

Prophecy Gift

“Prophecy” – The scalpel gift

Romans 12:6b “So if God has given you the grace-gift of prophecy, *you must activate* your gift by using the proportion of faith you have to prophesy.”

Core Question: What is hidden that needs to come to light?



Perceiver (see) & Pronouncer (say)

- Sharp – Cuts – Confronts – Exposes
 - Says what they see, has a hard time hiding it.
 - Voice for God
 - Driven to cut away non-essentials; consumed with zeal for God's house
1. **Expression of Jesus:**
 - a. Christ brought revelation & clarity on the heart and mind of the Father
 - i. **John 14:9**
 - b. He identified and exposed hidden motives of man/woman
 - i. **John 4:7-19, Matthew 22:18**
 2. **Strengths:**
 - a. Will feel it personally when insults come upon the Lord and His house
 - b. They burn to expose what is hidden/concealed
 - c. They see hidden motives of the heart; perceive deeper than superficial
 - d. They connect the dots, see the roots, and see undisclosed elements
 3. **Weakness:**
 - a. Can be very harsh or cutting with their words; tend to be very black and white
 - b. Rejection can cause pride to rise up for protection - *You will take hits for the Lord; Let Him be your refuge*
 - c. Can have a hard time embracing humanity in love; tends to see/focus on issues
 4. **Blind Spots:**
 - a. Horrible timing - *Learn to develop sensitivity to appropriate time.*
 - b. Can be insensitive to the emotions of others since their eye is on the target
 - c. You don't always have to say what you see; Learn intercession
 - d. Can be accusatory when they perceive and the person lies or hides; *stick with just what God is showing you, don't add or assume extra.*
 5. **When Tired or Unhealthy:**
 - a. Can become rude, abrupt, abrasive and not realize or take care of it.
 - b. They may become negative or pick at others - *Learn to choose your battles!*
 - c. They can become discouraged and try to use their own strength for insights; *learn to operate in the power of grace.*

6. When Maturing in Temperance:

- a. Let mercy triumph over judgment – **James 2:13**
- b. Flow from the love of the Father's heart; Seek restoration through love
- c. Speak to the gold in people; we are goldminers, not mudslingers!
- d. Purity of heart to steward the secrets of God

7. The Enemy's Tactics:

- a. Major battles in the mind; seek to renew your mind always - **Romans 12:2**
- b. Enduring the rejection by leadership
- c. Lies of the enemy: "You are arrogant" "You are not well liked" "Who do you think you are?"

8. Wisdom for Maturity:

- a. Submit to authority; walk with a heart to follow
- b. Minister in two or more; hold accountability with other mature prophetic gifts
- c. Pray before you say!
- d. Grow in interpreting your words/visions to give meaning to what you say
- e. Learn the world of parables; **Psalms 78:2**
- f. Know the word and speak from that foundation; match all things with truth/love
- g. Seek maturity in discipleship

9. Warnings

- a. Test the spirits – **1 John 4:1-2**
- b. Be careful to access information only by source of the Holy Spirit
- c. Do not dabble or mix with dark arts and spiritual mediums

10. Wisdom in Marriage and Parenting:

- a. Just because you see it, doesn't mean you need to say it!
- b. Use wisdom with correction; always speak truth in love, not judgment
- c. Speak to the heart, not always behavior
- d. Allow your family to fail and learn on their own
- e. Deposit an abundance of encouragement to offset the cutting away
- f. Stay humble and teachable

11. Function in the Church:

- a. Minister and speak what God is saying, with accountability
- b. Ushering in new seasons for the Body
- c. Can be a great resource of spiritual guidance to leaders and congregation
- d. See and speak to the obstacles that keep people bound

12. Function in the Marketplace:

- a. Be a thermostat – change the atmospheres through speaking increase
- b. Be a source of wisdom and insight to the people in your sphere
- c. Speak the heart of God to those He brings to you
- d. Bring the Kingdom function everywhere