

John Dockendorf – Hearing From God – 3. PROPHETIC GUIDELINES - MOH 200208

Discussion: What insights came out of the one-on-one exercise of hearing from God?

Position: The Spirit is our personal trainer and leads us to become more like Christ. "But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" (John 14:26).

What is prophecy: Hearing from God & speaking to **strengthen, encourage and comfort.**
1 Corinthians 14:3 (NIV) But everyone who prophesies speaks to men for their strengthening, encouragement and comfort.

Prophecy myths and fallacies include:

1. **We don't need Spiritual Gifts; Fruit of the Spirit is what's really needed.** Spiritual Gifts is often translated from Charismata, better rendered as "**spiritual enablements**" or "**spiritual empowerments**", to operate in the revelation & power of God.
2. **We need to seek the Giver, not the Gifts.** To reject the gifts is to reject aspects of the Giver.
3. **Seeking Spiritual Gifts is selfish.** Spiritual empowerments are given to minister to others. Serving others is not selfish, it is the essence of ministry.
4. **Asking for Spiritual Gifts opens us to demonic deception.** This is in direct contradiction to the teachings in the Gospels. Luke 11:5-13
5. **Only a few special people are called to Prophecy.** Not according to the Apostle Paul. 1 Corinthians 14:31

Keys to hearing God include:

- **Dwell in His Presence** – Spend consistent time in worship & Scripture meditation.
- **Focus on God's Purposes** – Become a servant of the Lord. Amos 3:7
- **Ask God Continually** – Ask & receive prophetic revelation for what is on the heart of God, to minister to others. Luke 12:32
- **Grow in Love towards others** – True discernment is a byproduct of being grounded & rooted in Godly love. Philippians 1:9
- **Do a "body check"** – What impressions is God giving in my spirit, soul & body?
- **Become a lover of God's written Word** – The Bible is our more sure word of prophecy...

Word: 151231 A word delayed is a word magnified. Do not fret over that which has been delayed in coming to pass. Brace yourself... Strengthen yourself... for the magnified Glory I am bringing to you and your community.

Questions to ask God:

- Lord, how would You like to speak to me today?
- Lord, how do I access the resources of Your inheritance?
- Lord, reveal your power & presence towards me for others...

Action Step: Partner with one other man to **practice hearing from God**. (2x10=20 minutes)

Step 1: Pray in the Spirit: Invite **Holy Spirit to reveal** what is on **God's heart** for your partner and how to share it.

Step 2: Share what Holy Spirit reveals: After listening carefully to Holy spirit, tell your partner the **word/image/impression** received, and if able, the **interpretation**.

Step 3: Application: Give time for your partner to share what they believe the Holy Spirit is revealing in how to apply what you have shared.

1. **Word/Image:** _____

2. **Interpretation:** _____

3. **Application:** _____

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Book Reference: **You May All Prophecy** - Steve Thompson 2010 www.stevethompson.org