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— SCHOOL OF MINISTRY —

Prophetic Principles

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Class 4 - Session 1

Q2. Hearing God & Prophetic Gifts

8 “On the morrow we departed and came to Caesare'a; and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him. 9 And he had **four unmarried daughters, who prophesied.** 10 While we were staying for some days, a prophet named Ag'abus came down from Judea. *(cont.)*

11 And coming to us **he took Paul's girdle and bound his own feet and hands**, and said, "Thus says the Holy Spirit, 'So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man who owns this girdle and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.'" 12 When we heard this, we and the people there begged him not to go up to Jerusalem. *(cont.)*

13 Then Paul answered, **“What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be imprisoned but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.”** 14 And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased and said, **“The will of the Lord be done.”**” -Acts 21:8-14

Principle 1: Deliver the prophetic word in the manner in which you received it. This can include prophetic acts.

Prophetic Act: An action done out of obedience in the natural that communicates God's message and imparts grace.

Principle 2: All prophecy is partial. It is the receiver's job to discern the content of the prophetic word.

9 “For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part.” -1 Corinthians 13:9

It is the job of the person giving the word to hear and speak the word in faith and love.

It is the job of the receiver to listen and prayerfully discern what is good from God.

20 “Do not despise prophetic words. 21
Examine everything carefully; retain that
which is good.” -1 *Thessalonians 5:20-21*

Principle 3: Getting details wrong does not make you a false prophet. It makes you human.

26 “So what is to be done, brothers? **When you assemble**, one has a psalm, another an instruction, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Everything should be done for building up. 27 If anyone speaks in a tongue, let it be two or at most three, and each in turn, and one should interpret. *(cont.)*

28 But if there is no interpreter, the person should keep silent in the church and speak to himself and to God. 29 **Two or three prophets should speak, and the others discern.** 30 But if a revelation is given to another person sitting there, the first one should be silent. 31 For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged.

32 Indeed, the spirits of prophets are subject to the prophets, ³³ since he is not the God of disorder but of peace... ³⁷ If anyone thinks that he is a prophet or a spiritual person, he should recognize that what I am writing to you is a commandment of the Lord.

38 If anyone does not acknowledge this, he is not acknowledged. 39 So, brothers, strive eagerly to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues, 40 **but everything must be done properly and in order.**" -1 Corinthians 14:26-33, 37-40

Principle 4: Prophetic leaders are required to discern corporate prophecy.

Principle 5: The Spirit of the prophet is subject to the prophet. *(1 Cor. 14:32)*

You must be properly disposed before you engage in any kind of prophetic ministry.

Principle 6: Prophetic ministry must be done decently and in good order.

(1 Cor. 14:40)

Principle 7: Our prophetic gifting grows with our faith.

6 “Since we have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us exercise them: if prophecy, in proportion to faith.” -*Romans 12:6*

Your faith to hear God's voice for other people can only grow to the proportion that you take risks.

Principle 8: Exercise wisdom and prudence regarding warning or negative words. Deal with correction relationally - not prophetically.

17 “The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him.” -*Ephesians 1:17*