

Purpose of the Prophetic

Review: Every Christian is Specifically Created for Prepared Good Works.

Gifted – Calling, Resources, Abilities
must learn/pursue your unique calling/gifts

(1Co 14:1) Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophecy.

Why especially prophecy?

(1Co 14:3) But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.

Purpose (contrast OT – more examples, nations/political leaders)

(Ac 9:15-18) ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for he is a chosen vessel of Mine to bear My name before Gentiles, kings, and the children of Israel. ¹⁶“For I will show him how many things he must suffer for My name's sake.” ¹⁷And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

We are not just voices (words), we are ambassadors (heart).

Ananias moved Paul toward his calling.

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(1Co 14:24-25) ²⁴But if all prophecy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. ²⁵And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.

Secrets of Heart isn't correction (2 Tim 3:16-17 ~ part of equipping for good works)

1. our issues aren't secret to us 2. focus doesn't tend to provoke worship

greek: hidden things brought to light/shine to be examined/investigated

Secrets of Heart = Hidden Treasure (don't necessarily realize its there)

ex: 1st time I heard God

ex: 1st prophetic word (Claire Huck 1985) ~ impartation (“desire of your heart”)

His desire is to call us to our design/purpose and empower us

ex: visiting prophet

1 Sam 9 – God tells Samuel that Saul is Israel’s king

(1Sa 9:19-21) ¹⁹Samuel answered Saul and said, “I am the seer. Go up before me to the high place, for you shall eat with me today; and tomorrow I will let you go and will tell you all that is in your heart. ²⁰“But as for your donkeys that were lost three days ago, do not be anxious about them, for they have been found. And on whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not on you and on all your father's house?” ²¹And Saul answered and said, “Am I not a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel, and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then do you speak like this to me?”

1 Sam 10 – Samuel anoints Saul king

(1Sa 10:5-6) ⁵“After that you shall come to the hill of God where the Philistine garrison is. And it will happen, when you have come there to the city, that you will meet a group of prophets coming down from the high place with a stringed instrument, a tambourine, a flute, and a harp before them; and they will be prophesying. ⁶“Then the Spirit of the LORD will come upon you, and you will prophesy with them and be turned into another man.

He was turned into the man hidden in his heart (king), buried under his insignificance

Purpose of Prophecy is to call out hidden treasure in people’s hearts;
who they really are. (provokes worship)

Especially desire Prophecy because it most expresses God’s desire/heart for people.