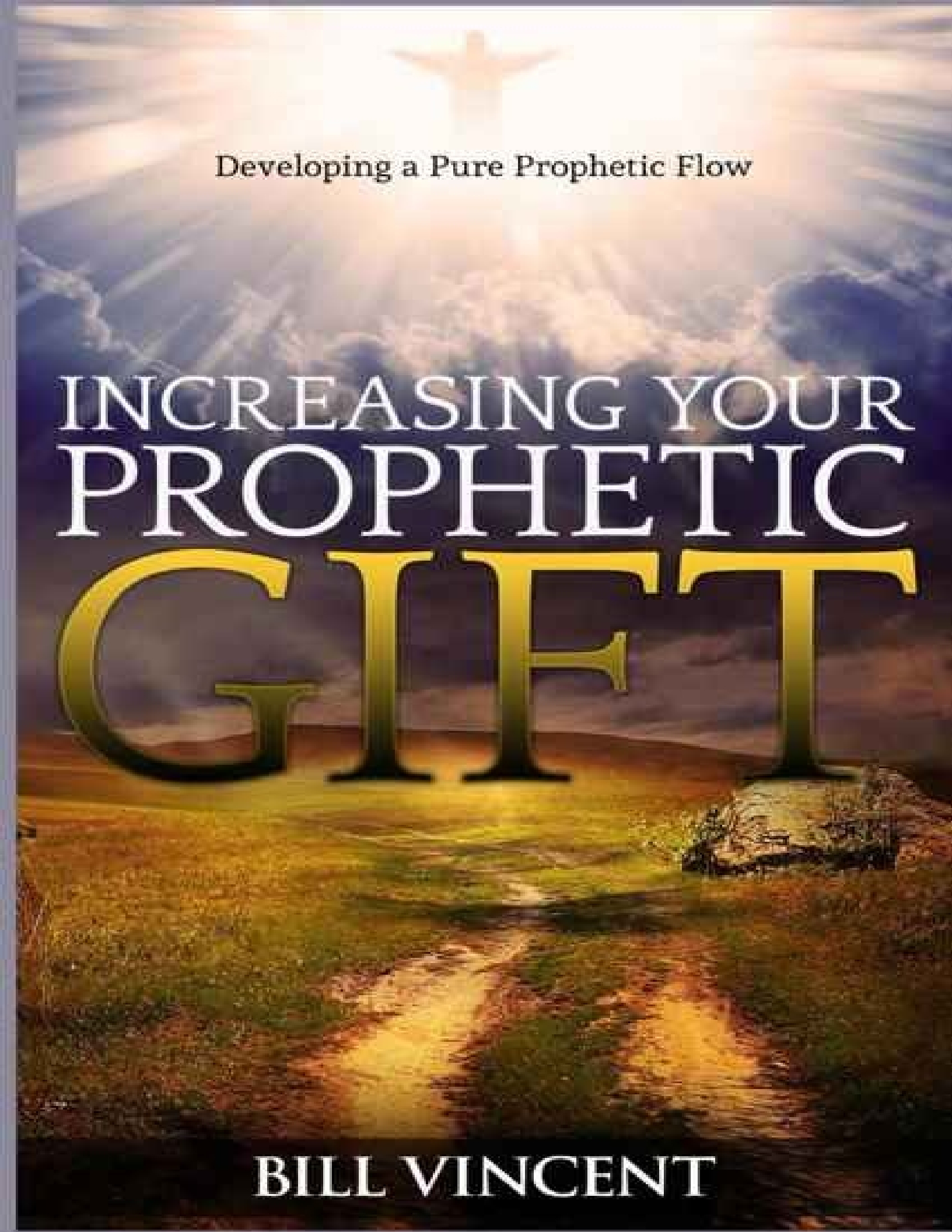

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Here are tips on reading Bill Vincent’s Books.

Bill writes prophetically as God speaks. The grammar may be pushed but the message is spoken from the heart of God. Bill didn’t want to lose the depth of revelation through
extensive editing.

# Introduction

You are about to stir yourself up as we travel through this book “Increasing Your Prophetic Gift. We are going to start out with a bit about your heart and also where God is taking us as the Body of Christ. Then we are going to go through some basic principles to get your feet wet and then deal with the character a prophetic person needs to be pure. The more you read the deeper we will go. I believe God is going to anoint you as you discover the increase that is coming to your gifts. The last Chapter you will be activated in your newly sharpened gift. You want to know how I’m so certain of this. It is because I have a co-author and His name is Jesus. Be encouraged as you read this and try not to skip to the end. That is like looking for the upside down answers on a cross word puzzle.

## Chapter One

# A Contrite Heart

Unquestionably, we are entering times of heightened spiritual activity and confrontation. This is why the first Chapter in this book is to start with a contrite heart. I believe we will see considerably different from the past, with measures of breakthrough experienced by the remnant who qualify; those having positioned themselves before God with humility, contrition and who tremble at His Word.

I was reminded of a story recorded in the life of the notable healing evangelist Smith Wigglesworth. It involved a key secret in his walk with God and the release of divine power through this great champion. In 1922 Wigglesworth journeyed to New Zealand for a series of healing campaigns.

At the time, he was unknown to New Zealand's leadership, but with great confidence various pastors rented the Wellington Town Hall to host the meetings. The Lord was wonderfully present in power bringing healing and salvation to many. The services were so successful that additional meetings were arranged and each was filled to capacity with God healing the most difficult cases of sickness and disease. At the conclusion of the campaign one of the host pastors, while walking along the seashore with Wigglesworth, asked what his secret was to walking in demonstrations of God's power. Wigglesworth responded, "I am sorry you asked me that question, but I will answer it. “**I am a brokenhearted man.”** My wife who meant everything to me, died eleven years ago. After the funeral I went back and laid on her grave. I wanted to die there. But God spoke to me and told me to rise up and come away. I told Him if He would give me a double portion of the Spirit my wife's and my own I would go and preach the gospel. God was gracious to me and answered my request. But I sail the high seas alone. I am a lonely man, and many a time all I can do is to weep and weep. A broken and contrite heart was the secret to Wigglesworth's success with God.

Psalms 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

As the two men continued walking along New Zealand's seashore, Wigglesworth emphasized what he carried in God was not to be envied, but instead he envied what the last generation will see. Wigglesworth explained that he had experienced three open visions with the Lord. Two of them were already fulfilled at the time of these meetings in 1922. However, he expressed the third would take place after his death. Wigglesworth explained, "Oh it was amazing! Amazing! I cannot tell God’s secrets, but you will remember what I say this revival we have had is nothing to what God is yet going to do."

The pastor to whom these comments were made recorded that he clearly understood Wigglesworth's comments were directed towards the spiritual outpouring within the generation preceding the Lord's return. He said, "It was quite evident that the evangelist had a special vision granted to him of the coming outpouring of the Spirit in an unprecedented in the days just before our Lord comes to snatch away the Church."

Clearly, Wigglesworth was given a glimpse of God's plan for this present hour. It is also recorded that while in South Africa in 1936, Wigglesworth accurately prophesied what has now become known as the Charismatic renewal. He along with many other prior champions was allowed to **prophetically** observe and forecast what we as a generation can enjoy in God. Even so, the same qualifications are necessary for us that existed with Wigglesworth and the others. It is incredibly sad that Wigglesworth lost his precious wife Polly. Nevertheless, it produced something in him that God was able to use to change a generation. Although we may not go through the precise loss that Wigglesworth experienced, our ultimate goal is to present ourselves before God in humility and genuine brokenness of heart because of our condition and the present need for godly character. Increasing Your Such a heart God will not despise and will powerfully anoint with demonstrations of His Spirit. Following the meetings in New Zealand I felt a profound challenge being placed upon my life and that of God's leadership to take our consecration and devotion to a higher level.

He deserves greater than we have been able to present thus far. Clearly there are many who have sacrificed notably throughout the Church to see His Kingdom revealed. Even so, for the most part on the corporate level, we must aspire to something more.

There is a present need for clarity and honorable leadership to emerge with a credible prophetic voice to provide direction and divine wisdom. With an

increasing emphasis on the emergence of God's divine government there is an equal demand for biblical understanding of God's promises for the end of the age generation. There are clear spiritual endowments being imparted to those groomed and prepared for governmental responsibility. Never before has there been greater need for the spirits of wisdom and revelation.

Ephesians 1:17-19 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye 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 greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Like Daniel and his three friends in Babylonian captivity, we desperately need the impartation of Heavenly wisdom and knowledge as well as intelligence in all manner of writing and literature. We desperately need insight and interpretation of our dreams and visions.

Daniel 1:17 As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams.

It is my perspective that all true spiritual leadership is birthed out of friendship with the Lord. He once told His disciples that He no longer considered them servants, but friends.

From that place of intimacy, God's mysteries, secrets and strategies are imparted that convey the Father’s thoughts and aspirations for this generation. Therefore, our foremost pursuit should not necessarily be a spiritual office, but friendship with Jesus. Who we are and what we are called to be will become clearly recognized as we delegate Kingdom authority and walk with God like Enoch.

I have often studied and written on the life of Daniel; a man highly esteemed and greatly beloved in Heaven. The Lord told me that Daniel was a prototype of the generation he foresaw. In many ways, Daniel and his three friends provide a prophetic picture of the manner by which the Lord will equip His people for special end of the age assignments. The Babylonian captivity of natural Israel provides a forecast of our present condition and the Lord's promise for deliverance. Daniel 1:17 describes Heaven’s special empowerment imparted to

these loyal young men.

The Lord gave them by inspiration, revelatory knowledge and intelligence in various matters of writing and literature. The Lord quickened in them special skills to apprehend and articulate spiritual understanding and Heavenly wisdom. Daniel was notably gifted with supernatural perception into all manner of visions and dreams. There was a specific impartation from God that empowered them to excel in the apprehension of wisdom and governmental scholarship. The Lord bestowed by spiritual transference the blessing of unique knowledge and exceptional capacity in literature and all manner of written work.

This pattern will also be followed in this day when the Lord discovers devoted hearts of obedience and loyalty. There are vast storehouses of revelatory insight and supernatural knowledge involving Scripture, creation, science, the arts and many other subjects that will be entrusted to saints who follow the model established by Daniel and his three friends.

God is lifting up those whom will provide a prophetic standard for the spiritually strong who know their God and carry out great exploits.

They will intimately know God and engage the revelatory realm of Heaven. In them will be an excellent spirit granting acute perception and understanding to interpret dreams and visions, clarify revelatory experiences and solve difficult and mysterious problems. They will be people who apprehend insight from the throne room and respond to the invitation to "come up here" to be shown things to take place in the future.

A few years ago during a prophetic experience, the Lord specifically stated to me that Daniel 1:17 was spiritually linked to Ephesians 1:17. We discussed some about these two scriptures in the previous Chapter.

These are parallel passages stating the same promises from different time frames. One is from the Old Covenant outlining God’s dealings during difficult times but also pointing to a future day of supernatural intervention into the lives of mankind. The other is expressed in the New Covenant recording for all generations the heritage of the saints.

Despite our perceived personal limitations, the Lord is a quickening Spirit.

He has promised to give life to our mortal bodies with His Spirit and grant to us the spirit of revelation that will access mysteries, secrets and revelatory

knowledge as our legacy in Him.

Many who attended Maria Woodworth-Etter’s meetings at the turn of the 20th century would be caught up in the Spirit to experience visions and revelations of the Lord. These accounts are well documented and verified.

Some would be commissioned in their encounter as missionaries to foreign lands and emerge from their visionary revelation capable of fluently speaking the language of the nation to which they were called.

It is the Father's good pleasure to reveal to us the Kingdom and perform awesome deeds that only He can achieve. It was a small thing for Him to rejuvenate the bodies of Abraham and Sarah and quicken them with strengthening virtue.

Even after Sarah's death and well over one hundred years of age, Abraham continued in the strength imparted to him by his encounter with El Shaddai and bore many more sons through Keturah.

Likewise, the Lord is more than able to equip us to access the unfathomable treasures hidden in Him that require supernatural gifts like those entrusted to the apostle Paul. As the Bible also clearly promises, the Holy Spirit knows what is hidden in darkness and reveals the deep and secret things. Light dwells with Him bringing illumination to that which has been set apart and reserved for the generation of destiny.

Daniel 2:22 He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him.

Even now there are individuals engaging the revelatory realm of Heaven receiving downloads of insight into physics, light, sound and spiritual colors. The visitation of the apostle John to the throne room was both visual and audible.

His experience disclosed awesome sights, sounds and vibrant colors surrounding the Lord’s seat of dominion and victory. The more understanding we have of that realm the greater our ability to cooperate with Heaven in the demonstration of the Kingdom dominion on the earth.

In like fashion, the Lord is releasing by the spirit of revelation, keys of understanding and interpretation into Kingdom mysteries and secrets reserved

for the Last Days. Passages that have been present all along but with limited understanding will become illuminated and saturated with Spirit and Life.

There is now being released from Heaven a spiritual endowment that will provide divine wisdom and revelatory insight.

The prophecies of Isaiah point to this saying: Isaiah 48:6, 7 Thou hast heard (these things foretold) , see all this; and will not ye declare it? I have shewed thee new things from this time, even hidden things (kept in reserve) , and thou didst not know them. They are created now, and not from the beginning; even before the day when thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them.

During the days of the early Apostolic Church, unprecedented events were taking place. The disciples were compelled to examine the prophetic writings of the prophets to provide a scriptural basis for their experiences. No one could have anticipated the prophetic fulfillment that transpired on the Day of Pentecost. The Scriptures pointing to Pentecost were present all along but now the experience itself unlocked revelatory insight into the mysteries of the Kingdom that were imparted during the early Church.

There are notable thoughts and plans resident in God’s heart that have been sealed and held in reserve until the appointed time.

That day has now arrived and the Lord is releasing spiritual impartations that will be dynamic in their applications.

# Chapter Two Restoring the Prophetic

What is Prophecy?

Acts 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: **Is Prophecy for today?**

1 Corinthians 13:8, 9 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.

**For We Know in Part, and**

**We Prophesy in Part** Religious people use this scripture to argue that prophecy is not for today. Paul encourages us to desire prophecy. I believe that when we minister, we may only have a piece of the full picture God is speaking about.

1 Corinthians 14:1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

Ephesians 4:11-13 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: All of the five fold ministries and the nine gifts of the Holy Spirit are still in operation today. (The Gift of Prophecy) Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

The revelations of where we are heading, in God is usually released from the Prophets.

**What is Prophecy?**

Revelations 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: **for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of**

**prophecy.**

John 10:4 And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice.

**The Key to Prophecy** The Holy Spirit is the key to hearing the word of the Lord. We must have an intimate relationship with the person of the Holy Spirit.

1 Samuel 10:6 And the Spirit of the LORD will come upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man.

1 Samuel 19:20 And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied.

Numbers 11:25 And the LORD came down in a cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and gave it unto the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, and did not cease.

Acts 19:6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.

**Why Do We Need Prophecy** We hear that old saying from parents “because I said so.” Prophecy is important because God said so.

**1st We are to seek prophecy** 1 Corinthians 14:1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

Think about it all the time. When I first was exposed to the prophetic, I was consumed by this wonderful gift.

**2nd God warns us not to reject prophecy.**

1 Thessalonians 5:20, 21 Despise not prophesyings. Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.

Don’t shut down prophecy. Don’t quench the Holy Spirit. Let it flow, test everything, and hold on to which is good.

**3rd Prophecy releases the power of God.**

We can pray and pray with little results sometimes. Prophetic has power to deliver, heal and set people free in a moment.

Ezekiel 37:7-10 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

# Chapter Three Prophetic Etiquette

We need to know how to speak prophetic words. Proper words and the way we minister are critical. Do's and don'ts is a simple way of putting it.

Etiquette-means, the practices and forms prescribed by social convention or by authority.

Synonyms: etiquette, propriety, protocol, and decorum. These nouns refer to codes governing correct behavior. Etiquette and the plural form proprieties denote the forms of conduct prescribed in polite society: "Man is . . . a slave . . . to etiquette" (Frederick W. Robertson). Even when she was angry, she observed the proprieties. Protocol refers to the official etiquette observed in affairs of state.

Delivering a Prophetic Word

Tips for speaking,

Do not speak monotone…. No one wants to hear a dull speaker.

Show your emotion and allow God's compassion to show as well.

Speak clear so that every one can hear you.

You need to be easy to listen to.

Raise and lower your voice at times.

Never talk really fast or really slow…. Vary the speed of your speech.

You do not need to understand what you say…. It's God.

If you're nervous close your eyes.

If someone is disturbing the service remember, you're the one in charge.

**There is Proper Ways to be Sensitive to the**
**Holy Spirit** If God speaks about sensitive areas in people's lives handle with care…. The Holy Spirit is a gentleman.

The story of Jesus and Mary Magdalene…. “Let him without sin cast the first stone.”

Some people may have been molested, physically abused, or even raped *etc.* Some people may have marriage trouble or even trouble with their children. I always say prophesy in a way you would like to hear it if it was you.

Do’s and Don’ts

**Don’ts,**

Be critical all the time.

Manipulate or try to control any one.

Create a position for you or someone you want.

Concerning finances to you or your ministry

Moving people where you want them.

People to work and travel in your ministry.

**Don’ts until mature,**

Speak healing through prophecy of obvious sick people.

Marriage or even other relationships

Cars and homes

Children

**Hands on?**

**Touching people Don’ts,**

Chest neck

Legs

Buttock

Messing up hair

Lower back

Face fondle

Belly

Any fondle or cuddle

**Touching people Do's,**

Head

Face gently

Shoulders

Lower legs and feet if they have pants on….

Ask if it would be okay.

Hands and arms

**Don't run after another Word** I was in a meeting many years ago and there was a long altar call. The minister prophesied for hours and then asked if one of the people wanted to come up from the first row. She responded with "yes I want a Word; I wouldn't be here if I wasn't going to get a Word."

I have told this story in my meetings maybe hundreds of times. There was a woman at three days of meetings. This woman was personally ministered to twice that weekend.

I was loading after a five hour meeting and she came behind me with a tape recorder and said can I get one for the road. She wanted a prophetic Word before I left. I responded in a way unbecoming of a young minister. I had eaten Chinese the day before and had an uneaten fortune cookie. I was being rude I know but I was tired and ready to go home.

## Chapter Four
# Sensing the Spirit of God

Building your sensitivity is the most important process as a prophetic person.

**1st Take time out for God** Some of us are disciplined and others are undisciplined. Some go straight to the point and others talk for hours. God wants to be close to all of us, whatever personality you are. God loves you and wants to have intimacy with you.

Judges 16:20 And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he wist not that the LORD was departed from him.

Matthew 7:22, 23 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

**2nd Build that spirit dimension in your confessions.**

In the Spirit, if you don't keep on building yourself, then you lose ground. God wants to build or make you into what He wants you to be.

2 Corinthians 4:13 We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; We receive all God has by faith, and the Spirit of faith is twofold. We believe and then we speak.

1 Timothy 1:18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; CONFESSIONS:

I'M A WINNER…. I'M A CONQUEROR…. I'M VICTORIOUS…. I'M PROSPEROUS, HEALTHY AND STRONG…. JESUS LIVES IN MY HEART…. I'M FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT…. I CAN SPEAK IN

TONGUES…. I CAN CAST OUT DEVILS…. I CAN HEAL THE SICK…. I CAN RAISE THE DEAD…. EVERY DAY AND EVERY WAY I'M GETTING BETTER AND BETTER BY THE GRACE OF GOD.

**3rd I'll be ready in the spirit every day all the time.**

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.

**Boundaries of Prophets Direction**

Acts 11:27, 28 And in these days came prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch. And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be great dearth throughout all the world: which came to pass in the days of Claudius Caesar.

**Correction**

1 Sa 2:27 And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house?

**Calling ministries** Acts 13:1-3 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

**Ordaining ministries** 1 Samuel 16:13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

**Judgment**

2 Chronicles 21:12 And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah, **Impartation of Spiritual gifts** 1 Timothy 4:14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the

presbytery.

**Receiving God's message first** Amos 3:7 Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

**Help lay Church foundation** Ephesians 3:20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, **1st The written Word of God** 2 Peter 1:19-21 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: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 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.

**2nd It must line up with the Spirit of the Word.**

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Ephesians 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: **3rd Your spirit bears witness** Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

**4th Out of the mouth of two or three** 2 Corinthians 13:1 This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses shall every word be established.

**5th Judge nothing before the time** 1 Corinthians 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.

If someone prophesies something about a time or date and doesn't come to pass God didn't speak it.

Deuteronomy 18:22 When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid

of him.

**6th Judge the Prophet:** a. By their character

b. Spirit of wisdom on their life

c. Fruit of the Holy Spirit in their personal life d. Fruit of their life after trials and tribulations 1 John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

**7th Your own Pastor or Prophetic Minister over you** 1 Corinthians 14:29 Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.

**Prophetic Vision How do you see in the Spirit** We have been made in the image and likeness of God. God is a Spirit and has spiritual senses.

1 Chronicles 29:18 O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee: Proverbs 23:7 For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

**1st Spend time in God's Presence** John 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

**2nd Seek after seeing in the Spirit as a gift** Ask for it by faith and receive it by faith.

**3rd Yield your mind constantly to the Lord** Be led by that little inward voice.

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

**4th Discern the impressions** 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not

carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; We can choose to use our thoughts and let the temptations, fears, negativity and garbage come into our imagination or choose to think upon the Lord.

**Some guidelines to follow** Don’t cross current what the Holy Spirit is doing.

Don’t monopolize the Prophetic Ministry.

Be careful not to say the same things each time or be repeating yourself.

The strength of prophecy is more important than the length.

Be sure you have the permission of the leadership.

Stay faithful to the boundaries.

1 Corinthians 14:3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to **edification**, and **exhortation**, and **comfort**.

No matter what you prophesy use this scripture as you guide. We must edify, exhort and comfort in all things.

# Chapter Five Prophetic Healing Released

When God's Word comes forth it is a beautiful thing. The pure Word of God is what we all want to receive. We must believe that God is our healer. Jesus' stripes were for that purpose. When we lay hands on the sick they should recover. This can be very difficult to receive. When the Word of Knowledge and relating gifts are together there is a greater power released. Faith with the power of prophetic healing is the total package.

**Physical Healing** Isaiah 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

3 John 1:2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.

Matthew 9:28, 29 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.

I ask this question in healing meetings all the time. If Jesus was right here right now and he laid hands on you would you be healed? (YES) The anointing breaks the yoke.

John 14:12-15 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. If ye love me, keep my commandments.

Luke 14:18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a piece of ground, and I must needs go and see it: I

pray thee have me excused.

**Thoughts,**

1. You need to believe God.

2. You need to believe that Jesus is on the inside of you.

3. You need to believe that you are going to receive or the person you are praying for will receive.

4. Realize that it is God's will that you (or the person praying for) are healed.

"Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever."

Many people in this world have been wounded some way or another. One thing that we have to understand is that several times we don't even realize that we've been wounded. Understanding how we have been wounded is part of overcoming the wounds. When we continue on not realizing that we've been wounded usually results in more wounds. The more wounds we have the harder for us to overcome them. Through God we can be healed.

Psalms 147:3 He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

**Broken hearted means,** Crushed by sorrow, grief, or disappointment

**Wounds means,**

Any hurt or injury to the feelings, honor, *etc.*

The next verse declares the power of God.

Psalms 147:4 He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names. Increasing Healing the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds. That's the same being that spoke the worlds into existence, does in his mercy cheer the wounded, and heal the broken hearted.

Man is a double being: he is composed of body and soul, each of the portions may receive injury of hurt. The wound of the body are extremely painful. God in his mercy providing means whereby wounds may be healed and injuries repaired. Wounds are known not felt.

You may see more about this topic of healing the wounded in my first book "Overcoming Obstacles".

# Chapter Six Prophetic Standard

There are too many ministers whom are very gifted but fail do to inner problems. God wants us to raise the standard and deal with the roots of the issues of our heart.

Hebrews 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; We must deal with the situation before root problems become intertwined into your personality and performance.

**Character**

Seldom is character seen until pressures and trials come. Never use revelation as a tool of gossip, undermining someone, or destruction. We are called to edify, exhort, and to comfort.

**God Will Help Us Find Our Purpose** Psalms 28:7 The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him.

Psalms 40:17 But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God.

1 John 2:27 But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

**The Power of the Tongue** Proverbs 18:21 “Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.”

God has seemingly winked at his prophetic people in the past. I want you to know that God is restoring the fear of Him. We must speak what God says and not the flesh. God’s Prophetic people are to raise the standard for the Church and speak the truth. I’ve seen Prophets tip-toe around certain leaders that needed correction. If God wants us to share correction as mature ministers we must share it. We will be held responsible for everyone we are to speak to.

## Chapter Seven

# A Prophetic Generation

The Lord has always wanted prophetic people. God has us to fellowship with. God has given me many scripture that are still for today.

Exodus 7:1 And the LORD said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet.

Deuteronomy 34:10 And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, Genesis 20:7 Now therefore restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.

1 Samuel 9:9 (Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to enquire of God, thus he spake, Come, and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.) Numbers 11:27-30 And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp. And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them. And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? would God that all the LORD'S people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit upon them! And Moses gat him into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

What is the sign we are living in the last days. God is pouring out his spirit.

Joel 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 1 Corinthians 14:31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

Whenever God releases a new truth, Satan counterfeits it.

Isaiah 14:12-15 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the

morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Satan counterfeits whatever God is doing. He is jealous of God and wants to steal His thunder.

We are getting ready to go deeper in this book. I have gold dust appearing on my arms as I type. God bring your Glory. By the next few Chapters we will begin to submerge into God's awesome Glory. Now back to what I was writing about. Be sensitive to the dimension of the Spirit.

Stepping into the dimension of the spirit is like changing into another gear. You become conscious of that dimension. We need to be conscious of God, and conscious of His Spirit within you.

Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, There comes a prompting, a voice, a thought or a slight impression to your heart and it's so small that you could quite easily miss it.

**Prophetic means:** 1st The prophetic word falls as drops of rain from heaven.

2nd The prophet gazes at, sees it, perceives it and has a vision of it.

3rd The prophetic word bubbles up and pours forth from the prophet's lips, watering the soil of men's hearts.

4th It accomplishes the thing that it was sent to do.

Isaiah 55:10, 11 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: 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.

New Testament words for prophesy.

Propheteuo (Greek) used 93 times meaning, “to foretell events, to speak under inspiration, to exercise the prophetic office.

## Realms of prophecy

**Spirit of prophecy:** A spirit of prophecy is a manifestation of the Spirit of God that comes into a meeting when there is a Prophet or a company of prophets present. It also manifests when prophecy is being taught.

Revelations 19:10 And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

# Chapter Eight **Determining True Ministers**

There are a number of things that I have learned that are the make-up of true ministers.

**Manhood**

Genesis 1:26, 27 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

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.

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; God makes man before manifesting a mighty ministry. Jesus' manhood was 30 years; ministry 3 ½ years; 10 to 1 ratio.

**Ministry**

Matthew 7:15-21 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

Deuteronomy 18:20-22 But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in

the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

You should know them by their fruit…. Anointing…. Results…. Preaching productivity…. Proven…. Pure and positive **Communication** Ephesians 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: Mark 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

Speak the truth in love; present truth, and life giving.

**Maturity**

James 3:17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

We need to have maturity in human relations. Fruit of the spirit, Christ like character, dependable (be as good as your word) and steadfast.

Ephesians 4:14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; Ephesians 5:14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

**Methods**

Titus 1:16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; **Rigidly righteous, ethical, honest, integrity is upright** Not manipulating or deceptive. Good end results do not justify unscriptural methods.

**Etiquette**

Titus 1:7 For a bishop must be blameless, as the steward of God; not selfwilled, not soon angry, not given to wine, no striker, not given to filthy lucre;

Titus 3:1, 2 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

Ephesians 4:9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

Ephesians 5:4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

Prophetic people should be, unselfish, polite, kind, gentlemen and discreet.

**Riches**

1 Timothy 3:6 Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

1 Timothy 6:17 Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; We are not to crave wealth or to use dishonest methods of getting it.

**Morality**

Colossians 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: 1 Corinthians 6:9, 10 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body.

Matthew 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.

Pure and proper relationships…. Biblical sexual purity in attitude and action…. Having wrong thoughts of desire to do – without opportunity to act.

**Motive**

Matthew 6:1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

Before you do anything for God check your motives.

To serve or to be seen?

True motivation?

To minister or to be a minister?

To reveal revelation or to be heard by man?

Motivated by God’s love or lust for power, fame, or name?

## Chapter Nine

# To Be an Encourager

### The True Prophetic Heart

God wants us to be encouragers.

1 Corinthians 14:3-5 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort. He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church. I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

1 Corinthians 14:12 Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual gifts, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

1 Corinthians 14:26 How is it then, brethren? when ye come together, every one of you hath a psalm, hath a doctrine, hath a tongue, hath a revelation, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying.

1 Corinthians 14:31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

**ARE YOU AN ENCOURAGER OR A CRITIC?**

Encouragers see the good in others, they see the best in: Individuals, society, churches and groups of people.

Critics see the wrong. They look at others and their faults, their setbacks, their problems.

Encouragers are people you like to be around. You feel you're best when you are with them. You are more comfortable, confident, and excel in what you're doing.

Critics make us feel sick they seem cold, and repel others, except other critics. You feel defensive all the time. You become nervous, uptight and make mistakes.

Encouragers have an ability to say things that lift you up. They are tactful even when they have some bad news. When they rebuke you, you feel better for it.

"Their mouth is a well of life" (Prov. 10:11) Critics are sarcastic and make them appear bigger when they put others down. When they say something good it feels like a backhanded compliment.

Proverbs 12:18 There is that speaketh like the piercings of a sword: but the tongue of the wise is health.

Encouragers bring encouragement out of you. Critics have a way of bringing out any criticisms that may be there within you, causing you to be critical also.

**BUILDING UP ONE ANOTHER IS A GOD-GIVEN RESPONSIBILITY**

Romans 14:19 Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

2 Corinthians 12:19 Again, think ye that we excuse ourselves unto you? we speak before God in Christ: but we do all things, dearly beloved, for your edifying.

Romans 15:2 Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.

Acts 20:32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.

**The Word builds us up** Prophecy builds us up.

1 Corinthians 14:4 He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church.

Speaking in tongues builds us up and prophecy builds the Church up.

1 Corinthians 14:5 I would that ye all spake with tongues, but rather that ye prophesied: for greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying.

**Tongues and interpretation builds the Church up.**

1 Corinthians 8:1 Now as touching things offered unto idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but charity edifieth.

**Love builds up and seeking another's good** 2 Corinthians 10:8 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed: **God's authority builds up** When people are down we are supposed to pick them up. When they feel like nobody we are to make them feel like someone special. When they feel worthless we are supposed to lift them up.

## KEYS TO AN ENCOURAGING SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit does not jump on people and speak condemnation, accusation and judgment. We must know firstly the ways of God.

Romans 2:4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

God first gives us time to repent, and often during these times He doesn't mention our secret sins, but rather prophesies our potential. That is why great encouraging words often come over stubborn, independent, critical Church members. God is saying. "If you will repent of your ways, this is what I can do with you and through you." Share only what is seen, not what we interpret it to mean. It is vital that we only say what God shows us. If we try to interpret the Word we will corrupt it with our doctrines and religious teachings. About 95% of false prophecies are wrong interpretations. In ministering personal prophecy, we should use great care in dealing with the details of people's lives. Not everything that God shows us is necessarily to be shared. It takes maturity not to share everything than to share it.

Luke 2:19 But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

The first fruit is love and the first gift is wisdom. The proper spirit of a true prophet of God must have the spirit that brings restoration, healing, encouragement and motivation.

Turn negative visions into positive Words that encourage people and give the Word of hope. The Holy Spirit's name means "advocate, intercessor, one called along side to help." In other words the Holy Spirit is love, joy, peace, gentleness, longsuffering, goodness, faithfulness, meekness and self-control.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

# Chapter Ten Building a Prophetic Ministry

The house of God is built upon the foundation of Apostles and Prophets.

Ephesians 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; The Prophets set people into their gifts and callings through prophetic ministry. The Prophets help the wanderers to settle. The Prophets bring life and encourage people to break out of their fear. The Prophets bring vision to the Church and confirm the vision of the Pastor. A call can come at any age. Moses was 80 years old. Abraham was 75 years old. Aaron was 83 years old. Samuel was a child, asleep on the floor.

Jeremiah was not only a child; he was called and ordained from before his birth. John the Baptist and Isaac was announced before his conception. No one can just decide to become a Five Fold Minister.

1 Corinthians 14:1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy.

Ephesians 4:7-11 But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; A person may hold one office and then be promoted to another office. What if we refuse? Jonah refused and it brought about stormy seas. In today’s terms a streak of real bad luck?

Jeremiah 7:13 And now, because ye have done all these works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not; Matthew 22:3 And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come We will never be happy until we submit to the calling of God. Your gift or calling is fruitful. Evangelists many times produce Evangelists. It’s the same for all the

Five Fold Ministers. Walking in the gifts of healing will produce other people with a heart to heal. Walking in prophetic will produce other people with a heart to prophesy.

**The Prophet's Spirit** Teamwork: The strength of the authentic ministry.

Acts 13:1 Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Acts 15:32 And Judas and Silas, being prophets also themselves, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them.

1st They rotate leadership. They believe in teamwork, and all take turns to bear the brunt of the wind.

2nd They choose who can have the turmoil.

Proverbs 18:16 A man's gift maketh room for him, and bringeth him before great men.

**The Preparation of the Prophet** The calling and the actual release are two different things. The time of preparation is not easy. In that time God is dealing with the motives of the heart. The fire of purification is coming.

The character carries the anointing. For to long people have been promoted because of wrong motives. They have manipulated their way into the Five Fold title given by man not God. A title given by man with wrong motives equals no anointing.

2 Corinthians 10:12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.

God is bringing Prophetic people who are going to be an example.

**The Training of the Prophet** Prophets are trained up in many ways.

Prophets are being called out of different backgrounds. Some have been in schools, some as ushers, some in farming and others have been serving as Pastors and still others have been hidden.

**How to recognize a Prophet in training** 1st God hides them

Elijah had started his ministry and then God told him to hide himself. God may hide you to further prepare you or to protect you.

The word hide means: “to conceal, keep secret, protect”

We have to go through boot camp before we go to war.

1 Kings 18:4 For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.) Joshua 2:4 And the woman took the two men, and hid them, and said thus, There came men unto me, but I wist not whence they were: Matthew 2:13 And when they were departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. They experience being cut off.

God places his Prophets in training into this boot camp to: 1st Cut them off from relying on their own natural gifting.

2nd From relying on others to encourage and support them.

3rd To cut off any control or political pressure that could affect that tender shoot in its early stages of growth.

4th To make a covenant or alliance with them so that he may be their source, life, provider, protector and all in all.

They experience frustration. They experience dried up brooks. (They have to learn all over again) The Prophet was also called a man of God. We need to realize that it is God not us.

**Four keys to help recognize a Prophet in training** 1 Corinthians 14:31 For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted.

“All can prophesy” “are all prophets?” and the answer is “no”

This can distinguish who has the prophetic anointing on them in a significant way.

1st An ongoing and consistent exercise of prophesy.

Most people in the church prophecy occasionally. Only individuals who prophesy for a long while will have a prophetic ministry.

2nd Look for results from an individual’s prophecies.

There are prophecies that have life changing power upon them. When they speak out in Church the atmosphere gets charged with God. Do they consistently change people’s lives? Do they move the Church forward in God’s plan? Does the prophecy have a profound effect on the meetings and life of the Church? Is it life changing? Is it life producing? We then can safety assume God has given him/her the prophetic gift in an important measure.

3rd A Prophet should be able to “stir up” the gift.

Prophets exercise their gifts when they are needed most. They are reliable because they have been sufficiently equipped by God. They know what to do to release the Word of the Lord.

2 Kings 3:15 But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him.

When an individual can consistently make his/her gift effective for the Church…. This is an indication of prophetic service in a significant measure.

4th A prophetic office usually means a true gift of revelation, which operates consistently.

One true mark of a Prophet is revelation: Reveals mysteries, reveals God’s plans.

Makes things known that have been hidden.

At times it concerns specific private matters.

Not all revelation is new but sometimes it is bringing clarity to old truths.

Don’t be eager to label someone a Prophet.

They require “TIME” to be revealed in fullness.

# Chapter Eleven Dunamis Power

We have begun to get the heart and basic principles out of the way. Now we are going deeper and increasing in revelation and power of the gifts.

I want to share with you four levels of Healing. I've begun to move in miracles and healings the last three years, and on that journey which has been an adventure, it's really been a pilgrimage. It's been about contending and warring for the release of the ministry of Jesus and the kingdom of God, and I'm going to share with you how I came into the process of healing. How I came into the miracle release of God's Dunamis power. Here are the four levels of healing.

The first place that we see a release of miracles is The Word of Faith. It's the healing word. It's teaching everything the Bible says about healing. It's preaching and teaching on divine healing. It's The Word of Faith. It is, if you preach salvation, people get saved. If you preach healing, people get healed. God confirms His Word with signs and wonders. If you want people to get healed, then teach everything the Bible says about miracles and healings from the beginning of the Bible to the end of the Bible. That's one level of healing. Then people get Faith. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by The Word of God. Then all of a sudden they begin to hear the message of what the Bible says about divine healing and they get faith and they get healed in their seat. We see it all the time. That's a level of healing. It's The Word of Faith.

There's another level of healing. It's called The Prayer of Faith. It's where you have faith and they have faith. If you anoint them with oil and you lay hands on them and you pray in faith that God will do what God said He would do. And there is another level of healing. And so we see some miracles. But how many of you know that have been in ministry for some time, you've said, "But my God, I've only seen but a few miracles and a few healings, but yet I've been preaching healing, and yet I've been praying the prayer of faith. I've been functioning in these two dynamics of healing, but I'm still not seeing the level that I saw in the ministry of Jesus." So that's when I began to wait on the presence of God, and God gave something to me out of the ministry of Jack Coe. Jack Coe moved in such a ministry of God's Dunamis power that one hundred and twenty six wheelchairs were emptied in one night. I mean we are talking about the ministry

of Jesus. But Jack Coe was at that place where he was thinking about what God was doing with Oral Roberts.

About how Oral Roberts and many of the other evangelists in the move of the voice of healing would teach on divine healing, and then they would lay hands on the sick and they would have a healing line. Some people would get healed when they would hear The Word, and then others would get healed in the healing line. Then God spoke to Jack Coe and He said, “No Jack, you need the healing anointing.”

The healing anointing is different. It’s Dunamis power. You need the virtue. You need the gift. You need to be endowed with a gift for miracles because then you can preach on tithing or you can talk about anything and people will still get healed. When you’ve got the anointing for miracles, it doesn’t matter about the structure of your program. At any time you can just go, “Who wants to get healed? Let’s release that power and we’ll have miracles.” God said everywhere we go, if I want to move a meeting into miracles and healings, I can. It’s not about me; it’s about Jesus. But I’ve learned how to work and cooperate with the Holy Spirit.

Just about everywhere I go; I can move and shift at anytime, in any kind of service into a wave of healing. And there are times when I have to ask God if I have permission to move the service into miracles or if maybe I should hold back because he wants me to preach. If we get a wave of healing going, and we’ve seen this in Litchfield, IL, usually we won’t preach. There have been nights we weren’t able to release the Word of God because there was such a release of healing. So, I have to ask for permission before we can just shift the whole service. It doesn’t matter what we are preaching about. It doesn’t matter what we are focusing on. It doesn’t matter what we are emphasizing on, it’s a healing anointing.

Let me tell you about the third level. The third level is the Word of Knowledge, which is simply this, Isaiah, Chapter Eleven. Jesus ministered in the level of counsel and might. Counsel brings might. Counsel brings power. And that’s the third level of healing. It’s healing and counsel because the spirit of counsel brings the spirit of might. Jesus only did the things he saw the Father doing.

He only spoke those things He heard the Father speaking. So that means

there was a time when He got on the mountain and He said “Show me the miracles today before I go and do them. Speak to me about the miracles today before I go and do them.” Then He went out and simply spoke what He had already seen in heaven. And because He had counsel, the spirit of counsel brought the spirit of might. And it brought a release of God’s power. This is probably where some of the greatest releases we’ve experienced in healing have come from, the spontaneous healings. We’ve seen more people healed through the word of knowledge and the healing anointing than with the prayer of Faith and teaching what the Bible says on healings. I want to carry healing power so that it’s no longer dependent on getting people to have faith in their faith. Or for me to get enough faith over them so they can get healed and remove all the things in their life that could be hindering their healing.” And though there’s a place for that, I wanted another level. But that came out of the power realm. That power realm works by the word of knowledge and it works by the healing anointing. So I just started to simply take time before a service and say, “God, show me the miracles.”

And there are times still today when I’ll just go up into the spirit and have visions or trances or get names or see illnesses or diseases. We need to just have a sense of what God wants to do in the meeting, and then just do what we’ve already seen God doing when the power comes. The oil comes all over it. But the healing anointing is different. How many times have we seen in the ministry of Jesus where Jesus said to the two blind men, “Do you believe that I’m able to do this?” Or He said, “According to your faith, let it be done unto you.” Or, “Without faith it’s impossible to please God.” And, “Whatever you ask for in praying, believe it and you shall receive it.” And how many times do we see throughout the gospels in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John all these instances of miracles and it looks like their faith had something to do with their healing? And in almost every individual account of miracles in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, God did commend their faith. Their faith released them a miracle. Their faith had something to do with their healing. Then all of a sudden there is a whole other arena and it is called “The power of the Lord was present to heal” What? The power of the Lord wasn’t present when all those people by faith got healed before?

It was present. It was a different dynamic. See that was Dunamis power. And then all of a sudden we see, “As many as touched the hem of His garment were made well” it no longer had anything to do with “Did they follow the principles

of healing? Did they get rid of all the things that can hinder healing? Did they find out everything the Bible says about healing? Did they get into faith? Did they do these five things to get whole?" What happened to, "Do you believe that I am able to do this?" and "According to your faith let it be done unto you." So many times God looked for faith and so many times God put an emphasis on the importance of faith concerning their miracle. The woman with the issue of blood: it was her faith, "Only believe", I mean it was so important. And there were miracles and it had something to do with the fact that they believed God. It didn't matter whether they believed in God or not. It was "as many as touched the hem of His garment were made whole." There was so much power on Peter that when his shadow walked by the sick that were lying in the streets of Jerusalem, they were made whole. It wasn't "Do you believe? According to your faith…"

There is a place where it is important to bring the people of God into faith and teach what the Bible says about healing, about divine healing and the promise of God. To teach them the principles of healing, to teach them the things that can hinder God's healing power. We need that. We need the prayer of faith. We need to anoint with oil. But more than that what we need is what God wants to bring the body of Christ into, is unprecedented power. It's Dunamis power. It's more of relying on the anointing and the spirit of counsel to bring forth miracles. And that's what I want to talk about.

I want to talk about the difference between authority and power. The Church needs to learn how to walk in authority, and how that authority and the experience of authority will bring you into a healing anointing and healing power. And God just kind of put something in my heart.

Out of the Book of Acts, Chapter One, Verse Eight, God just gave me that phrase about when the Holy Ghost comes upon you, you shall receive power, and we know that word means Dunamis, dynamic, miracle, the manifestation of miracles, magnitude, amplification, abundance, great power, great strength, great virtue, and the "do the impossible". That's what that word means. And the thing about Dunamis is it is very exuberant. It's very bold. It's very experience oriented, it's like coming into the lightening of God. I'll tell you, when I'm in Dunamis, or when I've seen Dunamis power, I'm just buzzing for hours after the meeting. It may be three o'clock in the morning and I'll still be in bed thinking about the miracles. Dunamis power is very dynamic. Again, that's what the word

Dunamis means. And the Bible says that when the Holy Ghost comes upon you, you shall receive that Dunamis. So what does the Holy Spirit coming upon you look like? You see it in Acts, Chapter Two, and Verse Four: “And they were all filled.” “The Holy Ghost will come upon you…and they were all filled.” And they were filled again in Acts, Chapter Four, and Verse Thirty one.

And throughout the Book of Acts they were full of the Holy Ghost. And even the Apostle Paul says, “Be filled”. What are we talking about? We’re talking about a constant encounter with power.

I want to focus on how to get yourself ready to be in that place where healing power and healing anointing will come on your life by being faithful with authority. In Matthew, Chapter Ten, Verse One, we see, “And having summoned the twelve disciples, He gave them power,” and that word power means he gave them authority. That word authority means He gave them the right. He gave them the Word. He gave them the permission, and He gave them the commission. He told them what to do. That’s what that word power means here. And He told them to have authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.

So they began to operate in authority. And as they began to operate in authority, God said, “I want you to preach the gospel, I want you to heal the sick, I want you to cleanse the leper, I want you to raise the dead, I want you to cast out demons.” And He gave them authority, He gave them the right, the permission, the commission, He told them what to do, and He said, “I want you to do it, I want you to go.” And they started to operate in that power and then we see something in Luke, Chapter Ten. And what we see in Luke, Chapter Ten, and Verse One is “After this, the Lord appointed seventy others. He sent them two by two ahead of Him to every city and place where He was going to come.” What Jesus gave unto those seventy was what He gave unto the twelve. And what He gave unto the twelve was authority, the permission, and the right, and the word, and the commission to do what God wanted every believer to do. And the reason it started with twelve is because there were only twelve. Then it went to seventy because there were seventy.

And after seventy, there was one hundred and twenty, and after one hundred and twenty, there were three thousand, and after three thousand, Peter said, “even as we’ve received…” What we’ve received isn’t just speaking in tongues, we’ve received Acts, Chapter One, Verse Eight, which is Dunamis power so that

now we can be a witness. What did that Dunamis power look like? It was miracles, signs and wonders. It was the birthing of the New Testament church. It is preaching and teaching the gospel, healing every sickness and disease among the people. A great example of Dunamis is Peter in Acts, Chapter Five. They laid their sick in the streets, on their hospital beds, so that when Peter would walk by, he carried such a level of power, such a level of healing anointing, all the sick were healed that were on the street, that were in the perimeter of where he was. This was an awesome release of God's power. But He said "this is for you, for your children, and as many as the Lord our God shall call." What was for them? Matthew Ten. What was for them? (Authority) What was for them? (Power) What is for you? (Power) What is for you? (Authority) What is for you? What is the Spirit of God saying?

"Preach the gospel, heal the sick, cleanse the leper, raise the dead and cast out demons." So many people in ministry say, "God, do you want me to move in miracles? That's just for the evangelist. Do you want me to move in healing? That's just for that healing person, they have a gift of healing, and they have a gift of miracles." NO! I'm talking about the gospel. We're talking about the great commission. We're talking about the ministry of Jesus being released into the hearts and into the minds of every believer. That's what we see throughout the scripture, from the beginning of the Bible to the end of the Book, it's always been about all. It's always been about the saints being released for the work of the ministry and walking in what we see released in Matthew, Chapter Ten, and in Luke Chapter Ten. And God gave it to them also, but you know what? When they received the authority, they didn't have all this confidence that anything was going to happen. Because later on when you get to the end of this scripture, the seventy actually began to go out to cast out devils, and to heal the sick, and all they had when authority came was the Word.

All they had was faith that they could and needed to do what God was already telling them to do, according to the Word and the promise. That's all they had. Because with authority isn't a whole lot of Dunamis. The word authority and power in Matthew, Chapter Ten was different than the power in Acts, Chapter One, and Verse Eight. And I want you to watch what happens when they operate in their authority. Now look at Luke, Chapter Ten, Verse Seventeen "and the seventy returned with joy saying, Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name." And then He said to them, "I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightening." Some power came down out of heaven. There

was a shift in the heavenly realm. And in Verse nineteen, look at this… "And behold I give unto you power" (authority). Wait a minute; He already gave them power and authority. Why is he giving the power and authority again? I thought He gave it in Luke Chapter Ten, Verse One. I thought He gave it in Matthew, Chapter Ten. But now after they begin to operate in what God told them to do, they come back and now he says in Verse Nineteen, "I give unto you power and authority to tread on serpents". That word tread is to trample and bring under foot demonic powers and principalities. That's more than just casting out demons.

It's taking land. It's trampling and bringing under your foot strongholds. Then it goes on to say that power is over the power of the entire enemy, not just demons anymore, its principalities, its strongholds. I'm talking about demonic rulers over whole regions and over whole cities. So it's no longer "I give you power". The demons are already subject to you, but more than that, "I give you power and I give you authority." Why? You've been faithful to do what I've already told you to do. And you've begun to practice and contend and to put to work in your life what I already told you that you could do. That authority and that experience have caused you to gain authority in the Spirit, so I'm going to give you a little more. And now I'm going to allow you to have power over the entire enemy; to tread on them, and bring them under your feet. Bring them to the subject and to the rule and reign of Jesus Christ. See, when I wanted to be released into miracles, I was excited about healing. I wanted to heal the sick. I believed in power evangelism, the kingdom of God is not in word only, but in power. You know how it all started? It started with authority.

All I had in the beginning was the right and the permission and the Word of God, and the commission that I would lay hands on the sick and they would recover, that those who believed in Jesus would do the works that He did, and even greater. All I had was everything the Bible promised about divine healing. I had a revelation that it was God's will that just as much as it was His will to forgive somebody, it was just as much His will to heal them of their sickness. I had the confidence. I started reading everything the Bible said in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and everything the Bible said about healing. I fed on healing. I didn't read anything else but healing because I wanted the healing anointing. I wanted to contend for that healing anointing because I knew that I wasn't

walking in Dunamis power yet. I was only operating in the realm of authority. So I went out in the realm of authority and I started laying hands on the sick. And if you lay your hands on a hundred and nobody gets healed, and then lay your hands on another hundred. And if you lay your hands on another hundred and still nobody gets healed, and then lay your hands on another hundred because you're operating in authority.

You've got the permission, you've got the right, you've got the commission, you've got what the Bible says, now you begin to do it, even though you don't believe you can do it. "Can God use little ole me?" And then when it happens, you're shocked. My goodness! God actually did a miracle! You know, it actually happened! It actually worked! God wants you to operate in authority. Do you know why the body of Christ doesn't move in miracles, signs and wonders? It's waiting for Dunamis. But do you know what? Dunamis won't come until you are faithful with authority. Until you take the talent of what God has already given to you and you invest that talent because you want Him to give you five talents. And I'll tell you what. I was faithful. With nothing but faith, raw faith, I took that raw faith, my one talent and I didn't go bury it and hide it, and say, "Well, God, I need to feel something. I know that you've called me." Now, some of you have not come into the release of your power because you haven't done anything with authority. It's like King David, he didn't become King for fifteen years when he was anointed as King, and the Spirit of God came upon him from that day forward. And fifteen years later, he became King.

But first he was faithful in the wilderness with a bunch of bums, thieves, and robbers and misfits, and he trained their hands for war.

Then he became the King over Judah and he was faithful in that sphere, in that perimeter that God gave him. He started to do what he could in that place. God said, "You're faithful". Then God said, "Do you want to be King now, for the whole of Israel?" That's where I want to end up, in Kingly Oil, in Kingly Anointing, in Kingdom Power. I want so many talents that it's to rule over whole cities, but I'm not going to get there if I can't be faithful in the wilderness. Sometimes the wilderness is dry and sometimes it's hard. Sometimes there is little fruit, just a bunch of bums and thieves and robbers, but as you're faithful to train their hands, and pray, and lay hands on the sick and see no results, and continue to lay hands on the sick anyway, then God will bring you to Judah. As you are faithful in Judah, then He will let you be the King over Israel. But some

of you are doing nothing. It's time to begin to release that authority. That's what I want to see the Spirit of God do. So I want to begin to challenge you to stir up the gifts of God.

I want to begin to challenge you to jump into the journey, into the pilgrimage. I want to challenge you to begin to not only preach about what the Bible says about healing but to have healing lines in church just about every Sunday. God says, "Do you want miracles?" Then this is what you need to do. You need to build a miracle atmosphere" How do you build a healing atmosphere? It isn't having a healing Sunday once a month. It isn't every three months focusing a few sessions on teaching on healing. God says, "Do you want healings? Do you want miracles? Do you want signs and wonders? You need to make room for the Holy Ghost to come with signs and wonders just about every time that you do anything, and anywhere you go. You need to make room for it. If you will make room for it, just about everywhere that you go, I'll come and I'll release miracles."

Remember when you press in and begin to see miracles, signs and wonders, we have to keep our focus on the one who brings them. (JESUS) There is hardly a place that we go and a service that we do where we don't make room for people to get healed. It doesn't matter that we are not talking about anything that has anything to do with signs and wonders. Somewhere in that place, we have to make room for the Holy Ghost to demonstrate the kingdom of heaven and bring the manifestation of the power of God, because that's what the kingdom of God is. It is not in word only. God has been faithful. I tell you it is nothing about Bill Vincent. I've learned a process; I was hungry for God, and I fell in love with Jesus. I found out what the Bible said about what I had, the authority that I had to do what God wanted to do with me and everybody else, and all I did was believe that I could do it, that God could use me. So I started to apply those principles. I started to get ruthless; I started to war against the kingdom of Satan. I started to get aggressive. I started to say, "My God, it doesn't matter what I think, it doesn't matter what I feel and it doesn't matter what I see. This is what you said." It all started with authority. But as I was faithful with authority, one day God said "Now I'm going to release power. And when power comes, you'll never be the same."

# Chapter Twelve Increasing the Anointing

Intimacy! Although the talk about intimacy seems to be on the tip of almost everyone's tongue lately, nevertheless, I don't want that to stop me today from discussing this important subject with you. Since intimacy with God is the connection between us and anything characterizing the kingdom of God manifesting through us that has eternal weight and glory! The fact is when we're connected to God by intimate relationship, when we're His friend, not only does God's anointing naturally flow through us, it increases. And that's what I want to discuss with you in this Chapter; how to walk in the increase of the anointing. Walking in the anointing and the increase is meant for everyone to experience.

It should be natural or normal. So let's begin, first, by discovering the true state of our hearts because that will lead us to a key building block that will help us walk in the anointing and the increase of the anointing.

Did you know that sometimes there's a conflict between our hearts what we think, and our actions? Often our hearts seem to say one thing, while our actions indicate something quite different. Take the Shulamite Bride in Song of Songs, for instance. Surprisingly, when the love of her life came knocking it was actually very inconvenient for her to welcome him by getting up and out of bed to open the door! Her excuse was that she was falling asleep after getting all ready for bed "I have taken off my robe; how can I put it on again? I have washed my feet; how can I defile them?"

Song of Songs 5:3 I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?

After all, he was her beloved! On the surface, her attitude was, Song of Songs 5:2 I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.

But there was something deeper that needed to be revealed. So the bride's heart was tested! And in that testing process she actually ended up grieving the

one she loved by not responding to him the way an on fire lover would. Her lack of insight and attention drove him away immediately. Now, let's consider her unresponsiveness and also take a look at ourselves. Even though we don't like to think about it, the bride's apathy towards her beloved is like a mirror that reflects how we behave sometimes! So let's be honest; are we really intimate with God? Is He truly our friend? Are we only hungry for Him? I ask because true intimacy with God is a key building block, like a corner stone, for walking in the anointing and the increase.

Many of you know already that the key to anything that God has given me has come out of hunger for Him and hunger for the anointing (because I want to receive and reflect all that He has for me so that I'm fully equipped to serve Him). Therefore, I can't help but talk about the importance of having a hunger for God and for the things of God in almost every teaching I do. I hope you never get sick of hearing this message! Now having said all that, how many of you are saying, "I want more of the anointing?" That's good because we need the anointing and we need to trust and depend on the presence and power of the Holy Spirit for everything. We don't want to do anything of our own self. So get a desperate hunger for God, His person and His presence because that's the key to the power of God and the anointing. Hunger is a major building block, too! When the Holy Spirit comes and visits me and speaks to me, it's like a living person; the presence of a living person in the room, as I pray. He's become very intimate. He has become very close to me. We have an intimate bond together. Our friendship is priceless.

In fact, friendship with God is another essential building block to walking in the anointing and the increase. But years ago, although I was baptized in the Holy Ghost, speaking in tongues, and moving in the gifts of the Spirit, I never knew the Holy Spirit as a personal friend. I never knew the presence of the Holy Spirit and He was never real to me like He is now. I was hungry and I was on a journey to know Him and the power of His resurrection; to be transformed or conformed into His image. "Jesus, I want to be more like you!" I had a passion in my heart for His presence and the power of God. The Lord spoke to me specifically in the beginning and He said, "Bill I can give you any anointing that I have ever given to any man or woman or ministry if you can do what they did to get what they got." So I started to study what they did to get what they got! Every saint was a friend of the Holy Spirit and what blew me away too, was that in each of their lives there was a thriving prayer life. Here are two more

significant building blocks study and prayer. Take Evan Roberts for instance. Before God used him to spark the Welsh Revival and turn a nation and literally hundreds of thousands of youth to Jesus, God touched him to pray. Look at this.

Prior to that revival, prior to God using that great revivalist, the Holy Spirit began to visit him and wake him up at 1 a.m. The Spirit of grace and supplication and the Spirit of prayer would come upon him and he would pray until 4 or 5 a.m. Later he would get up about 9 in the morning and pray until 3 p.m. This went on for three months, eight hours a day visitation in the night season prior to God releasing that mighty revival. Also as I studied the lives of other men and women that God anointed for ministry, I noticed that an anointing called increase was upon them. There was something of God's power upon those men and women that I didn't see upon a whole lot of men and women today, so I began to hunger for an increase. I wanted more of the anointing.

God began to shape my mindset and I thought: If Evan Roberts prayed eight hours a day, I'll pray for hours. I purposed within my heart whatever it was going to cost me I was going to pay, in order to get the anointing of God's Spirit on my life. "Whatever the cost! Whatever the price! I will give my life for the power of God!

Holy Spirit will fill me! Holy Spirit will anoint me! Holy Spirit, whatever it costs me!" So there was a journey whereby I began to press in and pursue the increase of the anointing. I remember in the beginning as I prayed for that anointing that I'd be checking my watch and after only minutes I was running out of things to pray about. However, I purposed that the next day I was going to press in to have fellowship and communion with the Holy Spirit; just love Him, embrace Him and His presence, for 45 minutes. But it felt like it was more like six hours. So I purposed in my heart that the next day I was going to take a little bit more ground in the Spirit and that I was going to get a breakthrough. Then communion with the Holy Spirit went to an hour and a half. On a daily basis I set aside time and I purposed in my heart to have an encounter that I would pursue, I would seek; I would search for the Lord with all my heart. I wanted an increase of the anointing. I wanted the power of God upon my life and ministry. What mattered was I had become jealous with a holy jealousy for the kind of anointing of God's Spirit that rested upon other men and women that God anointed to shake nations throughout history.

Holy jealousy is a vital building block, as well, if you long to walk in the

anointing and the increase. So I purposed in my heart to set aside everything else but to have an encounter with the Holy Spirit. We need a lifestyle of maintaining relationship and devotions. But we also need the increase!

We're not actually, maintaining, sustaining and increasing the level of what God is doing in our life and ministry. We are not hitting that next level. Every once in a while we need to get at the motor and give it a complete overhaul! Deal with the heart. An overhaul isn't like the usual 'just keeping running.' After an overhaul we say, "This feels like the way I was when it was running at my best. In other words, "I don't know; I'm still praying one or two hours a day but I've lost what sparked it all. I've lost what birthed it; that extended time in God's presence." Yet, it's not just about the hours (that extended time). It's more about the heart. It's about the hunger. It's about the pursuit of His presence. It's as if God wants to give us an 'overhaul.' He wants us to maintain well, but at the same time increase the level of the anointing.

So in this teaching series let's press in and get into more of the radiating journey that God takes us through so that we can walk in the anointing and the increase. I believe that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that the disciples received on the day of Pentecost is for us too, if we're going to walk in the power of God and the increase of the anointing. We need to radiate with the baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire a huge building block!

John the Baptist had revelation. He spent lots of time in God's presence and he knew what was coming, the baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire! John said, Matthew 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: By studying the first few chapters in the Book of Acts you'll see that before revival hit Jerusalem, Pentecost happened; that great day when God poured out the Holy Spirit on about 120 believers who pressed in for their breakthrough in the Upper Room. The Holy Spirit filled that Upper Room and one Bible translation likened it to a sudden "rushing of a violent tempest blast." Then fire, resembling tongues, settled on each person! Right away they were filled with the Holy Spirit and power, just like Jesus said would happen, Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

After the Promise came upon them, revival hit the city of Jerusalem when

Peter began to boldly declare God's message, Acts 2:41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

All those who received Peter's word in their hearts got saved and they probably returned to their respective cities on fire for God. If we want to see revival and if we want to walk in the anointing and see the increase of that anointing, then we need to press in just like the disciples did in that Upper Room.

We need to do what they did to get what they got!

I can't help but talk about the importance of doing what those disciples did, just like I can't help but talk about the importance of having a hunger for God! In the Book of Acts you will see how they maintained and sustained the revival by continually pressing into the things of God.

They said, "God we are not going to let up!"

Because they didn't let up God gave them another level, and then they didn't let up again and God gave them another level, and they didn't let up and God gave them another level. More and more! There was an increase of the momentum of the revival that was taking place in the New Testament Church.

But first they pressed in to receive the Promise of the Father the Holy Spirit in the Upper Room. Now watch this.

Then they had favor and angelic help; they overcame intimidation and persecution; demonstrated miracles, signs and wonders; walked in great power and great grace; sparked tremendous fear of the Lord; and they saw thousands through to salvation!

We need to be set on fire in the Holy Ghost and to burn continually just like the disciples and those New Testament believers!

Luke 12:35 Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; How many of you want to be a burning, shining lamp?

Exodus 27:20, 21 And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring thee pure oil olive beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always. In the tabernacle of the congregation without the vail, which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the

LORD: it shall be a statute for ever unto their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel.

I’m talking about the Holy Ghost here, the anointing; and the key here is the oil. And where did Aaron and his sons tend the oil? It was in the tabernacle of meeting which is a prophetic picture of being in the presence of God from evening until morning; not letting up.

Exodus 30:8 And when Aaron lighteth the lamps at even, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.

Here we see Aaron at the tabernacle of the meeting in the presence of God in prayer burning incense.

What does the incense represent? It symbolizes prayer and the incense was perpetual incense. Perpetual means lasting forever or for a long time; continuing without interruption; constant [Webster’s New World Dictionary].

In the context of this definition, the anointing of God’s Spirit comes as you take care of your lamp and as you pray continually. Without taking care in prayer, your lamp will go out. Continual prayer will keep the oil and the fire! That’s what’s going to keep the light of the Holy Ghost and revelation. Starting the fire by prayer is yet another big building block! So we need to purpose in our hearts, now, to tend to the lamp stand because then we’ll never lose our fire and we never lose our blaze. The increase will come!

Get ready for your faith and your determination to be strengthened. The victory is yours!

"You WILL experience new beginnings and a new level in the anointing and the increase of the anointing as you take steps to incorporate building blocks into your foundation."

You know, when we're thinking about the increase of the anointing we need to remember that God is a God of multiplication. Jesus multiplied the loaves and the fish to feed 5,000 and there were 12 baskets left over.

Matthew 14:20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.

That's only one prime example of just the way God has always been so

generous! Every time God restores biblically, He relents and leaves a blessing and He always brings the situation back to the way that it was and then increases it. He always adds another level.

Proverbs 6:31 But *if* he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

Now I'm going to share about the double portion through scriptures in Isaiah and Job. And also we'll examine in detail some highpoints in the lives of the prophets Elijah and Elisha in the context of key scriptures and we'll see what it took for a double portion of anointing to come.

Prophecy through Isaiah---"Instead of your shame you shall have double honor, and instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore in their land they shall possess double; everlasting joy shall be theirs."

Isaiah 61:7 For your shame *ye shall have* double; and *for* confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.

Double honor, double joy, double portion all rightfully ours! Because when Christ redeems us and we're born again we're part of the royal priesthood.

Isaiah 61:6 But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: *men* shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.

1 Peter 2:9 But ye *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Job 42:10 And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, **when he prayed for his friends**: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before.

Notice when Job received the double portion!

2 Kings 2:9 And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

Now before we discover if Elisha received a double portion of the spirit of Elijah, let's look at Elijah's stature and some historical context and go on from there.

The people of Israel knew the prophet Elijah was one of the most cutting edge prophets taking down 450 prophets of Baal.

1 Kings 18:19-40 Now therefore send, *and* gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table. So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel. And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD *be* God, follow him: but if Baal, *then* follow him. And the people answered him not a word. Then said Elijah unto the people, I, *even* I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets *are* four hundred and fifty men. Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay *it* on wood, and put no (22b) fire *under:* and I will dress the other bullock, and lay *it* on wood, and put no fire *under:* And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken. And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress *it* first; for ye *are* many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire *under.* And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed *it,* and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But *there was* no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made. And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he *is* a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, *or* peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked. And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them. And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the *time* of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that *there was* neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded. And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD *that was* broken down. And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name: And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed. And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid *him* on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour *it* on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood. And he said, Do *it* the second

time. And they did *it* the second time. And he said, Do *it* the third time. And they did *it* the third time. And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water. And it came to pass at *the time of* the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou *art* God in Israel, and *that* I *am* thy servant, and *that* I have done all these things at thy word. Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou *art* the LORD God, and *that* thou hast turned their heart back again. Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that *was* in the trench. And when all the people saw *it*, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he *is* the God; the LORD, he *is* the God. And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

And it was after that victory when God told Elijah to anoint Elisha as prophet in his place as well as two future kings.

1 Kings 19:16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint *to be* king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abelmeholah shalt thou anoint *to be* prophet in thy room.

So Elijah obeyed and threw his mantle on Elisha.

1 Kings 19:19 So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who *was* plowing *with* twelve yoke *of oxen* before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him.

Elisha immediately ran after the great prophet to follow him, he asked if he could say good bye to his parents first.

1 Kings 19:20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and *then* I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee?

Elijah didn't give him permission and instead answered, "Go back again, for what have I done for you?" You see, on the one hand Elijah wanted to test Elisha. Elisha really did recognize that God's call was important and that it was significant that Elijah threw his mantle on him. He knew also that to walk in the increase of the anointing required something of sacrifice. So he killed and

sacrificed two oxen, shared the sacrifice, and then he followed Elijah promptly.

1 Kings 19:21 And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

He was willing to lose everything, get out of his job, give up his land, and get out of his country. He would go where Elijah wanted to go, do what Elijah told him to do, and he would have no identity of his own anymore. In order for us to step into the increase of God's anointing we need to ask God, "What do I need to cut off? What is no longer permissible in this next season?" Not everything that is permissible is valuable.

Our attitude toward this increase is to be “whatever this anointing is going to cost me!" Elisha was ready to go with Elijah, to begin the process. You might have to give up some of the dreams that you have. God's plan and God's dream sometimes isn't our plan, it isn't sometimes our dream.

You need to be prepared because God is going to call out laborers in these end days the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few. God, over night, is going to speak by the Holy Ghost just like He did when He had need of Paul and Barnabas.

Acts 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

How many men and women of God won't go because they don't want to let go of some of the things that God requires in order for them to go after the anointing. Or they won't go because they didn't think they were prepared.

Yet the fact is, if we are willing, God will prepare us to move on from the beginning stages. He'll take us places. That's what happened to Elisha. New places and new levels after Elijah threw his mantle on him.

2 Kings 2:1, 2 And it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said *unto him*, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel.

A lot of people make commitments at an emotional time. A lot of people make commitments for the wrong reasons.

Gilgal is level one, where we all start from, and it represents the spiritual place called faith. Historically, Gilgal is the first place where Joshua settled for a bit after he led the sons of Israel through the Jordan River.

Joshua 5:1-9 And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which *were* on the side of Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which *were* by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel. At that time the LORD said unto Joshua, Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time. And Joshua made him sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. And this *is* the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, *that were* males, *even* all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came out of Egypt. Now all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people *that were* born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, *them* they had not circumcised. For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the people *that were* men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD sware that he would not shew them the land, which the LORD sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey. And their children, *whom* he raised up in their stead, them Joshua circumcised: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way. And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the people, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole. And the LORD said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of the place is called Gilgal unto this day.

It's the place where, for the first time, they all ate some of the produce of the land and it's the place where the continual supernatural provision of manna stopped.

Joshua 5:12 And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had eaten of the old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

So we see that God wasn't going to be conventional anymore and do things exactly the same way that He did for 40 years. A major shift happened and when God shifted gears in Gilgal, a whole new life of faith would be required. Gilgal has a lesson for us to learn. We're going to have to walk by faith and not by sight.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) Romans 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, *even* God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Regardless of what we feel and regardless of what we see, we'll have to believe within our hearts that God wants to anoint us and to use us. It's about believing that you can have the anointing. Most Christians are tempted to live in Gilgal! They stay in the place of faith and hope. They don't move into the place of action or make anything happen and take some steps. All they have is faith.

James 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

2 Kings 2:2 And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said *unto him, As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Bethel.

Remember before we get the increase, before we get the double portion, we're going to start in Gilgal, the spiritual place to have faith for a new level. And it's there where we'll have faith for a new mantle. It's the place that God brings us back to so that our faith can be built up for the next level, the next assignment, that God has for us. For instance, when I've had a holy dissatisfaction with a certain level of anointing that I have been walking in, I've had to come back all over again to the spiritual place called ‘Gilgal,' where, within my heart, I have to believe that I can go to another level.

Bethel represents the spiritual place of vows and decisions. It's the place where Jacob made a vow to God. Prophetically, Bethel is the place where you have to purpose within your heart, that you want a new level of anointing. It takes a whole new level of commitment, a whole new level of sacrifice, a whole new level of denying yourself. God is looking for the right response within our heart to such questions; for example, a good response like Jacob's, when he said, "God if you bring me back to this place (Bethel), I promise a tenth, I promise a tithe of everything you ever give me.

If you prosper me all the days of my life, I purpose within my heart that this is what I will do."

Genesis 28:20-22 And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat, and raiment to put on, So that I come again to my father's house in peace; then shall the LORD be my God: And this stone, which I have set *for* a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

The Bible says that because of Jacob's commitment, at the set time God brought him back to Bethel, the house of God, and the gateway of heaven.

Genesis 28:17 And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful *is* this place! this *is* none other but the house of God, and this *is* the gate of heaven.

Genesis 35:1 And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother.

So when God takes you to Bethel, it's like He'll be saying: You have the faith for it now.

You have the dream for it now.

You believe that I can act on your behalf.

You need to take action.

Let's start moving into the increase of the anointing. Now it's time to move on to Jericho!" But Jericho is a whole new realm. Elijah might have spoken words something like this to Elisha: 2 Kings 2:4 And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho.

Elijah is saying: You want the anointing and I'm ready to give the anointing, but I don't think you want to come to Jericho with me because Jericho is the place of warfare.

I don't know if you can handle the warfare and the devils and the controversy and the persecution and all the stuff that is going to come with the anointing.

Remember Elisha said, “I’m not leaving you.”

Jericho is another level and it represents the spiritual place of warfare. When you get the anointing of God's Spirit on your life you're going to be a controversial figure and you have to come to terms with the fact that you can't have the anointing and have everyone happy. As a matter of fact, there's a whole lot of attack from the media and a whole lot of warfare that comes on your life. At the level I function in today the Church wants to watch what we do. You see, it costs me because now people examine and watch everything I do and say. This is because when the anointing gets on your life and things really begin to happen people are going to know you and people are going to look to you. And there is a whole lot of responsibility that comes with that. And there is a whole lot of warfare that comes with that.

The Devil knows who you are! He's got you on his hit list. You are on his top ten. So, you need to be ready. You have to be prepared to pay the price. You have to be prepared to go to Jericho. There is going to be warfare.

2 Kings 2:6 And Elijah said unto him, Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, *As* the LORD liveth, and *as* thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on.

If you're in a place of warfare right now and every devil of hell is against you, I want to declare to you right now what is coming next! It's the Jordan!

Do you know what the Jordan River is? The Jordan is another level and it's the spiritual place of new vision. The Jordan is the anointing. It's the river where Jesus was baptized and the heavens opened and the Holy Ghost descended upon Him like a dove.

Matthew 3:16 And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him: I tell you, when the river Jordan is crossed, that's when we step into the land of promise. We go on to the new anointing. It's new vision! Heaven is about to open and come down! When you've gone through the process Gilgal, Bethel, Jericho you're ready to move on to the Jordan! When you've come up out of the fire, the furnace of affliction, it's the Jordan that lies ahead. It's the new vision! You're going to get a new anointing! Heaven will open and the increase, the double portion of the anointing will come upon your life!

Look! Something awesome happened after Elijah and Elisha crossed the

Jordan together.

2 Kings 2:8 And Elijah took his mantle, and wrapped *it* together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

When Elijah was taken up into the glory of heaven in a whirlwind, his mantle fell on the ground and Elisha picked up the mantle the increase of the anointing the double portion of the spirit of Elijah 2 Kings 2:11 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, *there appeared* a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

2 Kings 2:13 He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan; He knew it was a double portion, the answer to his prayers, the moment that he struck the waters of the Jordan with that mantle because those waters parted!

2 Kings 2:14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where *is* the LORD God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over.

He walked through the Jordan on dry ground. When God is ready to take your life and your ministry to a new level you will go through the whole process just like Elisha did Gilgal, Bethel, Jericho, and the Jordan River. And when God is ready to take you to another level, once again you will go through the whole process! All over again you will die and you will count the cost. All over again you will have faith for another level. You will dream another dream. You'll be ready to step out and experience a bigger dimension, and with that, you will go through a whole new level of warfare again, A whole new level of the adversary again. A whole new level of "I don't know if I'm ready to pay this. I didn't think it was going to be like this." And when you've gone through that whole process you will come out and there will be yet another level again. With all if these in mind are you ready today to say "yes" to the increase of the anointing?

# Chapter Thirteen Anointed Eyes & Ears

I want to continue in this Chapter to go deeper. We need to increase our prophetic gifts. We can do so by having our eyes and ears anointed.

I'm going to outline some strategic keys that will help us stir up that spirit of wisdom and revelation. I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the Lord, Who call you by your name, Am the God of Israel?

Isaiah 43:5 Fear not: for I *am* with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar. The message was true, but the appointed time was long; and he understood the message, and had understanding of the vision? This Scripture reveals that a true message was revealed to Daniel and he understood both the message and the vision.

How would you like to understand the mysteries of the kingdom of God? How many of us would like to have the interpretation and the revelation of visions and dreams like Daniel? This kind of revelation is God's desire for us, and I believe this year will be marked by the release of much revelation. But in order to have a keen understanding concerning revelation, we need a strategic key. The Lord told me this element is very important.

**The key is: fasting.**

Daniel 10:3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled.

Now watch what the fast released.

Daniel 10:21 But I will shew thee that which is noted in the scripture of truth: and *there is* none that holdeth with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

Daniel's fast released the angel that brought him revelation out of the

Scripture of Truth. God is about to open in a whole new way, the Scripture of Truth, also called the Book of Truth. The angel gave Daniel revelation concerning what was already written in a book that exists in heaven. God wants to open up the pages of that book to us.

The Bible talks about the treasures of the kingdom being hidden in a field and when they were found, a man hid the treasure and for the joy over it he went and sold all that he had and bought that field.

Matthew 13:44 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

Revelation is going to cost us something. God isn't going to impart a greater dimension or realm of the spirit of wisdom and revelation without it costing us, and not just some little token amount, but something that will cost us everything. The man who found the treasure of the kingdom sold all that he had to purchase the land.

We have to dig for the treasure and we need to see that Jesus Christ is the hidden treasure; He is the revelation! The prophet Isaiah prophesies about this treasure a child being born to us, a son being given to us and that the government will rest on His shoulders.

Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:7 Of the increase of *his* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

The word government means: the entitlement to rule.

The Lord has invited us to co-labor and rule with him because of what Jesus accomplished for us by his death and resurrection. Our dominion and rule in the earth includes two realms: the natural and the spiritual realms. Whereas Adam and Eve did not have dominion over sin, we have been given authority to overcome sin, sickness, disease, death and poverty through Jesus Christ.

But we need a main key in order to co-labor and rule with God. The Lord spoke to me about this key. It's called the key of David. And when we have a revelation of Jesus Christ (Jesus is the revelation) as the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and the Prince of Peace, then we actually hold the key of David. God's government, His kingdom, and the key of David are supported by, and rest upon, the meaning incorporated in these four names of Jesus. And the revelation that lies in these four names is the key to using the key of David. Let's take a look at how these four names function. Wonderful Counselor deals with the spirit of counsel or the counsels of heaven. The counsel of God releases the hero warrior aspect of God which is the Mighty God and brings the spirit of might. We can't have the spirit of might which is power, without counsel. Counsel brings might, but might and the operation of kingdom power must flow from the heart of the Father, the Everlasting Father. The Father's love releases the Prince of Peace. Peace means shalom and includes prosperity, wholeness and health. Also, another name for the key of David is the key of knowledge.

The key of knowledge concerns revelation, and the authority to see in the unseen realm. The Bible talks about the key of knowledge being taken away and how this hinders those who want to enter into the kingdom.

Luke 11:52 Woe unto you, lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

The key is taken away when the traditions of man and legalism replace the key of knowledge. The reason we've had the key of knowledge taken away in our churches today is because we've shut out the kingdom by preferring legalism and the traditions of man, above God. We've settled for a religious culture and a form of godliness that denies the power thereof.

2 Timothy 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

This mindset not only robs us of our authority to see into the invisible realm, it also robs our ability to only do what we see the Father doing?

John 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

Do you know what the key of David does? It opens up doors of opportunity. It looses for you what God has already loosed in heaven. But how do we know what's been loosed in heaven if we can't see? The key of David deals with opening doors of blessing for our families and opening doors of provision and healing-power into our ministries. As well, it concerns shutting out the enemy from our lives, our families and our finances. And God is releasing a greater understanding today of the key of David so that we can release the kingdom of God “prosperity, health, healing and wholeness to people out of a heart of the Father's love.”

Because of the Father's love for the world, He not only gave His only begotten Son, He also gave us strategic keys so that we're equipped to present the message of the cross to the lost, that they might be saved. Strategic keys are simply the keys that advance God's kingdom. For instance, God has a key for every crusade, conference, healing and deliverance. Jesus had different keys for different situations. He prayed for three different blind men in the Bible, but he had three different methods. When we pray for someone and they're healed, we could pray for two other people with the same sickness and they wouldn't be healed because it takes different methods. Jesus said to two blind men, “Do you believe that I can do this?”

Mat 9:28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord.

But to another man, He anointed his eyes with clay.

John 9:6 When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, and he anointed the eyes of the blind man with the clay, And to another He spit on his eyes.

Mark 8:23 And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.

He had three different methods; same infirmity, but three different methods.

God has keys and if we're going to be moving in God's power in the kingdom of God we need the keys that bring the kingdom in every circumstance and every situation. God is about to release keys, apostolic keys. I'm talking about keys that

are going to give us cities, regions and nations. That key could be one word or it could be one act. That key could be an act of mercy. That key could be a message or a prophetic word that reveals the secrets in a man's heart.

God has secrets that He's hidden since the foundations of this world. The apostle Matthew wrote about this: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: Matthew 13:35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

I want you to know that God has secrets that have been hidden and sealed since the foundation of this world that will not be opened until our day, our time. Now God did reveal some of the mysteries of the kingdom to the disciples, but He has held back in heaven, to this day, hidden mysteries of the kingdom that He wants to reveal to us.

Haggai 2:9 The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts.

We will go out with a greater bang than what we came in with!

There is an invitation for our eyes and an invitation for our ears to be open.

Matthew 13:11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. How many of us believe that it's been given to us to know mysteries? The word mysteries means: hidden truths divinely revealed, or secrets of the Lord.

It's been given to us to know hidden truths and secrets of the Lord, but how many of us are actually getting any hidden truths from the Lord? If we're honest, we're not really receiving a whole lot of mysteries and revelation. I'm getting the mysteries of the kingdom and I want you to receive them too! I've only shared but a small portion the mysteries of the kingdom that were revealed to me but there's a lot more that I received. It's been given to us, from God, to know these mysteries, but there's something that's keeping us from receiving them. Here's what the Lord showed me. There's a veil over many people's understanding and so we're not seeing and we're not hearing.

Matthew 13:12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. To him who has, more will be given; an increase of revelation. But whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him; the one who does not have knowledge, the one who is a hearer of the word and not a doer of the word.

Matthew 13:13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

There is always a connection between the power to understand and our eyes and ears.

If we don't have spiritual eyes and ears operating, we don't understand. Also, when we have hearts that have become dull, we lose the power to understand.

Matthew 13:14, 15 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive: For this people's heart is waxed gross, and *their* ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and should understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.

We need to appreciate that understanding is connected with our eyes and ears. When we become hard of hearing and when we lose our sight, we can't understand or receive the secrets of the kingdom. So what exactly is it that's making us hard of hearing and almost blind? Why do we lose the power of our understanding?

Isaiah 29:9 Stay yourselves, and wonder; cry ye out, and cry: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink.

Do you know what that means? We make ourselves blind!

Isaiah 29:10 For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.

I want you to know that the seer prophets are going about with a hood on their heads! Many who are called to be prophets and many of those that are called to see can't see or hear because their heads are covered. Sometimes we

choose to only look at what we want to see and believe. We avoid anything else that makes us uncomfortable, anything that really convicts us, or gets too close to us.

I hope I'm stepping on somebody's toes.

We can be deaf to the things we don't want to hear even though we know that they are the truth. But when we continually turn a deaf ear, this makes us deaf! When we continually refuse to see, we become blind. But God wants us to see!

Luke 10:23 And he turned him unto *his* disciples, and said privately, Blessed *are* the eyes which see the things that ye see: When God removes the veil, revelation will become known to us. God will open up the scroll and the books. Have you ever read the Bible and it was as if it was sealed, like there was a block over your mind?

Isaiah 29:11 And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which *men* deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it *is* sealed: There is a reason why we're blind; why the corporate church is blind. Let's look once again at the words of Isaiah: Isaiah 30:9, 10 That this *is* a rebellious people, lying children, children *that* will not hear the law of the LORD: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits: We don't want to hear words about God's judgments. We don't want to hear words of rebuke and discipline; just exhortation, comfort and edification.

In too many places where I've ministered, the resident pastor has instructed me with words like these: Well now Bill, if you prophecy, only bring forth the words that are going to build up and comfort. When I hear that, I can't help but think: Oh so you don't want me to call out your sin. You don't want to me talk about the compromise that's going on in your leadership. You don't want me to tell you why the judgment of God is coming upon your city. So often we only hear the things we want to hear and we only look at those things that we really want to look at. We're only open to partial truths. Many times we only really want to see or hear if it comes from a certain stream, or it's in a certain package and when it comes in a particular way that we want. But I don't want it from them. I don't want it if it's too loud. I don't want it if it's too quiet. I don't want it unless it's going to bless me. I don't want it unless it's going to make my ears

tingle. I don't want it if it's going to embarrass me. I don't want it if it's going to reveal sin. Now I am going to give you four reasons why we become hard of hearing and we lose the power of understanding.

Matthew 13:12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath. We may lose the gift if we don't guard and value revelation and understanding.

Matthew 13:19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth *it* not, then cometh the wicked *one,* and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.

When we're not rooted in the word, then affliction and persecution is effective.

Matthew 13:21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.

We may lose the gift when we're focused on the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches.

Matthew 13:22 He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

If we're rebellious, then we want to call the shots. And God will give us what we want! So when the prophets and seers don't want to hear or see what the Lord wants to reveal, He'll honor that and put a hood over their heads. This situation is what many of them are experiencing; they're no longer operating in their calling.

The hood and veil can be removed.

I want to outline areas that we need to maintain in our Christian walk so that we can please the Lord and receive a substantial increase of revelation: Ephesians 1:17-19 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye 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 greatness of his power to us-ward who believe,

according to the working of his mighty power, Ephesians 3:8-10 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly *places* might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, Ephesians 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; Ephesians 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Colossians 1:27 To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: When we're rooted and grounded in the Word and in the love of Christ, then the Devil is immobilized. He can't come and snatch away the message of the kingdom!

I want to discuss several godly principles that will put us in the right position to have the veil and hood removed.

Were you ever very prophetic? But now it's like the heavens are brass and you've become dull. No dreams, no visions or revelations are happening and you're wondering if God is angry with you. So let's take a look at Hebrews Chapters 3 and 5 where we'll discover vital keys that will help us get on the right track and sharpen our prophetic gift.

God's hidden mysteries and secrets are waiting for us every morning!

How often do we expect to hear the voice of God?

Hebrews 3:7 Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, Every day is today. How many of us know that revelation? We need to lift our expectation a whole lot higher! Today do not harden your heart... How do we harden our hearts?

Hebrews 3:18 And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that believed not?

Why should God give us a prophetic word if we haven't obeyed Him or acted upon the last prophetic word He gave us? If we don't obey the unction of the Holy Ghost we become dull of hearing. In every area of our life where we're not

obedient to the dreams, visions and the prophetic leadings that He does give us, when we harden our hearts, then our sharp edge in the prophetic realm becomes duller and duller.

The Holy Spirit says to us that we must not harden our hearts. This also means that we must not make our hearts hardened. When we choose to keep our hearts softened, allowing God's will to come to pass in our lives, and then we're on the right track.

We can reverse the dulling process! We need to act on the prophetic word when it comes. When revelation comes it's precious; it's like finding hidden treasure. How do we treat our treasure? We need to be careful with it; treasure it; cherish it. It will cost us everything. On the one hand, we sharpen our hearing when we know God's ways; we're sensitive to Him. But on the other hand, if we only know the acts of God and we do not actually know Him, then we become hard of hearing and almost blind. It's vital to God that we know Him and His ways!

Hebrews 3:10 Wherefore I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do alway err in *their* heart; and they have not known my ways.

Let me show you a dangerous truth.

Matthews 7:21-23 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Do you know what I never knew you means? It means that we ceased to be known because we no longer make ourselves available to God in intimacy. There was a time when God knew us, but now He doesn't know us because we ceased to be known. It's our part. We stopped coming to God in intimacy and we no longer let ourselves be known. The further that we wander from God in our heart concerning intimacy, the deafer we become. And the closer we draw to God, wanting to know Him and be known by Him, we will hear His voice; it won't be muffled. When we believe what God tells us, our faith comes alive and our spiritual sensitivity comes into order.

But if we have an unbelieving heart; which the Bible calls an evil heart, then we've actually fallen away from the living God and we aren't in a position to

receive true revelation from God.

Hebrews 3:12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God.

When we confess our sin and repent and we make every attempt to walk in a way that's pleasing to God, then our body, soul and spirit is cleansed and prepared to receive true revelation from God. But if we are entrenched in the deceitfulness of sin, then we become deaf! Some believers might think that they're actually getting away with sin, but the deceitfulness of sin is taking away their spiritual ears and their spiritual eyes. When we act upon the revelation that God releases to us, practicing what we preach, then we increase in spiritual maturity.

Hebrews 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

**Practicing will sharpen our prophetic edge.**

Acting upon the revelation that God reveals to us takes us beyond the place of simply hearing, to the place of doing. When we take action concerning a command from God then a memory is made.

And we can stir up our faith and trust when we remember the ways that God has performed different feats in our lives. We honor the Lord when we remember His goodness in our lives.

Mark 8:14 Now *the disciples* had forgotten to take bread, neither had they in the ship with them more than one loaf.

Jesus had just performed a few great miracles by multiplying several loaves of bread to feed thousands of people. But they forgot all about that!

Mark 8:17-21 And when Jesus knew *it,* he saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened? Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember? When I brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve. And

when the seven among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven. And he said unto them, How is it that ye do not understand?

He was explaining that they were hung up on having no bread because they weren't remembering what they had just seen and heard Him do. Their hearts were still hardened because they didn't remember his goodness. He asked them, do you not remember? Then He takes them back to the time when He fed the 5,000 and when he fed the 4,000. It's like Jesus was asking His disciples: Do you not remember the feeding of the 5,000? Did you miss the message? I am the Lord of the universe and I create something out of nothing. Do you not know who I am yet?

Despite seeing many miracles, it looks like they didn't learn much! Their hearts were hardened; they forgot what God did the last time. And so have we! I'll tell you why we're deaf and blind in the church today. We forget! But God really wants us to learn a valuable lesson here.

It's like Jesus is saying to us: I will bring difficulties into your lives for a purpose. I intend to bring them again and again until you learn how to overcome based on what I did the last time.

The Lord wants us to have a revelation of His consistent goodness.

Also He wants us to know who we are in Christ and the authority we carry so that we can take our place of authority and dominion. One of the greatest keys to spiritual revelation for me is when I take a few minutes to remember a number of revelations God has given to me. Then I start talking about them and I stir myself up. We need to dream some old dreams and visions, prophetic words and prophetic promises, which God said to us. Many of us have faced the same storm several times.

Could it be that God is allowing certain situations to repeat themselves in our lives because He wants us to believe and remember that He will come through?

Psalms 106:13 They soon forgat his works; they waited not for his counsel: Some of us are so spiritually thin. We're not receiving wisdom and revelation because we're not waiting for His counsel; we're not waiting on the Lord. Jesus would wait all night to see what the Father was doing and we can't wait five minutes!

I made a practice several years ago of waiting on the Lord for one to three hours. Having the eyes and ears of the kingdom is going to cost us something. It's going to cost us everything! Waiting for God's counsel is crucial to receiving and hearing the hidden mysteries of the kingdom of God.

God is opening up to us the realm of prophetic revelation, so that we can speak out the hidden mysteries of God.

The apostle Paul gives us a big key concerning what it takes in order to speak about the hidden mysteries: 1 Corinthians 2:6, 7 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden *wisdom*, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: We can see that we need to be mature, or we might as well forget about wisdom and revelation. The wisdom that God has hidden before the ages is ordained for the mature.

1 Corinthians 3:1-3 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even* as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able *to bear it*, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

We want to have a mature church today without division, and Strife. When there are all kinds of things going on in the church today we can't expect to receive the wisdom of God. Listen. This hidden wisdom is for the mature believer, not the carnal man.

You know why we don't have the wisdom of God in our lives? It's because we have too much of the spirit of the world and too much of the natural mind. The natural man has his mind set on the things that his flesh wants.

The spiritual man has his mind set on the things that the Spirit wants.

Romans 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

How much time does your mind think about what the Spirit wants and how much time does your mind think about what your flesh wants? Where do you live more? Revelation is for the spirit man, not the natural man who has been consumed with the spirit of the world. Not that we can't be in the world and

enjoy the world. But we need to keep a check and balance on how much our mind is on what the Spirit wants and how much our mind is consumed with what the flesh wants because that is the key to revelation.

1 Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.

The Spirit of God knows the deep things of God, and guess who we have received? The Spirit of God!

1 Corinthians 2:10-12 But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

We have the Spirit of God so that we might know hidden mysteries and secrets that have been hidden since the foundation of the world.

We don't want to be immature in the church today and miss receiving the mysteries of the kingdom.

Revelations 2:7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.

**It's our choice to hear.**

Let him who has ears hear what the Spirit is saying. We need to have a teachable hearing heart. Every time we hear the same Scripture that we've read a thousand times, there is a potential for faith if we don't shut it off and say, Know it; heard it; boring.? Or, preached it; heard it; boring. Too many times I've said, Open your Bibles? And before I even get a word out of my mouth someone is quoting the scripture. Open your Bibles to John 3, and automatically people are thinking, ah, he's going to preach on being born again. Or, ah, he's preaching that message we heard five times. Faith comes by repeatedly hearing the same word. We have a choice to hear.

Romans 10:17 So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Just as we consciously make the choice to hear, we also need to decide if we'll earnestly seek after the hidden mysteries of God. If we want the hidden treasure it's going to cost us everything. The man who found the hidden treasure sold all that he had in order to purchase the field.

And remember last week we discussed how Daniel received a visitation from the angel who opened up the Book of Truth. But there was a sacrifice on Daniel's part? A 21 day fast before he received revelation of the message from the angel. It cost him something! As well, we need to appreciate that we're not seeking the treasures; we're seeking Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:9 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.

The key to accessing the unsearchable riches is to love Christ.

Matthew 13:35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

1 Corinthians 4:1 Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God.

I'm supposed to handle the hidden secrets of heaven. I'm supposed to be a steward in sharing with the world hidden truths that have been hidden since the foundation of the world. He wants me to be a steward of the mysteries of God. Have you ever thought about being a steward of revelation?

1 Corinthians 4:2 Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.

A steward is not the owner, he is the operator. A steward is the one who exercises the power, the resources and responsibilities given to him. He has the interest of the owner at heart. Do you know why we aren't qualified to receive revelation? It's because we so often have our own interests, our own kingdom, our own name, our own ministry at heart. It's amazing the motives that we have, but we don't have the owner's interest at heart. We're not owners; we're operators

who are entrusted to exercise the power, resources and responsibilities given to us with the interests of the owners at heart. Stewards are known by their obedience.

In the Old Testament, we discover the Joseph model concerning stewardship. Joseph was consistently faithful in little. His track record proved that he could be entrusted with much. He was just as faithful with less important matters as he was with the governmental administration of Pharaoh's great wealth. Will we be faithful with the revelation of heaven? God wants to entrust us, like a bank is entrusted. He wants to make a deposit of revelation in us so that we can make a withdrawal and share it with the world. The hidden mysteries of the kingdom are entrusted to mature believers who know how to be faithful stewards.

Before I complete this Chapter I want to discuss one more important factor that marks a mature believer. This concerns the hidden power of praying in tongues. We don't preach much on the baptism of the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues much in church anymore, but we need to. Probably most of us don't pray in tongues for more than an hour a week and most of the time it's in a corporate setting. My observation is that we've lost the purpose of tongues.

So I want to discuss one of the main purposes concerning tongues that I've never seen before. This will excite us! Let's take a look at what the apostle Paul said to the Corinthians.

1 Corinthians 14:2 For he that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth *him;* howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.

The word mysteries means: secrets which have been divinely revealed. Every time we speak in tongues to God, we're telling God His own mysteries. When we speak in tongues we're speaking divine truths revealed and we're telling God revelation that's been hidden since the foundation of the world. We're not just edifying ourselves and building up our most holy faith. The Holy Ghost isn't just helping us to intercede. We're actually uttering mysteries. If we want to speak mysteries and hidden truths, then we need to pray in tongues.

1 Corinthians 14:13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue pray that he may interpret.

Could it be possible that I can interpret my own tongue? Then my understanding is engaged. Keep in mind that Paul is talking about the personal tongue between each of us and God. Not the public tongue. Paul means that when we pray in our personal, private tongue we're actually allowing the Spirit to speak back to God the mysteries the Holy Ghost has revealed. Then the Bible gives us an invitation to let him who prays in an unknown tongue pray that he would interpret.

1 Corinthians 14:14, 15 For if I pray in an *unknown* tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.

There is something powerful concerning the spirit of revelation when we pray in tongues. The Lord has been saying to me, Bill you can birth things when you pray in tongues, but it will take more than ten minutes. I've been challenged by the Lord about what could happen if I prayed in tongues for eight hours. I've never been able to go longer than three hours straight.

I've noticed that after about ten minutes of praying in tongues most people will feel like they're getting stronger and closer to God. But what happens most of the time is that our mind gets so busy and distracted because don't usually have any understanding of what our tongue is saying. So we usually can't focus for more than about ten minutes. A practice that helps us stay focused is when we pray in tongues for about five minutes; then worship for a few minutes; then go back to reading the Bible and then back to tongues.

# Chapter Fourteen Revelation and Prophetic Mantles

Is your life astonishing, filled with prophetic visions and encounters with the Lord? Are you a sign and a wonder?

Isaiah 11:1, 2 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; Revelations 4:5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

The Holy Spirit spoke to me about a new release of prophetic revelation coming. In the first part of this Chapter, I am writing about the river of revelation available to every believer and the need for a life dedicated, consecrated, and devoted to the Lord.

There's a new release of prophetic revelation coming! It's the Glory Cloud of Revelation and it's about to come upon those who remain in the tent of His glory, those who are totally devoted to the Lord in holiness and consecration, and to those dedicated to a life of dedication, and prayer.

1 Samuel 19:20-24 And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing *as* appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also. Then went he also to Ramah, and came to a great well that *is* in Sechu: and he asked and said, Where *are* Samuel and David? And *one* said, Behold, *they be* at Naioth in Ramah. And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God was upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. And he stripped off his clothes also, and

prophesied before Samuel in like manner, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, *Is* Saul also among the prophets?

When the Spirit of God came upon King Saul and his messengers, they received a continuous flow of prophecy. The Holy Spirit came upon Saul as a canopy of revelation so that he didn't just receive one prophetic word, but an increasing prophetic flow. This increasing abundant supply of revelation is available to us as believers.

God wants us to flow in the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, not just operate in a word of wisdom or a word of knowledge or prophecy. We can hear from the Lord constantly.

Isaiah 50:4 The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to *him that is* weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned.

Psalms 16:7 I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.

1 Corinthians 2:9 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.

When the Holy Spirit rests upon us, so does the anointing to know the deep unto deep things of God and mysteries of the Kingdom.

1 Corinthians 2:10-16 But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned. But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of

the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

God wants to reveal the deep things by His Spirit. No one knows the deep things of God but His Spirit, which is in Him. And friends, we have received this Spirit!

We have the ability to continually be in the mind of Christ. This is the realm of revelation and ministry God wants to open to us today. While the gifts of the Spirit are wonderful, the flowing river of the Lord's abiding presence is even more so, and that's what we should desire and seek with all of our hearts. Why settle for one word, one revelation, one pearl of wisdom when God offers us an endless ocean of them? This anointing will come upon individuals and even companies of people for days and even weeks at a time.

Jacob receives an open heaven revelation. He describes it as the house of God, the gateway of heaven. In this experience, the ladder did not come from heaven to earth, but from the earth to heaven.

Genesis 28:11-17 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took of the stones of that place, and put *them for* his pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I *am* the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. And, behold, I *am* with thee, and will keep thee in all *places* whither thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done *that* which I have spoken to thee of. And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew *it* not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful *is* this place! this *is* none other but the house of God, and this *is* the gate of heaven.

Revelation 4:1, 2 After this I looked, and, behold, a door *was* opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard *was* as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and I will shew thee things which must be

hereafter. And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and *one* sat on the throne.

There are those who will receive days and days of open heaven revelation. The key here is to draw near to the gate of heaven. The door standing open in heaven has never closed.

A perfect example of living and ministering out of the Glory Cloud, the open heaven of revelation, was Jesus. He tapped into the mind of God and operated in the seven Spirits of God.

Isaiah 11:1, 2 And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; Revelations 4:5 And out of the throne proceeded lightnings and thunderings and voices: and *there were* seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God.

He flowed in wisdom and knowledge.

John 1:43-51 The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me. Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. Nathanael answered and saith unto him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art the King of Israel. Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee under the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

Jesus' word of knowledge astounded Nathanael, and his faith leaped forward. Jesus Himself was an open heaven, a gate of heaven with wisdom and

revelation, the open heaven.

Jesus operated in something greater than the ability to bring a word, and He told Nathanael that he would see greater demonstrations of His power.

I asked the Lord, "Who will this cloud come on?" Then I remembered the story of Joshua and Moses and how when they would enter the tent of a meeting, the cloud would come down. It was in the glory cloud that Moses spoke to God face to face as a friend speaks to friend.

Exodus 33:8-11 And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto the tabernacle, *that* all the people rose up, and stood every man *at* his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the tabernacle. And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood *at* the door of the tabernacle, and *the LORD* talked with Moses. And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand *at* the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man *in* his tent door. And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

Numbers 12:8 With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses?

God is going to release, on the friends of God, the kind of revelation Moses received. It is time to hear plainly and not in dark sayings, and then we will see the form of the Lord. The key to receiving this kind of revelation is to remain in the tent, seek, soak, and spend time in His presence.

God's Presence is waiting to fill us!

Joel 2:17 Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where *is* their God?

Ezekiel 44:4-9 Then brought he me the way of the north gate before the house: and I looked, and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD: and I fell upon my face. And the LORD said unto me, Son of man, mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee

concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD, and all the laws thereof; and mark well the entering in of the house, with every going forth of the sanctuary. And thou shalt say to the rebellious, *even* to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations, In that ye have brought *into my sanctuary* strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, *even* my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations. And ye have not kept the charge of mine holy things: but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves. Thus saith the Lord GOD; No stranger, uncircumcised in heart, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that *is* among the children of Israel.

Those who have been faithful will be honored and established.

Ezekiel 44:15 But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord GOD: They shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge.

God will put marks of honor upon those who prove their faithfulness and steadfastness to Him in shaking, trying times, and will employ in His service those who haven't drawn back. If we keep close to God, He will keep us close to Him.

The Glory Cloud of Revelation is coming! Walk in it and be healed, delivered, and restored. Walk with the canopy of God’s presence hovering over you, and live life abundantly. Flow in the mind of Christ and live in the increasing flowing river of knowledge and revelation.

1 Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

Live in the reality of the supernatural world, in the glory cloud of prophetic revelation, which is God Himself.

We must understand the reality of the supernatural, the open heavens, and the

heavenly glory. We must reach for revelation and for that place in the spirit where signs and wonders happen. This is the anointing that God wants to release upon His people today.

Your life should be astonishing and filled with prophetic visions and encounters with the Lord! It can be so, if you live in the Glory Cloud of Revelation, which is God Himself. How do we reach for this?

This key is one of the most important tools if we are to see an increase of wisdom and revelation in our lives.

**Reading (hearing) the Word Responding to the Word with mind and heart Recollecting oneself with an open mind and open heart to God's will Resting in His Presence** Christianity is a way of life, not a hobby, or a pastime. As such, we must treat it as serious business. Reflecting on God and His way should not be taken lightly. We must modify our schedules and make the time to meditate, contemplate, and reflect on His word.

Find a quiet place, away from noise or distractions.

Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things *are* honest, whatsoever things *are* just, whatsoever things *are* pure, whatsoever things *are* lovely, whatsoever things *are* of good report; if *there be* any virtue, and if *there be* any praise, think on these things.

Contemplate God's instruction, be grateful for answered prayer. Recall the day's events, reflect on them, analyze them, apply God's law to them.

Psalms 119:59 I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

**Meditation brings wisdom and understanding.**

Psalms 119:98, 99 Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they *are* ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies *are* my meditation.

**Meditation on God's Word brings prosperity and success.**

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou

shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

**Meditation brings hope.**

Limitations 3:19-23 Remembering mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall. My soul hath *them* still in remembrance, and is humbled in me. This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope. *It is of* the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. *They are* new every morning: great *is* thy faithfulness.

**Meditation brings great blessing.**

Psalms 1:3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

Psalms 77:5-12 I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times. I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search. Will the Lord cast off for ever? and will he be favourable no more? Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth *his* promise fail for evermore? Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah. And I said, This *is* my infirmity: *but I will remember* the years of the right hand of the most High. I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old. I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings.

Choose to live an astonishing life by choosing God’s presence over everything. Read His Word, Respond to His call, Recollect and remember His wonders, and Rest in His magnificent Presence amidst the cloud, the glory of the Lord.

If you are hungry for the Glory of God, you need to read my book “Uncovering God’s Glory”

# Chapter Fifteen Prophetic Activation

The purpose of this Chapter is to get you prophesying. For some of you, it will just be a matter of you stirring up the gifting that's already within you. Others may have functioned in a level of the prophetic before and will be stretched to prophesy more than they have before. On the other hand, some of you haven't prophesied yet and will prophesy for the first time before we're done. We could call this a prophetic party. I believe that you're going to be so edified, encouraged, comforted and built up with what the Holy Spirit is going to speak to you; you're going to float into a prophetic season of your life. The Spirit of prophecy is going to come on your life. Before I activate you in the prophetic, I'm going to talk about how to test a prophetic Word, how to receive it and how to stir up the anointing in your life so that you can prophesy and speak the words of God.

God is raising up prophetic people and He's releasing prophetic oil. He doesn't want us just to get knowledge of the prophetic. So by the time we end this Chapter, you are going to be prophesying with increase. I don't limit what God can do. You may be reading a book but it's under an open Heaven where anything can happen. I'm excited about what's going to happen in your life. I'm going to lay out some guidelines here about how you're going to be released into prophetic activation. God wants you to prophesy and He also wants your prophetic gifting to go beyond just ministering in the prophetic anointing in a church setting. I believe that if we are God's prophetic people, we are prophetic in our homes, in the work place and just about anywhere we are. You can stir up the prophetic gift anywhere and use it even among unbelievers.

So take what you receive in this teaching and expect that next time you're in a public place and you make yourself available to wait on the Holy Spirit that He'll give you a word of knowledge for someone. I believe that God wants His prophetic people to be prophetic not just when they're in the anointed atmosphere of a meeting. Why don't you create a prophetic atmosphere in the restaurant? Why don't you create a prophetic atmosphere in your home? Do you ever minister to your children or others in your home with a word of knowledge or with revelation? I find that sometimes the word of knowledge will come out

of me in the most natural circumstances, I'll have a vision or receive a supernatural insight from God and deliver it out in the marketplace. God wants us to have that word right in your workplace, right when you're sitting at the lunch table. Look at the guy next to you, pray in the Spirit and say: "Tell me something about Him Lord". Then you may be led to ask something like, "Are you having a problem with your blood pressure lately? Have you got high blood pressure?" Then all of a sudden, you're ministering.

He'll likely ask, "How did you know about that?" Then you can say, "I was just listening for God's voice because I believe He wanted to talk to you. I believe He showed me you had high blood pressure. Can I pray for that?" Its time that, if you want to function in the prophetic, you're going to have to be willing to get out of the boat and onto the water and into the unknown. The anointing is the unknown, but the prophetic is the unknown as well. Jesus also liked to take the prophetic anointing outside the church. Remember the time Jesus met the Samaritan woman at the well in John 4. It was there that Jesus had a powerful word of knowledge. A word of knowledge is the prophetic; it's just a different expression of prophecy. One of my favorite ways that the Holy Spirit will use me in the prophetic is in the word of knowledge. I'll know things about people past, present, future. When Jesus ministered in that level of the prophetic anointing with the woman in John 14 He told her about events in her life. Not only did she get saved, she told the people of the city what had happened and they came out to listen to Jesus for themselves. Then there was a revival in the city because of one prophetic word.

So I want to challenge you to be prophetic people beyond just prophesying over one another today take the prophetic to the unbeliever. Take it into your home and get words of knowledge about your kids. Get words of knowledge about why they're in the bondage they're in and get the key that's going to unlock the doors in their lives that will bring positive change. You need God's spoken rhema word, not just human wisdom. I find that it's easy to get into ministry mode at church but what about getting into ministry mode in your home? Why don't you get into ministry mode in the workplace? I've given a word of knowledge to the lady at a drive through before. Let's just give the word of the Lord in some of the most natural places. The bible talks a lot about the supernatural. However, let's think about that word supernatural. The first part is the super I know you all like the super! But the second part tells us that the super is natural. I want to bring the super into the natural. God really does want to

release the prophetic through us in the most natural places and ways. We also need to be ready to prophesy at any time. In the beginning, God would move me to give somebody a word without even having the word first.

I know that many Christians have been trained to hear the voice of God by waiting until they get a thought or a picture. They believe that only then can they give the word and it will grow as they deliver it. However, I want you to know, there are times when I'll be ministering in a meeting and God will tell me He wants me to prophesy. I may say, "Lord I don't have anything for anyone." In spite of my protests, He'll say, "You see that whole row over there? Call them up and prophesy over every one of them right now in the service." I can remember other times when I've worked with fellow prophetic ministers who really challenged me. I'll tell you, it was a stretch when they said, "Alright Bill, you're going to prophesy over everybody in the building." Today I love these times! That's why I'm free now; that's why I like to activate people in the prophetic. But whether I'm in a meeting or not, I'm always seeking to walk in the prophetic. I will often sit down and say, "Lord, give me a word. Tell me something about that person."

These truly are the days that God is pouring out His prophetic Spirit on His people. This passage is quite familiar but let's consider, Acts 2:17 again: "It shall come to pass in the last days, says God, I will pour my spirit on all flesh. Your sons and daughters shall prophesy. Young men shall see visions; your old men shall dream dreams. On my men servants and on my maid servants I will pour out my Spirit in those days and they shall prophesy."

In these verses God is talking about pouring His Spirit out on every single believer because He wants all His sons and daughters to prophesy. This outpouring is not just for the prophet or the prophetic ministry. He wants us all to have visions and dreams. You may be thinking, "I don't know how to prophesy. What am I going to say?" The Father says, "I will pour out my Spirit". It's when the Holy Spirit comes upon you that the word of the Lord begins to flow. You know how easy it is to prophesy?

It's just a matter of opening your mouth by faith and He will fill it. You can be confident that you can prophesy because the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you. God talks to you all the time you just have to be able to hear God. Maybe you just don't have your spiritual ears tuned to His voice. However, if you are listening, it's impossible not to hear God because the

Spirit has been poured out on you, according to His promise. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives inside of you and it's the presence of the Holy Spirit that comes and releases the prophetic word. "I will pour out my Spirit and you shall prophesy." When the Holy Spirit is poured out, the first thing that happens isn't tongues, its prophecy. We can find examples of this in 1 Samuel 10:6 and 19:20… with accounts of Samuel and the prophets (people in the office of the prophet) who were prophesying. They were prophesying over the nation of Israel and one another it was a prophetic conference.

In most cases in the Old Testament, you can see the diversity of gifts far more distinctly than you can see them in the body of Christ today. You knew Saul was king that was it. David was king. Prophets were prophets. Aaron was priest. Moses was a prophet. Solomon was a king. In one scriptural account, the people of Israel are completely amazed when the king (Saul) prophesies. At the direction of the prophet Samuel, God sends King Saul to stand where these prophets are prophesying. When Saul comes under the same prophetic mantle, the Spirit of God came on him and he prophesied. He was king so he had never prophesied before. (Maybe that's like you, you've never prophesied before.) But the Holy Ghost came on Saul and he didn't just give a little prophetic word, he prophesied all day and all night. There was such accuracy to that prophetic word that the rest of the people asked, "Is Saul also among the prophets?" Do you know why you're going to prophesy? Because the same Spirit that fell on Saul and was poured out at Pentecost has now been poured out on all God's sons and daughters, according to scripture.

The Holy Spirit is going to enable you to have the word of the Lord when you minister over others. The Holy Spirit is with you at home, at work and in the restaurant in the most natural, common places. You look at that passage in 1 Samuel 19 it talks about common folks coming under the anointing of Samuel and the prophets. They weren't prophets or even recognized leaders in the church they were just messengers of Saul. Yet the Spirit of the Lord came on them and they prophesied. In the same way, I'm believe that you're going to come under a prophetic anointing, the mantle of prophesy, so you are able to prophesy words of edification, comfort and exhortation over one another. Now does God want you to minister in the prophetic? Is there even a place in the bible where you can just prophesy over others at will? How can you turn prophesy on and off? I believe that Jesus said, "My sheep hear my voice." And I'll tell you something--all you have to do is be in a place of listening. Remember, God is

our Abba, Father in heaven.

It would be unthinkable for me to go into my Father's living room, sit with him for four hours and never have him say anything to me. That just wouldn't happen. Perhaps some of you had a real dysfunctional home where that kind of thing would happen. So why is it that some Christians believe God only talks once in a while when it's really important? Can you imagine having a Dad like that in the natural one who only ever said anything to you when He needed to bring correction, direction or discipline? I mean the Father wants to talk to you all the time, not just once a year at a prophetic conference. God wants to speak to you in just about every situation, every moment of your life you've just got to learn to position yourself to hear what God's saying. Learn how to stir up the prophetic and learn how to be available to His Spirit. So there is a place for prophetic activation and practice within proper guidelines.

In 1 Corinthians 14, Paul brings correction and presents some guidelines to the Corinthians who were beginning to grow prideful about the visions and revelations they were receiving from God. It seems that they were somehow competing with one another to see who had the most powerful prophetic word. So because of visions or angelic visitations, some of these people began to think too highly of themselves. Then Paul says to them, "What do you mean you're not God's man of the hour. You can all prophesy one by one that you all may learn." I can call anybody up, and if they're willing to step into the unknown, lay down their dignity and be available, they'll hear from God. Likewise, if you, my reader, will take the time to hear God, fulfill His requirements to live a prophetic lifestyle and stir up the prophetic, you will grow very quickly in this gift. Scripture is clear that we can all prophesy one by one. And you know why? There is a place for activating and stirring up the prophetic. When we practice ministering in the prophetic, this is the level that we start at: "… you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn"

You're not going to become a prophet after this activation. However, you're going to learn to prophesy so that you may learn and that you might be encouraged in the fact that you hear God and you don't just hear God once a year. I'll tell you, if I was to stand up and talk about how many times God talks to me on a daily basis, you would lock me out of the church. Because you would be like, "What do you mean 'God said, God said, God said.'" I run into people all the time who ask, "God said?" To them, God is quiet and only talks when He

is angry. “He only talks when He wants to reveal your sin,” they say. “God doesn’t just want to speak to you in intimacy. Forget about it don’t even expect to hear from God.”

Well, I believe that God is far more personal than that. I expect that, every day when I wake up out of my bed, I’m going to hear a word from the Lord. You know, those words won’t always be about direction and the future. As you minister in activation, forget about stuff that involves direction and future.

Let’s just keep the guidelines of the prophetic ministry to comfort, edification, exhortation and confirmation (1 Cor. 14:3). Stay away from dates and telling people about the one that they’re going to marry. Stay in the place of prophesying one by one that you may learn. When you speak God’s mind and heart, you are prophesying. Really, it’s so easy to hear God’s voice. Scripture tells you, in 1 Corinthians 2, that the Spirit that lives inside of you searches out the deep things of God. This passage shows you why you can expect to hear God for others and why you can expect to hear God any time you position yourself in prophetic ministry mode. Here we read about why God wants to speak and why He wants to speak to you, not just the prophet and not just the church leadership. God wants you to be a prophetic person. Let’s look at a passage from 1 Corinthians: However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for God’s glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory. But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those that love Him.” God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, and the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in Him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.” (1 Cor. 2:11) The Holy Spirit knows right now everything that is in the heart of the Father about every person reading this. He knows right now every deep thought that God has for each and every person in this room. He knows what you need to hear. The Spirit of God is searching out the deep things of God; He’s searching out the heart; He’s searching out the secrets of the Father. And He has these special thoughts for every individual that the Father has created. Verse 12 of this same chapter says, “Now we have received, not the Spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we

might know the things that have been freely given to us by God."

The Holy Spirit dwells inside of you, full of revelation. And the Holy Spirit dwells inside of you so that you are able to tap into the deep things of the Father for, not only your own lives, but for you, for me, for us as individuals. And you know why you can prophesy because you're going to be relying on that well of the Holy Ghost that's inside of you to reveal to you something about somebody you're going to have an opportunity to minister to. You know David says, "How innumerable are the thoughts of God towards us." Yes, He has an innumerable amount of thoughts toward you. So if I want to prophesy over someone, all I have to do is say, "Holy Spirit, give me revelation right now; allow me to tune into just one thought". I'll tell you, you've ministered in the prophetic even when you speak to somebody one thought; when God gives you one mental picture and you don't even have an interpretation and you just speak that picture, you've prophesied. Through the Holy Ghost, you've just tuned into the deep things of God and got one of those innumerable thoughts. That's all I'm going to ask you to do.

I'm not going to ask you to tap into the multitude of the innumerable thoughts of God and prophesy for one hour over one individual. We're just going to say, "Holy Spirit thanks that You know the deep things of God. You know the things of the Father. I want you to give me just one thought, one word, for that person. As you make yourself available, expect that you can prophesy. The prophetic anointing is for you. We're speaking about bubbling forth out of your spirit, past or present or future. Now I want to talk here for a minute about how to recognize God's voice. How do you know when God has spoken? How does He communicate with us? In the book of Hebrews, it talks about God speaking to the prophets in various ways. God could also communicate to you the prophecy that He wants to give in a vision or in a dream. I've been caught up into the third heaven; I've had angelic visitations. I've had open-eyed visions, closed eye visions. The Holy Spirit has come and spoken to me right out of the word of God a scripture jumped off of the page. I've been spoken to through some of the most natural donkeys of the world, including television. Prophetic ministries have spoken God's words to me. Nobody taught me this but these are some of the ways God speaks to me.

So how do I get a word of knowledge? How do I know whose getting healed? Now I'll tell you something you're stepping out on the water to say

something like that. Not only was there a lady who was deaf, but she could hear nothing in either ear without hearing aids. By the end of the night, she testified, God had healed her deaf ears. I just had that one God thought; I saw one deaf person. But what if I never spoke that word because I was afraid that it wasn't going to be God? That's one of the hurdles that you're got to get over in the prophetic the possibility that you can miss God. It's all right when you're two years old not to be walking as well as you will when you're 10. It's all right to talk babble sometimes it's all right to not understand all the great mysteries of the prophetic and it's OK if you're not trained by the best. It's all right because "you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn" (1 Cor. 14:31).

There has to be room for you to be able to learn and make a mistake. There has to be an atmosphere in which you can test all things, where you can speak and operate in the prophetic. Then you will be encouraged when that person says, "You heard God for me". The next time you prophesy, you will feel a little more confident. That's why I want to activate you in the prophetic to build a confidence in you that not only can you prophesy, but that when you do and the person receiving the word confirms it for you, your confidence level will begin to grow. You've got to begin to have that release. I came to a place, not just in the prophetic, but in the anointing, where it's okay if I missed it. It's okay if I say what I think I'm seeing and nobody responds. So let's just talk about some of the ways that God speaks. You know God will speak to you where you are. He'll speak in various ways, different for every person. One of the first ways that God will speak is in smells. God spoke to me when I was first saved about a spirit of death that was on somebody.

I was sitting in a trailer with a guy who we had won to Christ. He had been an alcoholic bum in the town, and we had got him all cleaned up. When he sat in that trailer with me and my friend, one of the things the Holy Spirit said to me (I was only a couple of months old in the Lord) was that there was a spirit of death on this guy. You know how he spoke to me? I smelt this raunchy, swampy, mud like, rancid odor. Next, I had a vision of his face becoming a scull and then a face again. Through those experiences, I felt the Holy Spirit say this guy was going to die. He died within a week. That was one of the first experiences I had with the reality of God talking to me. I was just saved from drug addiction, prison, the occult and the ungodly lifestyle that I had before I knew Jesus. A couple months later God was talking to me in my former drug dealer's trailer, and homeless. It was incredible. Today, God speaks to me in aromas all the time.

I've also experienced those fragrances at times when I've been in my room alone. God will come with the smell of vanilla, roses, cinnamon and burning incense. He'll sometimes even give me a revelation of the direction and the change of the flow of the meeting by allowing me one whiff of His fragrance.

That's how God will get my attention and I'll just know we're changing gears. Another way that God speaks is in body impressions. I get a lot of these things especially when I'm ministering in the word of knowledge. In fact, I felt these kinds of words for a couple of people so I kept just getting this impression of pain in my side. Then I saw somebody going, "ah" and respond in pain. I just knew this was something that God wanted to touch. Sometimes when I get impressions, I'll feel a pain in my chest going right down my side or I'll have a ringing in my ears or a feeling in my eyes. Then I'll just know that the Holy Spirit is going to heal somebody's heart or vision or hearing. God will also speak through mental pictures. I'll be preaching in a meeting when suddenly I'll start to see pictures of miracles right in the middle of my sermon then I'll just stop and switch gears and let the healing anointing fall. You know, some of you have heard God and just didn't realize it was God.

God will often also speak through the small voice. The small voice is usually a thought that interrupts your thought pattern. If I'm preaching and concentrating on what I'm saying and suddenly I start thinking of a guy with cancer at McDonald's then I'll know God's trying to get my attention. In response, I may say something like, "I heard God whispering to me about somebody with cancer in the meeting. Maybe you work at McDonald's." So, how do you know that you've heard the still small voice of God? If all of a sudden a thought pops into your mind that is totally out of the context with what you happen to be thinking and speaking about at that moment, it's God. You may be talking, thinking or daydreaming about something when an idea comes to you absolutely out of nowhere. Sometimes I'll be sitting in a service when someone else is ministering, listening intently to the word when, all of a sudden, I'll start thinking about somebody coming out of a wheelchair.

I may even start to feel guilty about thinking this way "God, what am I doing thinking about glory falling, bodies on the floor and lining everybody up in the building and then going under the anointing while this guy is talking about teaching anointing?" I've learned to be able to discern the still voice of God because usually, when it comes, it doesn't relate to anything I'm thinking or

doing at that moment it just seems like one of those abstract thoughts. God also speaks through visions. Now you can have an open eyed vision, which means you have an outward vision, or you can have visions where you're not sure whether it's outward or inward. And really it doesn't matter because the message is the same. You know some people measure and categorize their prophetic word and they want to know the details of how you got what you got. Why don't we just give what we got and not even be concerned too much about how we got it. One of the most practical things about the prophetic is this: after you get the revelation you need to have the interpretation (what's God saying with the revelation) and then you need to deliver it correctly. You can have the revelation and interpretation and blow it on the delivery.

You can have the revelation and delivery and blow it on your interpretation (which involves correct timing). Let me tell you something. If God takes me into heaven tonight—which He sometimes does in meetings—its not necessary for me to yell out, "I'm in heaven right now and I'm seeing an angel pouring out healing anointing and its coming down like golden honey." All I have to do is say, "Healing anointing is coming down." I don't have to spiritualize it, dramatize what I'm getting and spook people. I don't have to tell you how I got what I got—I just have to give you what I got. So many people constantly wonder: "Was it an open vision? Were your eyes open or were your eyes closed? Were you sleeping or were you awake? What do you mean you had a trance?"

Don't worry about it! I tell you what a trance is like you know that place when you're in the dream state world and then you have a dream and you wake up and you know you just drifted off for that second? Well, I'll be standing or sitting up, then go into that state and come out without going to sleep with my eyes are still open. When God gives me a trance, it's like going into that dream-like state while you're still awake. But when I have a trance experience, it's not necessary for me to talk about the details. God may put me into a trance and show me details of somebody that was sexually abused and has 18 years of depression. Then I see her walking out of her prison. I had this type of trance a couple of months ago; God even showed me who that person was and told me when the breakthrough was going to happen. In the trance, I was trying to cast the devil out of her. With her head down to the ground with depression on her, she looked up at me and described to me her problem. Then she put her head back down and I came out of the trance. When I went to the meeting, she was there. I ministered to her, cast out the demon and she got healed. But I didn't

have to tell her that I had her visit me in a trance. I just said, “God’s going to set you free of that depression” and then I minister the way that God showed me to. We’ve also got to learn about how to deliver what God gives to us.

If God gives me a word about how he’s going to heal you and pour His love into you, I won’t come and deliver that word by screaming over you with a hard tone in my voice. There are times I get so carried away by the excitement of the word that I forget to be sensitive. God wants us to have an appropriate delivery for the words He gives us. The spirit in which we give the word is important. Today, I’m just giving you machine gun prophetic insights shooting out little nuggets about a bunch of stuff. Another way God speaks to me is through mental pictures. For instance, He may give me a picture of somebody healed of asthma. It could be a picture, a memory, of somebody who got healed in a meeting I was in he came off his breathing machine and ran around the church building. So God shows me a picture reminding me of that past incident and I’ll know that somebody in the meeting has asthma. I don’t always have the understanding of the picture either. So sometimes I just give the revelation and let the person interpret it. Another way God speaks to us is through the audible voice it’s as if someone was talking to you and you heard it with your natural ears.

I’ve experienced the inner audible voice of God that sounds just like someone was talking to me out loud. I’ve also heard the audible voice of God.

You know, God can come on you and do to you what He did to the donkey He’ll cause you to prophesy and you won’t be able to help but speak. That’s called inspired utterance.

Another way that God speaks is through flashbacks. I call them Holy Ghost flashbacks. What He’ll do, as I mentioned a little earlier, I’ll remember an incident, a word, a devil I cast out or something that happened in a meeting. A lot of times the Holy Spirit will bring a past situation to your remembrance in the midst of you ministering to somebody because He wants you to minister in the same way this time. Now let me talk a little about stirring up the prophetic. Here are a few keys to develop a prophetic lifestyle. The first thing about the prophetic is this: if you want to hear God’s voice, you’ve got to have water in the well.

The water is the word or God. If you don’t have a base of the word of God in your life, you don’t have anything to draw on. You may want the spoken word of

the Lord but you haven't even read your bible for a week. It doesn't happen that way too often. Everybody wants the "woosh" of the prophetic. But whatever happened to meditating on God's word day and night; whatever happened to digging nuggets of truth out of the bible; whatever happened to seeking God's face with the bible, the concordance, the Greek/Hebrew books and the cross reference tools? Yes, many Christians have an empty well but they want to prophesy. You need to have something for God to blow on to make it alive. When you're full of the word of the Lord, then you have something to bubble out of your spirit. Another way to stir up the prophetic is through tongues. Tongues and the prophetic are so closely linked. In fact, lets look at 1 Corinthians 14: "Let him who prays in an unknown tongue, pray that He might interpret." Now you may think about that verse in the context of messages of tongues and interpretation in the congregation. But I believe that scripture can also be speaking of pray that you can interpret your own message in tongues.

Why can't I pray in tongues over someone right now and then get the interpretation over them too. If you watch me, I'm in listening mode when I'm in a meeting. I'm expecting to hear—I'm making myself available. I may be walking or someone could be leading worship when God keeps drawing my attention to somebody. Then I'll know God wants to speak to that person. Sometimes I'll pick out 10 people that I know I'm going to have a word for but I won't have anything yet I'll just see the Spirit on them during the worship. And I'll know when I call them out the word is going to be there. But I make myself available and I expect to hear. That's what you're going to be released into today.

We also need to know what we do when somebody gives us a personal prophecy. First, you test the word. As scripture says, we must test all things and hold fast to what's good. Even though God wants prophetic people to have character, I'm still open to hear if God wants to talk to me through a donkey.

I'm still open to hear when God wants to speak to me through somebody that's living the life of a donkey. The word of the Lord can be there for me, often even in imperfect situations. But God wants us to test all prophetic words. Whenever you receive a prophetic word, make sure it lines up with scripture. When you receive a prophetic word, make sure you also judge it with God's character. We need to ask, "Does it line up with God's ways? Does it have the spirit of who God is and what God would do?" If that word doesn't line up with the ways and the character of God then you shouldn't receive it. One more thing

that you want to do when God gives you a prophetic word: take the word you get and bring it to somebody that you trust as a leader in your life. If you're in a conference like this and you have a word to give, don't just take somebody and run into the parking lot and give it. Why don't you just grab two or three other people and then ask permission of the person, "I feel like I have a word. Is it alright if I prophesy over you?" Try to have somebody present who can witness and hear that word even if it's just to protect you. Try not to judge the person's character. Even if the word seems totally strange to your mind, take note of whether it witnesses with your spirit or not.

Weighing a word in your spirit is importance because sometimes God will speak about something to come. People sometimes want prophetic words to line up with everything in their circumstance well; they won't always, because the Holy Spirit still reveals things that are yet to come. However, your spirit is the measuring stick you'll have a peace inside if the word is from God. If somebody gives me a word and I don't have a peace after it's given, I throw it out right away. I don't even test it. If I feel defilement and a check in my spirit, it's out the window. Even though my flesh and my mind may not be sure, usually my spirit will know if it's true or not. So make sure you measure prophetic words against God's word, His ways, views of leaders and witnesses as well as your inner sense of peace or lack thereof.

Now it's time to activate the prophetic in your life. Find someone to prophesy over, believing God to give you something for that person. Step out in faith.

If you don't get anything right away then lay hands on them and pray because God can even give you prophetic prayer. I want everybody to make that prophetic stretch and reach down into their well. Believe for one thought or one scripture. Ask the Holy Spirit for a passage of scripture or a vision. Stir up the prophetic pray in the Spirit. Now let's pray together: Father, let the Spirit of prophesy come down on me. Father, let the prophetic oil be poured out so that I can prophesy that I can learn. Come Holy Spirit. Father release words of edification, comfort and exhortation give me scripture, visions and mental pictures. Father come and speak to me in all the different ways that you speak. The bible says to desire prophecy. God, You wouldn't want me to desire something You didn't want to give me. You want me to desire to prophesy because You want me to prophesy. So here I go Lord its time to prophesy!

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