

APPENDIX 4

PROPHETIC PROTOCOL

Eph 2:

And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord : In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit .

Eph 3:

Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men , as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit ;

STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF A PROPHET

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
The desire to have a face to face encounter with God	The need to be alone with God can turn into isolation
Unique and different from most	The feeling of being different can cause a fear of rejection
Inspired and inspiring - touches the emotions of others	High highs and low lows
Once revealed, truth is passionately delivered and is not questioned	Disappointed when others do not share the deepness of the revelation
Hears extraordinarily from the throne room	Hard to relate to authority when you've already "heard"
Inspired passion stirs up others for common goal	After initial inspiration, can become a heavy load or be replaced by the next inspiration
Passionate connection to the Word creates movement and momentum. Ex. Through the hand of a prophet, God delivered Israel.	When the movement or momentum slows because of process, they get frustrated and try to move it themselves. I.e. Moses and striking the rock

NOTE:

An apostolic prophet thinks apostolically but responds prophetically

A prophetic apostle thinks prophetically but responds apostolically.

The prophet hears the "what" and the apostle sees the "how". The prophet feels that knowing the "what" gives them authority to determine the "how".

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE PROPHETIC GIFTING

1. The difference between the office gift and the practice of prophesying.
 - Prophet - inspired speaker - poet. A foreteller. The prophet has a realm of influence and authority as detailed in Eph. 4. They are responsible to train and steward the prophetic.
 - Prophesying - speaking under divine inspiration. The prophetic release is stewarded by the Holy Spirit unction but has no realm of authority beyond the Word itself.
2. Purpose of the Prophetic

1cor 14

But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men to edification (building up), and exhortation (stirring up), and comfort (binding up)

God desires a prophetic people. He is looking for an army who will arise and declare life in the midst of darkness. The true prophetic will be more than simple exhortation or encouragement. We must be careful not to reduce this precious gifting to remain in the realm of personal prophecy. We must see the prophetic as powerful to shift atmospheres and release life where there is death.

Guidelines

1. Follow the protocol of your house
2. Prophecy where there is a governmental release
3. Avoid life instructing words
4. Just because you can does not mean you should
5. Be careful with using "thus saith The Lord"
6. In group prophesying, don't keep repeating the same thing
7. Don't say more than you are graced for
8. When you have previously known information, be very careful in what you release - should be put to prayer and accountability
9. Never prophecy alone without a witness (unless released by your leadership)
10. Don't try to be profound