

Prophetic Words to plant in the Heart

Allow me to tell you about prophecy and prophesying, specifically in First Corinthians 14:3, where the Apostle Paul said, “But He that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification, and exhortation, and comfort.” Once you understand what Paul was talking about in this verse, you will be able to tell the difference between the kind of Prophesying that is spoken over entire congregations and the Church as a whole.

When I first began to prophecy to our congregation, I would notice that there was a shift in the Spirit. A distinct peace would come inside of me and things would start flowing in a different way. At first, I thought I was just teaching really well. I didn’t know I was prophesying because no “Thus the Lord...” accompanied the prophecy.

In this shift of the Spirit, the mind of Christ would drop out of heaven onto me. Then God would speak out of the mind of Christ to the Church for that moment, addressing what the people were going through and telling them what they needed to know both for the present and for the future. All the answers and all the instructions given during these times were based on God’s Word.

In Romans 12:6, Apostle Paul had something else to say about this type of prophecy: **“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith.”**

In first Corinthians 14:3, Paul said that all prophecy is given for edification, exhortation, and comfort. But in order for someone to exhort, there has to be a foundation from which to exhort. This is where the Word comes in, and this is why Paul said in this verse that a person will prophesy according to the proportion of faith given to him. In other words, this type of prophesying is a form of exhortation based on God’s Word that the individual who is prophesying is walking in. A person prophesies in proportion to the faith given to him. Since we know that faith comes only by hearing and hearing by the Word of God (Romans 10:17), all true prophesying must therefore be from the foundation of His Word.

The difference between the teaching gift that is working in me and the simple gift of prophecy for exhortation that God has given to me is this: The teaching gift is activated when the anointing brings to the forefront a revelation from God’s Word that is stored in my spirit. The anointing will then use my mind as a teaching tool to transfer the revelation from my understanding to yours.

But when the anointing shifts to prophesying—the kind that is in proportion to the faith given unto us, the true spirit of prophecy unto edification, exhortation, and comfort—I suddenly feel a shift as the mind of Christ drops into my spirit and I begin to prophesy out of the mind of Christ for that moment.

Paul said I would prophesy in proportion to the faith given to me. That means Jesus will take everything I know and every revelation that has ever been given to me, and He will use it to edify the Body of Christ. He pulls up from my spirit the parts of revelation that He needs at a given moment in order to speak to the present moment or to the future. He may want to address present problems that I know nothing about within the church or a body of believers by exhorting, edifying, and comforting the listeners. Or He may give forth prophetic words as answers to future problems even before they happen.

You will shorten the duration of the testings and trials, for the enemy will measure them out according to your strength and he will come after you with many persecutions, afflictions and cares. But when you exalt Me in the place I hold in the Father and in your life, you are choosing the terms and the grounds on which you will fight the enemy. You are choosing the time spans. For there is no one who has glorified Me in the midst of impossibility that did not shorten their stay in the place they were in. You can take the long or the short route, but I would say to you: Step aside and get to know ME. You will be wonderfully, perfectly blessed if you remain IN ME.

Your fellowship with God is the most important thing in life, and I ask that you would, please, pray over these words as you read them and fellowship with Him. It is in that fellowship and place of peace where you will get understanding concerning what He is saying, and how each message applies to your life.