

How to Operate in Your Prophetic Gift

When operating in the prophetic, brace yourself for change. Quite often the word that you give to someone else is pointing back to you. As you begin to move forward administering the gifts that God has given to you, particularly the prophetic gift, don't be surprised if you are challenged to grow at a quick pace as you move forward in your walk with Him, possibly much more than the ones you are ministering to. God's goal is to bring all His children into unity with Him and into conformity to the image of Jesus.

"For whom He foreknew," wrote the apostle Paul, "He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son" (Rom. 8:29). Everything God is doing in and through us, including our gifts to others, is to ultimately make us more like Jesus (Rom. 8:28). Therefore, when God changes your life and moves you forward, you will encounter issues that you haven't dealt with, but they are issues He *wants* you to deal with.

One time the Holy Spirit had me prophesy to a woman concerning her past issues. After I ministered to her, she questioned what was said and was visibly upset. The prophetic word was related to her past issues. However, she felt that what I shared was not relevant as she believed that the issues had been resolved. Instead, she took it out on me and provided some negative "feedback."

This in turn exposed my own issues I thought were behind me that still needed to be dealt with and healed. My point here is, if you desire to walk in an authentic prophetic ministry, you must also desire to grow deeper in your own spiritual walk. That means being willing to confront the issues in your life that the Holy Spirit shines His light on. Putting God first means dying to self and dealing with those past issues

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Lessons From a Wandering Prophet

Who are we going to serve? The same is true when walking in the prophetic. To be used to our full potential as a vessel for the Holy Spirit's words, we have to learn to die to self. However, dying to self does not mean dying to who you are and how God created you. There is a difference. It's about being pliable and putting His will over our will. When we do, everything else will fall into place. In the Book of Psalms, David says, "I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart" (Ps. 40:8, NKJV). And Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for My sake will find it" (Matt. 16:24-25, MEV).

Putting God first means dealing with your past issues when the Holy Spirit shines His light on them and being willing to change your priorities, the way you're used to living. It's about trusting the Lord that He wants what is best for us, that He desires our ultimate healing and freedom. Remember, as born-again children of God, we walk in newness of life: "Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too may walk in newness of life" (Rom. 6:4, NASB). "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come" (2 Cor. 5:17, ESV).

Don't Isolate Yourself. Stay in Community

Allow spiritual fathers, mothers and mentors to pour into your life. You can become arrogant if you are isolated. Instead, we need to be in fellowship with other believers: "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works"

(Heb. 10:24, KJV). The apostle Paul wrote concerning one of his friends in the faith, "For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established – that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me" (Rom. 1:11-12, NKJV). All of us have gifts that others need. Paul wanted to impart his gift and receive his friend's gifts. To grow in the fullness that God has for us requires giving of our gifts and receiving the gifts of others.

Stay True to Who You Are

Learn to be comfortable in your own skin. Just be yourself and don't try to be someone else. Do the work God gave you to do, not someone else's. Don't compare either or you will feel pressured to live up to expectations and can also become vulnerable to being manipulated. "For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:10, NKJV). God created you for *your* purpose for *His* glory. Staying true to yourself takes faith and trust that God knows best.

God Is in Control of All Things

God goes *before* us, walks alongside us, and has our backs. "And the LORD, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed" (Deut. 31:8, NKJV). God knows what He can do through you. He created you and knows you completely, so let Him take the lead. "O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways" (Ps. 139:1-3, NKJV). It takes a lot of trust in the Lord to obey Him when you don't want to or when you don't believe you can do it, especially when moving forward in the prophetic. But you can trust that He knows all things, and He knows you better than you know yourself.

God Has His Purposes of Choosing to Work Through You

Often, God chooses the weak things to confound the wise (1 Cor. 1:27). “‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, and My ways are not your ways,’ says the Lord, ‘For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts’” (Isa. 55:8-9, NLV). Understanding that God is in control changes the way you minister to people, the way you connect to new relationships, and even changes you.

God Works in Stages to Reveal Your Issues

God knows more about you and what He can do through you than you do. So you have to “die to yourself,” which means “die to your need to control.” Trust Him and let Him lead, even if you don’t particularly know the purposes of what He’s doing in you. {eoa}

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