

Part I: The Role of Faith for Hearing God's Word

“So shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it.” -*Isaiah 55:11*

“Thus faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.”
-*Romans 10:17*

The value that you place on the word you receive, whether in prayer or prophecy, determines the power you receive from it.

How do I value God's word?

Hearing God: Faith → Hope → Love

- Faith = My understanding of who God is and my relationship to Him.
- Hope = The expectation of God to break into my life.
- Love = The encounter of God's breakthrough in my life!

Part II: Foundations of Prophetic Ministry

Prophetic Purpose & Posture

- “He who prophesies speaks to men for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation.” -*1 Corinthians 14:3*
- Do not minister to the condition of the person's heart. Always minister the word of the Lord.
- For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part. -*1 Corinthians 13:9*
- *Prophetic Feedback*: Dishonest or disingenuous feedback is not kindness.

The Prophetic Gifts of the Holy Spirit

- *Words of Knowledge*: supernatural revelation about something that is true of the past to present and important to God about the person.
- *Prophecy*: a true word about the present into the future that displays the plans that God has for a person/group.
- *Words of Wisdom*: God's perspective on how to apply God's plans for our lives - God's coaching on how to pursue your destiny.
- *Discernment of Spirits*: Supernatural revelation regarding the motivating spirits - good or evil - involved in a particular situation.

Prophetic Dimensions

- Forthtelling -
- Foretelling -

Prophetic Process

1. *Revelation* - the raw content (image, word, thought impression, feeling, smell/taste)
2. *Interpretation* - what does this mean for this person?
3. *Application* - How do you want me to deliver this word?
4. *Feedback* - Does this make sense?
5. *Sealing* - In the name of Jesus I bless every word that was from the heart of God that they would bear fruit and I break the power of any words not from God to have any influence over you.

Homework: Using the “Four Steps To Hearing God’s Voice” on the session 1 student handout, pray for 3 days this week and listen for the voice of the Lord. Journal your responses and track your fruit.

Read: Spiritual Gifts Handbook by Dr. Mary Healy & Dr. Randy Clark - See syllabus for the suggested reading schedule