

## Proper Response to Personal Prophecy

*“Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all”* (1 Tim. 4:14-15)

<sup>20</sup> *do not despise* (disregard, count as nothing, treat with contempt) *prophetic utterances*. 1 Thessalonians 5:20 (NASB)

### 1. Record, read and meditate

#### a. Proper preparation – recording

##### i. Recording gives comparison and confirmation

1. Unrecorded word is of little value as important details are forgotten
2. Much of what is said is for future

#### b. Benefits –

- i. Recipient can read, meditate and look back on
- ii. Prophet – is protected from misapplied “words”
  1. Many times the first interpretation is not accurate

#### c. Other reasons

- i. Can judge and evaluate prophecy

2. Witness to Your Prophecy - <sup>16</sup> *The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God*, Romans 8:16 (ESV)

a. We prove prophecy by biblical principles and the proper criteria for judging prophetic words, but we witness to prophecy with our spirit.

b. If you feel that you do not bear witness: *Make sure that it is not a case of:*

i. Doesn't fit your theology

ii. You didn't like the way your emotions responded

iii. You do not bear witness with your soulish mind, emotions, or will, according to personal opinions, desires or goals.

iv. Spirit witness vs personal belief - Baptists speak in tongues, Presbyterian baptized by immersion, etc

c. Don't do what you don't witness to

i. If you have neither reaction nor sensation don't do it – wait and see

d. New revelation vs confirmation

i. Not always confirmation

ii. God may not always tell you first

1. Samuel told David he would be king

2. Elisha was a farmer till Elijah revealed he would be a prophet
3. War a good warfare with Your Prophecy - <sup>18</sup> *This charge I entrust to you, Timothy, my child, in accordance with the prophecies previously made about you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, 1 Timothy 1:18 (ESV)*
  - a. Power to persevere
    - i. Stand on them – Lord, You said
    - ii. Decree them
    - iii. See it – or you can't have it
  - b. Assurance
4. Do nothing differently unless definitely directed
  - a. Unless God gives us explicit instructions, continue to do what you were doing before you received the word. Even if prophecy is about future.
  - b. On the other hand, if there are instructions and anointing for immediate action then it is time to act
  - c. Take action immediately when specifically directed.



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