Prophetic Etiquette

• Like apples of gold in setting of silver is a word spoken in right circumstances (Proverbs 25:11)
• So, my brothers, earnestly desire to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues. But all things should be done decently and in order. (1 Cor 14:39-40)
• The spirits of prophets are subject to prophets (1 Cor 14:32)
Examples when not to give Word

1. When angry or strong emotional feeling
2. When use prophecy as a “platform”
3. When we have no relationship or accountability
   • Authority=Accountability+ Responsibility+ Accessibility
1. No need to use King James English
2. Our demeanor matches that of Holy Spirit
3. Love must be the center of all we do, motive to bring out the best in people
4. In church service, the appropriate way is to submit it to person in charge
5. “Thus saith the Lord”- not, we judge
Negative or Judgmental Words

- Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits. Prov 18:21
- Edification – Exhortation – Consolation
- Rule: Would you want to receive this word
- Warning or Judgment Words*
- Accountability-Hebrews 13:17
False Prophets

• 1st- people who have invited spirit of divination into their lives.

• As we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners much gain by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and us, crying out, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to you the way of salvation." And this she kept doing for many days. Paul, having become greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. Acts 16:16-18
• 2nd- people who receive a call on their lives to be a prophet or prophetess from birth or after they receive Christ, yet they fall away from God
• Romans 11:29- gifts and callings of God are irrevocable
• Numbers 22-24, false prophet Balaam
False Prophet Characteristics - Mat 7:15-27

- Wolves- bad fruit- never knew you- lawless (obedience)
- If you love Me, you will keep My Commandments (John 14:15)
- Few pet scriptures
- Have power, but lead people to them
- For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. (Matt 24:24)
Discerning the Difference

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

1 John 4:1-3
5 Tests of a True Prophet

1. Does the prophet believe in the redemptive work of the Son of God?

- Antichrist nature - not anti-Jesus - anti-anointing
- Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

1 John 4:4-6
2. False prophets do not like to listen to anyone; in their own minds, God tells them everything

• Hyper-spiritual in conversations, “The Lord said to me…” or “God told me…” They are saying I don’t want your imput, no authority but their own

• 1 John 4:7-17
3. False prophets are not motivated by love but are motivated by a need to be noticed

- Love of God - best in people
- Love that covers a multitude of sins

19 We love because he first loved us. 20 If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. 21 And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

1 John 4:19-21
4. False prophets commonly use fear to motivate people

- Doom & Gloom, say God told me something about you but I can’t tell you
- There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. 1 John 4:18
5. False prophets are not in covenant relationship with the Body of Christ
• Not a healthy relationship with local body
• Not attend church at all
• Wander from place to place looking for people to listen to them
• Covenant-relationships are costly-Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. John 15:13 (ESV)
• Beware of false prophets!
Practicing Prophecy

• Misunderstand- not practice to improve gifts of Holy Spirit, but practice to improve our ability to flow with what the Holy Spirit is doing.

• Then Saul sent messengers to take David, and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as head over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. 1 Sam 19:20 (ESV)
No Pain-No Gain

• Reach beyond your comfort zone
• Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress.

1 Tim 4:14-15 (ESV)
Put the Gift in the Fire

• 2 Tim. 1:6, “kindle afresh the gift of God” – means “putting the gift through the fire or joining the gift with fire” plus

• For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. 2 Tim 1:7 (NKJV)

• When we step out in faith, we must step over fear!
Suggestions for Practice

1. Prophesy your day
2. Practice words of knowledge
3. Team up with one another
4. Words of knowledge for healing
5. Prophesying as a group
6. Prophetic intercession
Practice?

• Encourage Church
• REMEMBER!
• To build up
• To call near
• To cheer up
Basic Training for Prophetic Activation

• Sundays @ 9am @ Worship Center
• Sept. 16, 23, 30, Oct. 7, & 14*
• No WoW this week due to the Conference
• Young Life- Pray for the leaders and youth