



Kingdom Life Ministry Presents:

Keys to Kingdom Living

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Dear Friend,

The Accidental Prophetic Words!

Like me, I am sure that everyone has had from time to time a person speak prophetically into his or her life. I have found that it can come from anyone at anytime and at anyplace. In fact I have found that most people are prophetic but instead of understanding their gifting they speak it out almost by accident, not really understanding what it is they are saying. *“For you can all prophesy in turn so that everyone may be instructed and encouraged.”* 1 Corinthians 14:31

Maybe these two stories will help you to understand the point I am trying to make. A couple of years ago, Lois and I were speaking at a conference when we caught a ride back to our hotel with a young man who was speaking at the conference also. Since I was sitting in the front seat with him we began to talk and were amazed that he had lived during his teenage years a little over a mile from where I grew up. So you know it is amazing to find anyone that was ever raised in the Black Hills of South Dakota and to hear he spent time near the small town of Black Hawk was totally amazing. Since I am close to 20 years older than him, and I was living in Montana at the time, we never ran into each other.

He told us of his wild days of having a Mohawk hairstyle and freaking out everyone in town by wearing his leather clothing full of metal studs around the small town. Then in the midst of his story he said, “I bet you can never guess what I did while I lived there?” Without missing a beat I looked over at him and said, “You set the forest on fire!” He suddenly gasped for breath and slammed on the brakes, which made all of us lurch forward in our seats, looking over at me he said with eyes wide open, “How did you know that?” I looked at him and said; “I find I am more prophetic by accident than when I try to be.”

Another time Lois and I had just returned from being down at one of our three day outreaches on the streets of Philadelphia. It was Sunday afternoon and we were worn out from our time under the tent. Our kids, Krista and Jason were living with us then and some of our other friends along with their one-year old daughter were staying there for the weekend as well. Krista and Jason knew them quite well so our being gone for the first part of their visit wasn't abnormal for them.

After we were home a short time I found myself sitting in our recliner reading the Sunday paper. The visiting couple and their daughter were in front of me sitting on the living room floor talking to Krista and Jason who were a short distance away in the kitchen. For some reason I lowered the paper I was reading so I could see everyone and looking down I said to the mother, “Have you ever thought of getting a tattoo for your daughter?” Raising the paper back up to read I thought, “What a strange thing to say!” So trying to make sense of it I lowered the paper and added, “You know like a tattoo of a butterfly or something.” Then as I raised the paper back up I continued, “Maybe a butterfly or your daughters name.” Maybe it was because I was tired from the weekend trip to Philly or that I just wasn't thinking but each time I would raise the paper back up where it blocked out my view of everyone they were frantically gesturing to another about what I was saying. It seems that just before they had come visiting the mother had went to a tattoo parlor and had a tattoo put on her back of a butterfly with her daughters name under it. It wasn't until they had left that I was told of what was going on.

How did I know!

Now how did I know these things? I do know that I am not that special and that many of you also get these same impressions but you are probably more conscious of what you are about to say than I am, so you hold back these strange impulses to blurt out crazy stuff like what I said in the above illustrations. Of course many of us because we are immature in our gifting blurt out things that are true insights into the lives of people but the way we present them causes friction rather than enlightenment. In other words we say things in a way that causes the other person to respond in a negative rather than a positive way. Have you

ever said something off the top of your head to someone causing them to go off on you? All the while they are ranting and raving you are asking yourself what it was that you said that caused this massive outburst.

In reality you just unlocked a part of their life that they had labeled off limits. You have been given insight into their lives of something incredibly personal and they are now trying consciously or unconsciously to somehow cover up, gloss over or just refute. If we would have exercised maturity in our process we would have asked the Holy Spirit what it is we were sensing and how to best present it. A process I still find hard to do.

How does it work?

I have come to understand that at times we receive things much like a radio does. As you turn the dial on a radio it tunes into a myriad of different waves that are set at different frequencies. Each of these frequencies when tuned into produce a sound that comes from a source or station. Stations are given different frequencies so their message doesn't get interference from other messages that are being sent at the same time. A radio is being bombarded by an unbelievable amount of frequency waves all the time waiting to be turned on and tuned into a specific frequency. So it stands to reason that as you sit in a crowded room you are also being bombarded with an unbelievable amount of thoughts and impressions that are being produced by those around you. What we really do not want to be like is an inanimate object like a radio that is turned on but not necessarily tuned into any one station in particular, in other words there is a lot of static noise because you are not really tuned into anything. We want to be empowered by and tuned into what God is saying through the Holy Spirit. That way we will always be on the right station.

Many of us operate to some degree with the 'gift of prophecy' but there are others who operate under the 'office of prophet'. The difference is not just the accuracy of the words spoken but the maturity they exhibit over knowing where the word originated from, 'did it come from God or from the individuals own desires' and then *when, how* and even *if* they should deliver the word.


Here is an example of a word coming out of a persons own inner desires; if a person has grandiose thoughts of their own importance, like, "I should be the pastor of this church!" A prophetic person will often pick up on this thought and speak it out loud much to the chagrin of the real pastor. Then once spoken the individual will take this as conformation of his true calling when in reality the prophetic person was only picking up on this individual's soulish thoughts. A mature prophetic person would be able to discern the origin. *"For we know in part and we prophesy in part,"* 1 Corinthians 13:9

It is true the body of Christ needs a good dose of discernment. Of course being wrong with a teachable heart is far different than being wrong with an un-teachable hardened heart. Maybe that is why we have grace for almost every gift that the Lord gives but little grace for the gift of prophecy. Every other gift can grow in maturity but the gift of prophecy must be right in every aspect. I have never met a pastor who after digging out a message they gave ten years ago has told me, "I can't believe that is what I taught back then, I have learned so much more." If we give grace to a pastor or teacher or evangelist who has become increasingly more knowledgeable in spiritual matters with the passage of time we should give others that same benefit.

So what have we learned? That each of us has to some degree the gift of prophesy and we should all realize what a precious gift we have been given. We have been graced, by the Holy Spirit, with the ability to look into another person's heart so that we might affirm the desires that the Lord has placed there or perhaps we might bring understanding to what could be a hindrance to the very plans that God has desired for them. We need then to ask God how, when and where we are to share what we have received so that the person can be blessed as God desires.

Lord open up our spiritual ears to hear and teach us how to respond in love and understanding to the promptings that you give us through the Holy Spirit.

All our love,



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We will be ministering at Englewood Bible Church on November 4 & 7th. , Englewood, Fl.