



Prophecy Guidelines

Discerning and Sharing God's Word with
Wisdom and Integrity

*"...the one who prophesies speaks to people for their
strengthening, encouraging and comfort."*

1 Corinthians 14:3

Section 1: What to do when you get a word from God for someone else...

1. Check your own heart, are you fairly certain it's from God?
2. Give thanks, take ownership of it and write it down/record it
3. Pray & weigh - ask God these questions:
 - a. does it line up with the Bible?
 - b. does it strengthen, encourage & comfort?
 - c. does it bring life & freedom?
 - d. does it bring mostly a sense of peace to you?
 - e. is it free from negative judgments?
 - f. would you want to receive it?
4. Having considered all of the above, share it if appropriate

Section 2: Best Practice: How to deliver a word from God well

1. Ask for permission to share
2. Avoid your own knowledge & desires:
 - Don't give words based on what you see, know, or would like for someone
3. Say "I feel God is saying" rather than "God has said/is saying"
4. Encourage them to write/record it so they can test & weigh it
 - We're never 100% accurate: "we see in part" (1 Corinthians 13:12)
5. Offer to pray with them

Section 3: What to do when someone approaches you with a word from God

1. Feel free to say you don't want to hear it, or you want to have someone with you
2. Pray & weigh - ask God these questions - does it:
 - line up with the Bible?
 - strengthen, encourage & comfort?
 - bring life & freedom?
 - resonate with other things God has told you?
 - bring mostly a sense of peace to you?
3. Give thanks, take ownership of it and write it down/record it
4. Highlight the key parts that resonate with you
5. Be accountable to someone close to you
 - share it with them and pray about it together
 - ask for their thoughts & their sense of what God is saying

"For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

2 Peter 1:21

Section 4: Best Practice: delivering a word from God during a Gathering

1. See Section 1
2. Share with an Elder/Leader as they know where the Gathering is going
3. Say "I feel God is saying" rather than "God has said/is saying"
4. Allow the Elders/Leaders to decide whether it's appropriate to share immediately
 - some words are for right now
 - others have wider implications and need to be weighed before sharing

For Elders/Gathering Leaders

1. Write down what has been shared
2. Is it for now? Or might it distract from what God is already doing?
 - it might be appropriate to wait and see
 - if it's not for now, pray about it afterwards - is feedback required?
 - we're never 100% accurate: "we see in part" (1 Corinthians 13:12)