character exceeding outward gifts
- **Competence**
  - KEY VERSE: Hebrews 5:14, “But strong meat belongs to them that are of full age who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

## 10 M's

### Maturing and Maintaining Spiritual Maturity and Ministry

#### Determining Prophetic Ministers True/False Status

Note: Balaam who gave one of the most accurate prophetic words about the Messiah about the star of Bethlehem (Num. 24:17). Also in chapter 24:2 the Spirit of God came up him as he tells of a people (Israel) who will achieve victory and prosperity. We learn of his “**false prophet**” status in 2 Peter 2:15, Jude 11, and Rev. 2:14 because of his fear (self-motivation, self-protection, selfishness) of Balak, a Moabite king. The covetous Balaam was moved by personal profit.

#### 1. MANHOOD

- Gen. 1:26,27*      *God makes a man before manifesting mighty ministry.*  
*Rom. 8:29*        *Man-apart from position, message or ministry.*  
*Heb. 2:6-10*      *Character-evaluating person not performance.*  
*I Tim. 2:5*        *Jesus-manhood 30 years; ministry 3 ½ - 10 to 1 ratio.*

#### 2. MINISTRY

- II Cor. 6:3*        *No offense to ministry; 1 Cor. 2:4,5 – power and demonstration.*  
*Mat. 7:15-21*     *By their fruits you shall know them – anointing, results.*  
*Deut. 18:22*      *Prophecies or preaching productive – proven, pure, positive.*

#### 3. MESSAGE

- Eph. 4:15*        *Speak the truth in love; present-truth, and life giving.*  
*I Tim. 4:2*        *Message balanced, scriptural, doctrinally and spiritually sound.*  
*Mk. 16:20*        *God confirms His Word – not person, pride or reputation.*

#### 4. MATURITY

- Jas. 3:17*        *Attitude right; mature in human relations; heavenly wisdom.*  
*Gal. 5:22*        *Fruit of spirit, Christ-like character, dependable, steadfast, Heb. 5:14.*  
*I Cor. 13*         *Not childish; Biblically knowledgeable and mature – not a novice.*

#### 5. MARRIAGE

- I Tim. 3:2,5*      *Scripturally in order. Personal family vs. God's family.*  
*I Pet. 3:1-7*      *Priorities straight – God 1<sup>st</sup>, wife and family, then ministry.*  
*Eph. 5:22-23*    *Marriage to exemplify relationship of Christ and His Church.*

## 6. METHODS

- Tit. 1:16 Rigidly righteous, ethical, honest, integrity – upright.  
Rom. 1:18 Not manipulating or deceptive, doesn't speak "evangelistically".  
Rom. 2:7-8 Good end results do not justify unscriptural methods.

## 7. MANNERS

- Tit. 1:7, 3:1,2 Unselfish, polite, kind, gentleman/lady, discreet.*  
Eph. 4:29; 5:4 Proper speech and communication in words and mannerism.

## 8. MONEY

- I Tim. 3:6 AMP Craving wealth and resorting to ignoble and dishonest methods."  
I Tim. 6:5-17 Luke 12:15 – Love of money and materialism destroys (i.e. Achan)

## 9. MORALITY

- I Cor. 6:9-18 Virtuous, pure and proper relationships – Col. 3:5  
Eph. 5:3 Biblical sexual purity in attitude and actions - 1 Cor. 5:11  
Matthew 5:28 Wrong thoughts with desire to do - without opportunity to act.

## 10. MOTIVES

- Matt. 6:1 To serve or to be seen? Fulfill personal drive or God's desire?  
I Cor. 16:15 True motivation? To minister or to be a Minister?  
Prov. 16:2 To herald the truth vs. just to be heard by man?  
I Cor. 13:1-3 Motivated by God's love vs. lust for power, fame, name, etc.

## WHY DO WE WANT TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE AND RECEIVE PROPHETIC REVELATION?

Part One: Why do we want and need to hear God's voice?

### 1. INTIMACY (RELATIONSHIP) WITH GOD

A. Rev. 3:20, "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." (KJV)

- 1) SEE
- 2) HEAR
- 3) FEEL

### 2. BRINGS US PEACE

A. Peace is a by-product of hearing the words from God's mouth!

1) Is. 55:11-12, "So shall MY WORD be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands." (KJV)

### 3. BRINGS US PURPOSE

A. Acts 26:15-18, "And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; Delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me." (KJV)

### 4. TO KNOW OUR INDIVIDUAL PLAN

A. Jer. 29:11-13, "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart." (KJV)

B. Luke 11:9-13, "And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?" (KJV)

C. I Cor. 2:9-10, "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep

things of God.” (KJV)

#### 5. TO PROTECT US

A. Psalm 91:15, "He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with Him in trouble; I will DELIVER him, and honor him." (KJV)

#### 6. TO KNOW THE PLANS OF THE ENEMY

A. Acts 21:4, “And finding disciples, we tarried there seven days: who said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not go up to Jerusalem.” (KJV)

B. Acts 16:7-10, “When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.” (NIV)

#### 7. OBEY HIM #1 Reason why we hear

A. God's vs. devil's voice: When we hear God's voice, we CAN OBEY INSTANTLY. If we hear the devil's voice, it will try to get us to DISOBEY God (or WAIT on obeying).

Jer. 7:23, “...Obey the voice of God, walk in His ways... that it may be well with you.”

Eph. 6:1, “CHILDREN, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise... that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

David a man AFTER God’s heart-Acts 13:22, “And when he had removed him, (Saul because of his disobedience) he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfill all my will.” (KJV)

## Part Two: WE ARE DESTINED TO BECOME LIKE JESUS – OUR PATTERN!

1. Jesus is the firstborn of many brethren.

A. Romans 8:29, “For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.”

2. The new race in Christ is “a new species of being that never before existed.”

A. 2 Cor. 5:17, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

3. “...for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophesy.” Rev. 19:10

4. Three keys to understanding the fulfillment of a prophetic word:

A. Key One: Just because a prophetic word seems like it has died, does not mean it was false.

1) Did Jesus ever give a false prophetic word?

2) John 11, “Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha...<sup>3</sup>Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou lovest is sick. <sup>4</sup>When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.<sup>5</sup>Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup>When he had heard therefore that he was sick, he abode two days still in the same place where he was. <sup>7</sup>Then after that saith he to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again...Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; (he died) but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. <sup>12</sup>Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. <sup>13</sup>Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead....”

B. Key Two: Just because a portion of a prophetic word does not apply, does not mean the whole is false.

1) Acts 21:10-11; 27-33, “<sup>10</sup>And as we tarried there many days, there came down from Judaea a certain prophet, named Agabus. <sup>11</sup>And when he was come unto us, he took Paul's girdle, and bound his own hands and feet, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles....<sup>27</sup>And when the seven days were almost ended, the Jews which were of Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the people, and laid hands on him, <sup>28</sup>Crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men every where against the people, and the law, and this place: and further brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath polluted this holy place. <sup>29</sup> (For they had seen before with him in the city Trophimus an Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the temple.) <sup>30</sup>And all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they took Paul, and drew him out of the temple: and forthwith the doors were shut. <sup>31</sup>And as they went about to kill him, tidings came unto the chief captain of the band, that all Jerusalem was in an uproar. <sup>32</sup>Who immediately took soldiers and centurions, and ran down unto them: and when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, they left beating of Paul. <sup>33</sup>Then the chief captain came near, and took him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains; and demanded who he was, and what he had done.”

C. Key Three: When a word goes forth, we must ask the Holy Spirit to quicken it to us by seeking God for ourselves and then remain steadfast in what God has spoken.

1 Kings 13:1-24, “<sup>1</sup>And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the LORD unto Bethel: and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense. <sup>2</sup>And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD, and said, O altar, altar, thus saith the LORD; Behold, a child shall be born unto the places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee. <sup>3</sup>And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the LORD hath spoken; Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out. <sup>4</sup>And it came to pass, when king Jeroboam heard the saying of the man of God, which had cried against the altar in Bethel, that he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not pull it in again to him. <sup>5</sup>The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Intreat now the face of the LORD thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God besought the LORD, and the king's hand was restored him again, and became as it was before.

<sup>7</sup>And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward. <sup>8</sup>And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thine house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place: <sup>9</sup>For so was it charged me by the word of the LORD, saying, Eat no bread, nor drink water, nor turn again by the same way that thou camest. <sup>10</sup>So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Bethel.

<sup>11</sup>Now there dwelt an old prophet in Bethel; and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel: the words which he had spoken unto the king, them they told also to their father. <sup>12</sup>And their father said unto them, What way went he? For his sons had seen what way the man of God went, which came from Judah. <sup>13</sup>And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass: and he rode thereon, <sup>14</sup>And went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak: and he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am. <sup>15</sup>Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread. <sup>16</sup>And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place: <sup>17</sup>For it was said to me by the word of the LORD, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest. <sup>18</sup>He said unto him, I am a prophet also as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house, that he may eat bread and drink water. But he lied unto him.

<sup>19</sup>So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water. <sup>20</sup>And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of the LORD came unto the prophet that brought him back: <sup>21</sup>And he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the mouth of the LORD, and hast not kept the commandment which the LORD thy God commanded thee, <sup>22</sup>But camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of the which the Lord did say to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy carcass shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers. <sup>23</sup>And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, to wit, for the prophet whom he had brought back. <sup>24</sup>And when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcass was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the carcass.”

- 1) He had two opportunities to disobey the Word of the Lord
  - a) With the King
  - b) With the Old Prophet
- 2) We must not violate the *rhema* (revealed) or *logos* (written) Word of God!

## **BIGGEST HINDRANCE TO HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD**

### **1. FEAR**

- A. Rationalization (excuses, western mentality, prejudice i.e. Jonah, too intellectual)
- B. Self-Focus (fears, insecurities, shame, inconvenience) (meet my needs)
  - a. ego-centric
  - b. shame sees themselves as less than, pride sees themselves superior
- C. Procrastination (Is a character flaw not personality trait)

### **2. FEAR is a demonic spirit**

A. 2 Timothy 1:7, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

B. Fear is a spirit, not an emotion.

C. Foundation of fear:

- 1) Based upon LIES and deception rather than truth/wisdom
- 2) Our actions and decision will be fear-based rather than love/faith-based
- 3) We’ll step into a self-protective, selfish, egocentric positioning
- 4) We become the OPPOSITE of who we are when we succumb to fear.

### **3. Overcoming Fear**

A. God has given us POWER – if someone came into your house threatening you, but you had a gun, that GUN would relieve the fear of the attacker. (Source: Tim Hamon)

1) 1 John 4:18, “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.”

B. Fear has two components: It is PRESENT and it has POWER TO HURT

1) Colossians 2:15, “And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”

A. SOUND MIND – When you are spiritually mature, you can recognize fear, its lies, and have the ability to allow truth to destroy the lies of fear.

## PROPHETIC PITFALLS

INTRODUCTION: 1 Cor. 12:18 – God has set in the body as it pleased Him. The gifts and the callings of God are based on His sovereignty, not on human worthiness or persistence in requesting a position.

Rom. 11:22, “Behold the goodness and the severity of God.” This applies to God’s choice for ministry. The goodness of God is manifested in His gifts and callings. His severity is revealed in the process of His training to make a person ready to be commissioned to that calling.

Luke 12:48 – To whom much is given, much is required.

James 3:1 – Those in ministry will be judged more strictly.

### ELIJAH PITFALL:

1. A pit of self-pity:
  - a) At the words of Jezebel he went from the peak of powerful prophetic performance into the pit of self-pity. (everyone is against me)
  - b) “Cave mentality”
  - c) Prayers of self-pity were hypocritical. If he wanted to die he would not have fled Jezebel, and ran for his life.
  - d) He was weak at that time to stand against rejection and persecution.
2. Descending steps:
  - a) Despair comes first from disappointment; (if not adjusted), then
  - b) Discouragement, then
  - c) Resentment, then
  - d) Self-pity, then
  - e) A persecution complex, then
  - f) Anger, then
  - g) Hard critical spirit causing them to be a law unto our self.
  - h) Now they are in a place of self-delusion and very hard to reach.
3. Rejection and persecution, “I’m the only one left,” and “cave” mentality, self-pity, anger, discouragement.
4. **Warning Sign - Continual Criticism**

### JEREMIAH AND EZEKIEL PITFALL:

They suffered more severe personal persecution than any other Biblical prophet. Their prophecies were rejected and people rebelled against them more than most.

1. Persecution and suffering is a part of life.

John 16:33, “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.” (KJV)
2. Matt 16:24, “Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.” (KJV)
3. WE must take up our ministry crosses joyfully, denying ourselves all the fleshly indulgences of this pitfall. Isaiah 1:19, “If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land:” (KJV)
5. II Tim 3:12, “Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” (KJV)

## **ABRAHAM PITFALL**

1. Ministry can have great stress in your family life. Many of Abraham's trials and problems came from his family.
2. His own need for a "son" and Lot's need for a "father" was the motivation for Lot going with Abraham against God's command to leave his family. The result was division.
3. Sarah influenced Abraham to take Hagar to produce the promised seed.
4. Note: Even though Abraham allowed his family to influence him wrongly, it is not recorded that God rebuked Abraham specifically for allowing relatives to hinder the fulfillment of his promise. That shows God's great priority placed upon family.
5. I Sam. 2 – Eli allowed his sons to treat the Lord's offering with contempt.
6. The deception of "ministerial mates"
  - a) Anyone the minister allows to become a closer companion than his or her true spouse, especially when that person is of the opposite sex.
  - b) I Thes. 5:22, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." (KJV)

## **MOSES PITFALL**

1. Over-protectiveness and mercy to the extreme.
2. Moses has a human virtue that became a vice - a personal strength that, when taken to the extreme, became a double weakness.
3. Torn between human mercy and compassion on one hand, and God's judgment and prophetic purpose on the other.
4. Moses' root problem was being overprotective of his personal pastoral flock and too insistent that God had to preserve the established generation instead of starting afresh.
5. Lessons to be learned:
  - a) Our action can cancel part of what has been prophesied personally to us, even after much of what was prophesied has already been fulfilled. We need continual obedience, faith, and patience.
  - b) God's grace for endurance does not extend beyond the bounds of God's purpose.
  - c) God will give us - "our way" - to our own destruction.
    - 1) Num. 11 The manna and the plagues.
    - 2) I Sam. 8 – the people wanted a King against the will of God and God gave it to them, though it was not good for the people.
    - 3) II Thes. 2:10,11 They refused to love truth, so a powerful delusion was sent.
  - d) Pastoral compassion and prophetic purpose will sometimes be at odds.
6. God's purpose is greater than human preference.

## **JONAH PITFALL:**

1. Pride, selfishness, anger, vengeance, self-will and personal ambition.
2. Motivated by judgment – more interested in seeing God destroy the wicked than have mercy on them.
3. Prejudice - he was more concerned with his reputation than to see others being ministered to.
4. More concerned with his loss than the death of thousands of God's people.
5. Wanting to dictate to God how to fulfill His word through them because they do not trust God.

6. If we follow Jonah's footsteps God will prepare "big fish" situation to swallow us up and take away the protective covering.
7. We see no record that God ever used Jonah again as a prophet.

### **ACHAN PITFALL:**

1. My ministry syndrome, keeping to yourself what is devoted to the Lord. Root problem was selfishness.
2. A new place is a dangerous place. God's severest judgments are manifest when He is establishing His people in a new place.
  - a) Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-11)
  - b) With Achan, it was the FIRST place they conquered after crossing the Jordan. It was the "tithe" and was devoted to the Lord.
3. "I" "Me" focused.
4. Romans 7: "Self" chapter - Me, myself, and I, are repeated 52 times in 26 verses.
5. Romans 8: "Spirit" chapter - the Godhead is mentioned 57 times in 39 verses.
6. Achan was self-promoting and possessive without regard for directions given by the leadership. He was a loner without the team ministry concept.
7. The Achan pitfall - will make people feel they are exempt from divine directives and have special privileges to enjoy the material things on which God has placed restrictions.
  - a) What is devoted to the Lord? - Tithe - your body - your cares - the anointed - your offering and sacrifice.
  - b) "We must not touch what is devoted"
8. We must be interdependent, not independent.

### **JUDAS PITFALL:**

1. Judas and Achan a kindred spirit.
2. Can be bread in the midst of disappointment in personal ambitions.
3. Desire to be rewarded for every service. Building up in your own mind a case of why you can do the wrong; self-justification, self-promotion, self-preservation.
4. Steps in Satan's Deception:
  - a) Seed form: the feeling that we must be rewarded immediately for every service rendered and given recognition or a higher position for time and money spent to participate in and propagate the ministry. God owes me. This is the difference in the attitude of being a hireling or a shepherd. (John 10:11-14)
  - b) Convince themselves that the leadership they have been serving; are not living up to the promises they have made to them.
  - c) A sense of self-justification for betraying friendship and selling out to the enemy for personal gain.
  - d) They will feel "judged" by others, so self-deception must then come to convince them that the leadership and others are not understanding.
  - e) Pride and an exalted sense of self-importance come next to convince them to do what Lucifer did - to pull away and head up their own ministry.

Prov. 21:2, "Every way of a man is right in his own eyes, but the Lord pondereth the hearts."
5. **SELFISHNESS is the bottom line root problem of 99% of all unscriptural attitudes and actions.**

6. Self-centeredness is what gives power to the three sources of all sin – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. (1 John 2:16)

### **JAMES AND JOHN PITFALL**

1. More zeal than wisdom. Desire for position and power rather than submission and servant hood.
2. Immature ambitious drive that causes people to pursue the highest position closest to the leader. They wanted to be personally exalted and have special privileges.

### **BAALAM PITFALL:**

1. Character flaws; though the ministry is true.
  - a. Prophecy must be judged.
    - 1) Spiritual message must conform to biblical truth.
    - 2) Objective, verifiable statements about the past, present and checked against the facts.
    - 3) Predictions of the future are judged by whether they come to pass.
  - b. Judge the prophet in a different way
    - 1) Discerned by their character, the spirit of wisdom, fruit of the Holy Spirit in their personal lives, and fruit of their ministry that remains after the initial manifestation of miracles or other signs.
2. Ambitious for fame, fortune and prestige.
3. Self-determined and lusted for power and possessions - wanting to prophesy something that Balak would reward.
4. Self-willed and had the love of money.
5. Blinded for lust for riches, power and promotion. Tried to please God and serve mammon at the same time.
6. Take note:
  - a) If we judge a prophet only by the accuracy of his prophecies, we would have to declare Balaam a true prophet. Many would not recognize Balaam as a false prophet, though God did.
  - b) Wolves in sheep's clothing. Know them by their "fruits." (Matthew 7:20)

### **JOSEPH'S DIVINE OPTIMISM VS. JACOB'S HUMAN PESSIMISM**

1. Joseph
  - a) His perspective and principles of life preserved him through difficult times.
  - b) Joseph was the example of the positive.
  - c) Joseph's view was of having God's perspective of His eternal purposes. Never losing faith in the Lord's original communication with them about the purpose for their lives.
  - d) Joseph trusted in God's providential plan causes him to be quick to forgive and bless those who repent.
2. Jacob
  - a) Root problem of a pessimistic personality hindered his life.
  - b) Jacob had the pitfall of pessimism.
  - c) Jacob, prior to God's transformation, was the type of a person who is negative, has a persecution complex towards people and ministry.
  - d) Jacob lived in conflict, fled conflict, and attracted to himself conflict.

## THE WRITTEN WORD OF GOD!

Preface: The Word without the Spirit is dead, but the spiritual without the Word is destructive.  
Jesus was the Word made flesh.

1. God's Word is ABSOLUTE truth!

A. Ps 119:89, "For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven." (KJV)

1) Settled (*natsab*) in Thayer's Dictionary, to take one's stand, to stand firm, to establish

2. God's Word LEADS US and GIVES US REVELATION

A. Ps 119:105, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (KJV)

3. God's Word QUICKENS us

A. Ps 119:116, "Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope." (KJV)

1) Quicken (*chayah*) in Thayer's Dictionary means:

a) "To live (prosperously)"

b) "To revive, to be quickened"

(1) From sickness

(2) From discouragement

(3) From faintness

(4) From death

c) "To cause to grow"

4. God's Word gives hope: "joyful expectation and happy anticipation for good."

A. Ps 119:114, "Thou art my hiding place and my shield: I hope in thy word." (KJV)

5. God's Word keeps us from sin

A. Ps 119:133, "Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me." (KJV)

B. Ps 119:9-11, "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word. With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." (KJV)

C. John 17:17, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." (KJV)

1) Sanctify (*hagiazō*) in the Thayer's Dictionary means:

a) "To separate from profane things and to dedicate to God"

b) "To consecrate things to God"

c) "To dedicate people to God"

d) "To purify"

e) "To cleanse externally"

f) "To purify internally by a renewing of the soul"

6. God's Word gives wisdom and understanding

A. Ps 119:169, "Let my cry come near before thee, O LORD: give me understanding according to thy word." (KJV)

7. God's Word brings deliverance

A. Ps 119:170, "Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word." (KJV)

1) Deliverance is the Kingdom of God coming to any individual

2) Luke 11:20 (NIV), "But, if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the Kingdom of God has come to you."

B. Mark 16:17-20, "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover....And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs."

C. Matthew 12:28, "But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you."

8. God's Word is His promise—and He honors it! We can trust what His Word says.

A. Ps 138:2, "I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name." (KJV)

9. God's Word brings joy (happiness is based upon circumstances, joy is a fruit of the Spirit)

A. Jer. 15:16, "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts." (KJV)

10. God's Word gives us strength

A. Ps. 119:25, "My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word."

1) God uses both the Bible and the ministry of the prophet and/or prophetic saint to communicate with mankind.

2) Even though individuals can now hear from God themselves (and need to be trained to do that), they are not independent. They still need the Word of God and the ministry of the prophet and the prophetic saint.

11. God's Word is a MORE SURE word of prophesy.

A. 2 Peter 1:19, "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:"

## THE BIBLE

- THE BIBLE: God in Written Form

- The Bible is a set of guidelines by which we know and understand God. It provides everything we need for life and godliness!

The Bible is:

1. God's mind and plans revealed
2. Inspired utterances—grouped into 66 books and canonized into the Bible
3. Complete—no prophetic addition or subtraction
  - A. 2 Tim. 3:16, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect (complete), thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”

B. 2 Peter 1:21, “For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.”

4. The written Word reveals the Living Word
5. The Bible is the foundation of all Truth (2 Tim. 3:16)
6. The Bible is inscriptive prophecy
7. The Bible is the mind of God in written form; the Holy Spirit is the mind of God in quicken form; prophecy is the mind of God in verbal form.

## HOW DO WE HEAR THE VOICE OF GOD?

1 Cor. 12:1, “Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I WOULD NOT HAVE YOU IGNORANT.”

### 1. HOLY SPIRIT WILL SPEAK TO OUR HUMAN SPIRIT

A. There is a voice from the HUMAN SPIRIT and a voice from the HOLY SPIRIT.

1) I Thes. 5:23—body, soul, and spirit

2) When we are saved the Holy Spirit comes to dwell within our human spirit.

a) II Cor. 5:17, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” (KJV)

b) Prov. 20:27, “The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.” (KJV)

c) NIV says, “The lamp of the LORD searches the spirit of a man; it searches out his inmost being.”

### 2. FOUR WAYS IN WHICH YOU WILL “HEAR”:

A. HEAR WORDS

B. SEE MENTAL IMAGE (VISION)

C. SENSE OR FEEL

D. REVELATION—Just know something

1) Hear: “still small voice” rarely audible. It might seem like the voice of our conscious; might sound like we are talking to ourselves

2) See: rarely open vision, but more like a mental picture, a picture of our imagination

3) Sense/Perceive: information dropped within our spirit

4) Warning: do not look for the spectacular, but desire to operate in the supernatural power of God.

### 3. REMEMBER THE KEY SCRIPTURE TO MEMORIZE:

A. Heb. 5:14, “But strong meat belongeth to them that are of FULL AGE, WHO BY REASON OF USE have their SENSES EXERCISED to discern both good and evil.”

## CHARACTER AND THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

1. Seek maturity as well as the gifts.

A. I Cor. 14:1, "Follow after love (mature Christian character) AND desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy." (KJV)

B. Prophecy—edify, exhort, and comfort.

2. We should have understanding in the gifts.

A. I Cor. 12:1, "Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I WOULD NOT HAVE YOU IGNORANT." (KJV)

3. We can grow in the gifts.

A. Rom. 12:6, "Having then gifts DIFFERING according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the PROPORTION OF FAITH." (KJV)

1) Cannot have faith for gifts, without having knowledge of.

a) Faith can grow

## NINE GIFTS—THREE CATEGORIES

Gifts: "A working of the Holy Spirit to accomplish the will of God through man."

1. HANDS--POWER GIFTS

A. Faith

B. Healing

C. Miracles

1) PURPOSE: delivering, performing, soundness, restoration, and unshackling

2. EYE--REVELATION GIFTS

A. Word of Knowledge

B. Word of Wisdom

C. Discerning of Spirits

1) PURPOSE: discerning, perceiving, seeing, revealing, and understanding

3. VOICE--VOCAL GIFTS

A. Prophecy

1) PURPOSE: declaring, proclaiming, speaking, relating, and utterance, -edification, exhortation and comfort

B. Interpretation of tongues

C. Tongues

I Tim. 1:6, "Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the laying on of my hands." (KJV)

I Cor. 12:11, "But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will." (KJV)

Zech. 4:6, "...not by might, nor by power, but by MY Spirit, says the Lord."

### FOCUSING ON THE VOICE

1. POWER GIFTS—HANDS--Faith, healings, and miracles:

2. REVELATION GIFTS--the EYE

### 3. VOCAL GIFTS--VOICE

#### A. PROPHECY--FIVE TYPES OF PROPHECY

##### 1) OFFICE OF THE PROPHET.

Eph. 4:8-11, "Wherefore he saith, When he (Jesus) ascended up on high, he led captivity captive and gave gifts unto men. And he (Jesus) gave SOME, apostles; and SOME, prophets; and SOME, evangelists; and SOME Pastors and Teachers;" (KJV)

- a. Authority comes only through Responsibility and delegation. When a person wants authority but does not have the delegated authority (responsibility to steward) it will be false usurped authority.
- b. Apostle has their sphere of influence not over the whole body of Christ
- c. Prophets has their sphere of influence not over the whole body of Christ
- d. Teacher, Pastor, and Evangelist their sphere of influence not over the whole body of Christ
- e. AUTHORITY MUST BE EARNED, recognized by leadership, matured, submitted, and humble.
- f. Ordination of five-fold is simply MAN acknowledging what Heaven has ordained through "proven earned authority."
- g. Know those who labor among you
- h. Know them by their fruits (gifts/competencies and character)

a) This is not a gift of the Holy Spirit, but one of the five ministry gifts as an extension of Jesus Christ Himself. (Jesus was all five (5) and when all five move in unity, we will function as a true reflection of Jesus upon this earth.)

b) Bishop Hamon says, "Today's New Testament Prophet receives those attributes of Christ that endowed Him with the ability to perceive what was in the heart of people to proclaim the future counsels and purposes of God, and to know the secret things of God."

c) Office of the Prophet is HIGHER than the Gift of prophecy  
-their area of authority (delegated responsibility) flows in:

- (1) Providing direction (I Kings 22:7; 2 Kings 5:10)
- (2) Correction (Eze. 3:18)

- (3) Pronouncing divine decrees of God's judgments or blessings (look at OT Prophets)
- (4) Moving in revelation knowledge (Is. 44:28; 45:3 fulfilled in Daniel 10–150 years later)
- (5) Laying foundation in the church (Eph. 2:20)
- (6) Imparting Spiritual Gifts (I Tim. 4:14)
- (7) Anointing ministries (Saul–I Sam. 10:1; Aaron–Ex. 28:41, Ps. 133:2)
- (8) Partaking of the secrets of God (Amos 3:7)

**Note:** The Old Testament predicts a Messiah (Isaiah 53), and the New Testament reveals who the Messiah is (John 4:25–26). The Old Testament records the giving of God's Law, and the New Testament shows how Jesus the Messiah fulfilled that Law (Matthew 5:17; Hebrews 10:9). In the Old Testament, God's dealings are mainly with His chosen people, the Jews; in the New Testament, God's dealings are mainly with His church (Matthew 16:18). Physical blessings promised under the Old Covenant (Deuteronomy 29:9) give way to spiritual blessings under the New Covenant (Ephesians 1:3).

2) **PROPHETIC PREACHING:** Spontaneous preaching inspired and revealed by the Holy Spirit.

- a) It must be Biblical truth (subordinate to the Word of God which is our final authority.)
- b) It is exactly what God wants to say, often saying things in a way using divinely directed illustrations.
- c) It is meant for the people there (right now) at a present time; specifically directed to the present-not applied to the body of Christ at large.
- d) Any five-fold minister can flow in prophetic preaching.

3) **PROPHETIC PRESBYTERY**

- a) A third channel for prophetic ministry is the laying on of hands with prophecy by men and women of God who meet the qualifications of a presbyter.
- b) **PURPOSE:**
  - (1) Prophetic revelation and confirmation (Acts 13:1-3)
  - (2) Ordination to the Five-fold ministry (Titus 1:5)
  - (3) Confirm and activate member ministries in the body of Christ (Acts 6:3)
  - (4) Progress of Christian Ministry (Acts 14:21-23 for saints and those ordained)

4) **THE GIFT OF PROPHECY ===== ALL!!!!!!**

a) Bishop Hamon, "We must keep in mind that the gift of prophecy is not the same as the Office of the Prophet. Rather, it is an extension of the ministry of the Holy Spirit, while the Office of the Prophet is an extension of the ministry of Christ. The Gift is a BODY

MINISTRY function, while the Office is a HEADSHIP function.”

b) IT IS A GIFT:

- (1) By grace and faith (Rom. 12:6, Gal. 3:5)
- (2) Just receive this gift, like salvation (Eph. 2:8, Rom 13:23)
- (3) It is not based on Christian maturity (Acts 10:45)
- (4) It is not based on correct doctrine (Acts 19:1-6)
- (5) It cannot be earned (I Cor. 4:7)
- (6) It cannot be purchased (money, good works, or anything else- Acts 8:18)
- (7) It is the most edifying gift for a congregation.

c) I Cor. 14:3-5, "But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening (edification), encouragement (exhortation) and comfort. He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. I would like EVERYONE OF YOU to speak in tongues, but I would rather have you PROPHECY. He who prophesies is greater than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the CHURCH MAY BE EDIFIED." (NIV)

- (1) Edify (strengthen)
- (2) Exhort (encourage)
- (3) Comfort

I Cor. 14:1, 39, "...desire spiritual gifts, but rather that you may prophesy...Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy..."

1 Thes. 5:20, "Despise not prophesying."

Rom. 12:6, "Having gifts differing, prophesy according to your faith." (Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God)

5) SPIRIT OF PROPHECY

a) The Spirit of Prophecy is the TESTIMONY OF JESUS (Rev. 9:10). This is not a gift or an Office, but an anointing arising from Christ within the believer, which takes place on occasions of special anointing.

b) When we expect this: People who normally do not prophesy beyond (EEC) may on occasions prophesy when the spirit of prophecy is present.

(1) When a mighty PROPHETIC PRESENCE of the Lord permeates the service; making it easier to prophesy than to keep silent.  
(2) When people come under a COMPANY OF PROPHETS or under the mantle of an anointed prophet. I Sam. 19: 10, 19—Saul met a company of prophets and began to prophesy. Later the Spirit of the Lord came upon Saul's messengers and they prophesied.

(3) When people are CHALLENGED by a minister to let God arise and testify through them by the spirit of prophecy.

(4) Bishop Hamon, "Those who prophesy under these circumstances should not assume that they have a Gift of Prophecy or Office of a Prophet.

However, if they keep exercising their faith in this way, a confirmation by a prophet or prophetic presbyter may make known to them what extent they are called to the prophetic realm."

**Note: All prophecy should be judged (the prophetic word not the person).**

1 Cor. 14:29, "Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge (weigh, discern).

WE ONLY HAVE PARTIAL KNOWLEDGE: 1 Cor. 13:8-10, "Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. <sup>10</sup>But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away."



So you've received a prophetic word. What now?

Whether you have received a prophetic word previously or this is your first experience with prophecy, here are some things we think you should know.

- 1) Recognize that a prophetic word is partial. According to 1 Corinthians 13:9, we "know in part and we prophesy in part". This means that the prophetic word that you have received is not the complete picture, but a partial word that God has highlighted for you in this time.
- 2) Do nothing differently unless definitely directed. The prophetic word is a powerful tool to give insight into the heart, will and purpose of God for our life. However, it is not the sole authority in our life. A true prophetic word will always align with both the written Word of God (The Bible) and His heart and character as referenced in the Bible as well as personally witnessed in our own spirit. Just because a prophetic word suggests an action be taken, there should always be confirmation of this by Scriptural backing, Holy Spirit's leading within you and most often also confirmed by your spiritual authority (i.e. Pastor). Also recognize right timing. Just because an action is suggested, doesn't always mean it is for today.
- 3) Be active with your word. At Giving Light, to the best of our ability we will always provide you with a recorded copy of your prophetic word. We strongly suggest that you rehearse your prophetic words by actively listening to and/or transcribing them. This allows the word to be kindled in our spirit. It also reminds us of what God has said and allows our soul to partner with the word.

- 4) Pray into your word. As you listen to your prophetic word, ask the Lord to give you further insight, counsel, and revelation on how you can best partner with what He has said to bring it to pass in your life. We have a responsibility to actively pursue what God has spoken—praying into your prophetic word is a great way of doing this.
- 5) Keep your heart right. The Bible says that God’s ways are higher than our ways (Isaiah 55:9). Sometimes when we receive a prophetic word we have our own ideas on how it may come to pass. We want to always keep our heart soft before the Lord trusting that as we do our part, He will do what He has promised. It may not always look how we expected, but we can remain confident that He who promised is faithful (Hebrews 10:23).
- 6) Remain submissive. We advise that you submit your prophetic word to your pastor. A pastor’s caring wisdom and long-term perspective is priceless in any area of growth or direction in our walk with the Lord. We do not believe that personal prophecy is a replacement for pastoral counsel and oversight. Receiving a valid, genuine word from the Lord is not a license to become independent or to take on a spiritually superior attitude. Prophecy is one way we can know the will of God; pastoral counsel is another complementary way. The two should flow together with the Bible as the foundation and source of which they should all agree.
- 7) Remember: nobody’s perfect. As your prophetic word is delivered to you by a person, recognize that that individual is just that, a delivery person. They are not God, they are not flawless and sometimes they get it wrong. This is why it is important for you to take responsibility to seek God concerning your word, to get wise counsel, and to obey God’s leading.

Be blessed and be encouraged that God loves you and wants to continue to speak to you!

#### GIVING LIGHT PROPHETIC PROTOCOL:

“Parking lot prophecies” are those given from one person to another without spiritual leadership being present to provide covering for both the person ministering and those who are ministered to. Therefore, please understand that prophesying or sharing revelations of a personal nature with others you may encounter is not supported by the Pastors and is not permissible at any meeting or function of GLCF.

The reason for this policy is two—fold. First, we record all prophetic utterances for the blessing of the person being ministered to, as well as the protection of the one who is ministering.

Secondly, we are responsible to ensure all ministry is effective and ministered in the right

spirit. We want to evaluate and witness ALL personal ministry to ensure people are not misled or do not improperly respond to their personal prophetic word.

1. No personal prophetic words are permitted to be given during a church service, prayer meeting, etc. without permission from GLCF staff and the words/communication of revelation being recorded.
2. Please do not prophesy, imply, or ask someone to support you or another financially. Do not push yourself, products, your business or ministry to others.
3. If someone identifies himself to you as one ordained, covered or accountable to GLCF, it would be wise to verify this with GLCF staff.

During services—corporate prophecies: If you feel you have a prophetic word, go and speak directly with Dr. Melodye. If Dr. Melodye is not here, speak directly with Pastor Steven.

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