



Prophetic Etiquette

Is God in control of everything?

- ▶ He is in charge, but he's not in control.
- ▶ Psalm 115:16 The highest heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth he has given to mankind.
- ▶ The earthly realm is under the dominion and control of humankind.
- ▶ Therefore, we must operate responsibly in the supernatural realm

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- ▶ What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? When you come together, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done so that the church may be built up.
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 14:26

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Order in the church and Prophecy

- ▶ 1 Corinthians 14:40 But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way.
- ▶ A graveyard is in order because it is dead; there is no life there.
- ▶ A kindergarten is messy because there is life
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 14:32 says the spirits of the prophets is subject to the prophets.
- ▶ This means that no one can say the Holy Spirit made him act in a disruptive way. The Holy Spirit subjects himself to us.

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When not to deliver a public prophetic word

1. When we are angry or have a strong negative emotion or feeling towards the person or the people for whom we have a prophetic word
2. When we use prophecy as a platform to validate our doctrines or belief systems.
3. When it interrupts something, God is doing.

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Processing Prophecy in a worship service

1. If during a worship service you feel you have a prophetic word then report it to the host of the service
2. It is their responsibility to evaluate the word and decide if
 1. It should be given immediately
 2. It should wait until later
 3. If it should not be given during this service
3. If the prophetic word is approved for release the host will tell you when to give the word
4. Trust the leadership and the process and be blessed.

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Prophetic activation

1. Ask God to give you a word for our church that would be given in a public service
2. Write down the details



Prophetic activation

1. Break up into your groups
2. Facilitators will review the word
3. Student reads the prophetic word to the group

Testimony

- How did the Public Prophecy activation go?
- Listen to some examples

We have to judge all prophecies

1 Thessalonians 5:19 – 21 do not quench the Spirit do not despise prophetic utterances but examine everything carefully holdfast so to that which is good

1 Corinthians 14:29 Let two or three prophets speak that the others pass judgments

Everyone who prophesies needs their prophecies to be judged, even those who occupy the office of prophet or prophetess

Judging Prophetic words

1. Is the prophecy biblical?
2. Is it compliant with extra-biblical best practices? There are certain practices that we've learned over the years that we know are in the heart of Holy Spirit
3. Does it bear witness with your spirit?
4. Does it bring the person receiving the word closer to God and his people?
5. Are the leadership in agreement with the prophetic word
6. Does it build up, encourage, or comfort the person receiving the word

Prophets can make mistakes without being false prophets

- ▶ Agabus prophesied in Acts 21:10 – 11 “He took Paul’s belt and bound his own feet and hands and said this is what the Holy Spirit says in this way the Jews of Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles
- ▶ That’s not exactly what happened
- ▶ The interpretation may not be correct

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Prophetic Integrity

- ▶ Nathan admitted he was wrong
- ▶ Samuel admitted he was wrong
- ▶ We must admit when we are wrong

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Prophetic Character

1. Love is the priority
2. Humility
3. Servant of all
4. Don’t put yourself in a compromising position
5. Keep your promises
6. Be honest
7. Don’t draw your self-worth/identity from your gift
8. Commit yourself to get your heart healed

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Conditional Prophetic Words

God will often give conditional prophetic words

- ▶ Jonah 3:4 “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned if you do not change.”
- ▶ Nineveh repented so the prophetic word was not fulfilled

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How to respond to prophetic words

1. Judge the prophetic word,
 - ▶ Does it strengthen encourage and comfort: Receive it
 - ▶ Negative: Reject it. In fact, tell the person to stop prophesying and that you do not receive it.
2. Act on the prophetic word.
 - ▶ God seldom does things by himself. He often requires us to be involved with him.
3. Don’t assume you know exactly what it means or bend it to mean what you want.
 - ▶ Pray into it, does it spark application in your heart

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Don't be afraid not to accept every prophetic word

- ▶ Not all words we receive are from the Lord, or they've been colored so severely that they no longer reflect what the Lord was saying.
- ▶ When someone gives us a poor prophetic word, we should give them feedback
- ▶ Be skeptical of parking lot prophetic words
- ▶ Words of knowledge can be misinterpreted as prophecy

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Prophetic activation

1. Go to your breakout rooms
2. Ask the Lord for what is His heart for each student as they leave this teaching
3. Let one receive and let all the others prophecy
4. Shift to the next student and repeat the process
5. When completed, the Prophetic coach will provide feedback on the prophecies given and give any prophecies they have received

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Testimony

- ▶ How did the God's heart prophecy go?

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Homework

- ▶ Prophetic intercession
 - ▶ Prophetic intercession is prophesying as we pray.
 - ▶ The Lord will give you insight into people's lives
 - ▶ This enables you to pray more accurately
- ▶ Common Object Prophecy
 - ▶ There is a game Sue, and I have played called Common Object Prophecy.
 - ▶ We put several things in a bag and then draw out one and ask the Lord what he would say to us using the common object as a starting point.
 - ▶ It is quite stretching and fun

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