



# PROPHETIC MINISTRY AND EQUIPPING

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## Prophecy Is an Invitation into Intimacy

1Corinthians 14:1 NKJV

"Pursue love, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but especially that you may prophesy."

Ephesians 4:11-16 NKJV

<sup>11</sup>And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup>for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup>till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

<sup>14</sup>that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <sup>15</sup>but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—<sup>16</sup>from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Equipping - *katartismos* - Greek translation  
Complete furnishing - perfecting.

Work - *ergon* - Greek translation

1. Business, employment, that which any one is occupied, that which one undertakes to do, enterprise, undertaking.
2. Any product whatever, any thing accomplished by hand, art, industry, or mind.
3. An act, deed, thing done.

Edifying - *oikodome* - Greek translation

Architecture - a structure, confirmation, building.

*An architect is someone who can see something before its being built. They can draw a picture of it before we see it manifest. To edify is to build. Prophets are spiritual architects.*

Note: *The (equipping/"5fold" ministry) gifts Jesus gave to the church are to equip the saints (all believers) to be the ministers (to serve others). We are all ministers!*

## What Are The Differences Concerning Prophetic Ministry and Equipping?

1. Equipping prophets.
2. Equipping believers in the area of prophetic gifts/ministry.
3. Not everyone is a prophet but everyone can hear from God.
4. Prophets carry equipment to build the body by teaching them how to hear for themselves and for others.
5. They carry an anointing in the area of revelation to impart to believers.  
5.1. "**Revelation**" is something illuminated or revealed that was hidden.

## When God Sends a Prophet How do We Receive from Them and What do We Receive?

### Matthew 10:40-41 NKJV

"He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's **reward.**"

1. We receive by honouring the gift God has sent by having an open heart.
2. We receive an impartation by faith in God.
3. The impartation received will help us to hear, see and discern.

## Why do People turn to Prophets/Prophecy in a Crisis?

1. If we **aren't** established in our identity or in the character of God we will look for a prophecy in a crisis.
2. We will need someone else to tell us what God is saying.
3. We will believe the lie that we **aren't** spiritual enough or good enough to hear what God is saying.  
**It's** important to ask others to pray for/with us because in a crisis **it's** not always easy to hear but **don't** expect others to give you direction.
4. If we **don't** change our thinking other voices will speak louder in a battle - disappointment, hurt, previous mistakes.
5. If we **don't** spend time renewing our mind by the word of God.
  - 5.1. Romans 12:2  
"And do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you will prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of **God.**"

## Why is Equipping Necessary?

1. Equipping adjusts, strengthens, directs.
2. Prophetic words point us to our identity in Christ and equipping establishes us in our identity.
3. Prophecy is not all about pointing out sin and negativity but to build the body by edifying, exhorting and comforting.
4. Prophecy blesses and prophetic equipping builds.
5. A prophecy will encourage but equipping is necessary to know what do with the word.
6. Prophecy is not the answer but **it's** help on the way.
7. Equipping strengthens the inner man and prophecy helps to build muscle on the outside.
  - 7.1. Ephesians 3:14-19 NKJV  
"For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of **God.**"
8. Equipping gives us tools to help us to discern.
9. Discern means to find out, to recognise, to distinguish.

## What Does Prophecy Do?

### Psalm 29:3-9 NKJV

<sup>3</sup>The voice of the LORD is over the waters; The God of glory thunders; The LORD is over many waters. <sup>4</sup>The voice of the LORD is powerful; The voice of the LORD is full of majesty. <sup>5</sup>The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars, Yes, the LORD splinters the cedars of Lebanon. <sup>6</sup>He makes them also skip like a calf, Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox. <sup>7</sup>The voice of the LORD divides the flames of fire. The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; <sup>8</sup>The LORD shakes the Wilderness of Kadesh. <sup>9</sup>The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth, And strips the forests bare; And in His temple everyone says, "Glory!"

1. Prophecy invites us into intimacy with the Father.
2. Creates faith and expectation
3. Helps us to be Spirit led people.
4. Gives us wisdom and insight.
5. Helps us to dream.

#### 5.1. 1Corinthians 2:9-10 NKJV

"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 WHO LOVE HIM." But God has revealed *them* to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God."

## What To Do With Your Prophetic Promises?

1. Pray them.
2. Be thankful with them.
3. Declare them.
4. War with them. Warfare is not only for the intercessors.

## Encouragement from Cathi Mole:

*"Your breakthrough is on the other side of pressing through."*

### Ezekiel 37:11-14 NKJV

<sup>11</sup>Then He said to me, "**Son** of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy and say to them, '**Thus** says the Lord God: "**Behold**, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. <sup>14</sup>I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken it and performed **it,**" says the **Lord.'**"

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## Discussion Questions

1. When you are waiting on God to hear something do you expect Him to point out your faults before speaking to encourage you?
2. How would you see prophecy being used in warfare?
3. Do you regularly receive words of encouragement for others or do you always see the problems and negative things about others?