

What We Need to Learn from A Prophetic Voice

Ephesians 4:11-13 ¹¹And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; ¹²For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: ¹³Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:

Please Note: My Purpose today is NOT to talk about false prophets BUT the Real Man and Women of God who are called in the Prophetic office and with a proven track record.

Hosea 4:6 reveals that God's people "are destroyed for lack of knowledge." *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary* defines *ignorance* as "the condition of being uneducated, unaware, uninformed and inexperienced." It is the lack of a workable knowledge, information or education. Ignorance destroys the proper placement of prophets and prophetic gifts in the body of Christ.

Words of Life and Light

Prophets are among the greatest gifts the Lord has given the body of Christ, partly because of their God-given ability to build with words. Words spoken in the correct setting can bring forth life and healing to the human heart.

Proverbs 25:11 says, "Like apples of gold in settings of silver is a word spoken in right circumstances" (NASB). It only takes one word fitly spoken to a hurting soul to introduce or reintroduce Jesus Christ into that life.

People are controlled with words. Dignity is restored with words. Love is communicated through words. And our worlds are framed and created by words. One God-empowered word can bring light, structure and fulfillment into a life that is dark, void and without hope, purpose or form.

God's Road Map for our Life – the life of a church

God desires to give us pictures, maps and directions as to how we are to live. He wants to lead us through every turn and season of life. We can discover His will for our lives, and this is often revealed by prophecy. Everything in the world tries to keep us from the original purposes of God for our lives. It dangles every kind of glittery enticement in front of us, and its ultimate goal is to lead us down paths of destruction.

But God, in His love and mercy, sends prophets and prophetic people with insight and direction. We must then make a decision whether we'll follow and align our lives with a revealed, tested prophetic word.

The moment you choose to align your life with the prophetic purpose of God, you'll discover that the Lord responds—and often quickly. He sends every resource you need to accomplish His prophetic purpose for your life. You're not in this world by chance, nor has

God left you without His guidance. Regardless of your past experiences, embrace the prophetic anointing that gives you an advantage to live a rich and full life.

BELIEVE THE PROPHETS AND YOU SHALL PROSPER

2 Chron 20:20 AMP

Believe in the Lord your God and you shall be established; believe and remain steadfast to His prophets and you shall prosper.

John 13:20 NKJV

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.”

Ex 14:31 NKJV

Thus Israel saw the great work which the LORD had done in Egypt; so the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD and His servant Moses.

Luke 16:31 NKJV

But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’”

John 5:46-47 NKJV

For if you believed Moses, you would believe Me; for he wrote about Me. 47 But if you do not believe his writings, how will you believe My words?”

Genesis 1:3 marks God’s first recorded words as “Let there be light.” God wasn’t simply foretelling light; His words were literally creating light. A prophet’s first devotion should be to release light and, by doing so, expose darkness. It is time to bring restoration, not devastation.

Proverbs 29:18 says that, “Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but happy is he who keeps the law” (NKJV). Revelation is the revealed will of God for your life—the prophetic vision, in other terms. So where there is no prophetic vision, the people are unrestrained, which means they will be untrained in the ways of God, living life without the discipline of God. We are called to be disciples of Christ. A disciple is a disciplined learner. The prophetic ministry equips you with the advantage of living under the discipline of God. When we don’t have this prophetic vision guiding our lives, we tend to live in a vacuum.

One translation of **Proverbs 29:18** puts it this way: “Without prophetic vision people run wild” (GW). In other words, we live our lives with no control, direction, rhyme or reason. The prophetic word brings order and structure in life, while also reminding you of a higher vision. God wants your life to mean something, and the prophetic word causes you to live for something greater than yourself. It stirs you to look for eternal purpose and not instant

gratification. It changes your value system. Once the revealed purpose of the Lord is known, it causes you to set your affections on things above, transcending this temporal world.