

Are You Following False Prophetic Voices?

A young woman called me looking for a prophetic word. She  was befuddled, sore vexed and all-out desperate to hear from God about a certain situation.

This young, Spirit-filled woman, we'll call her Tammy, insisted she just couldn't hear from God. She had prayed. She has worshipped. She had read books on **how to hear the voice of God**. Yet she adamantly confessed that she could not hear a word. She called me because she wanted to me to "go to the throne" on her behalf.

Tammy went on to rehearse every detail the devil was telling her. She told me how the devil said she was going to get fired on the next round of job layoffs. She told me how the devil said her car was going to break down soon. She told me how the devil said she was going to get sick. And she was full of fear.

Can you see the contrast yet? Tammy did not believe she could hear the voice of God—and this after I had coached her for weeks on how to quiet her soul and listen for that **still small voice**—yet she could tell me every lie the devil was whispering in her

ear with
pinpoint accuracy. And her fear testified that she believed
those lies.

The
thief had come to steal, kill and destroy, and he was making
steady
progress because Tammy was willfully letting him in and,
through her
fear, actively entertaining his plan to make her jobless, take
her
transportation, and put sickness on her body. Tammy's fear was
a twisted
faith in the devil's wicked **prophetic words**.?

Jesus
said: "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who does not enter the
sheepfold by the door, but climbs up some other way, the same
is a thief
and a robber. But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of
the
sheep. To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his
voice; and he
calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. And when he
brings out
his own sheep, he goes before them; and the sheep follow him,
for they
know his voice. Yet they will by no means follow a stranger,
but will
flee from him, for they do not know the voice of strangers"
(John 10:1-5).

Jesus
said His sheep don't know the voice of strangers. So why do so
many
Christians listen to what some demon tells them and sit up at
night
fretting? Why are so many Christians tormented by ungodly

imaginations

that exalt themselves against the knowledge of God? Why do so many

Christians act on the whisperer's tempting suggestions and fall into

sin? Why do they follow the voice of strangers? Here is one reason:

Those voices are no strangers. Some have given heed to those demonic

voices for so long that they have become familiar—and some take their

twisted advice.

Saints, it's a sad day in the church when we

become more familiar with the voice of the devil than the voice of God. I

believe part of the reason for this is because too many five-fold

equipping ministers are too quick to prophesy over people instead of

teaching them how to discern the will of God for themselves.

When

we make people dependent upon us for counsel, we are stripping them of a

chance to grow in Christ. Yes, everyone needs wise counsel from time to

time, especially when major life decisions are at hand. But people need

to learn how to hear the voice of God for themselves, too. And sometimes that means they skin their knees while they are in training.

But that's how we learn.

God speaks to our spirit and our spirit

speaks to our conscious. The devil, on the other hand, speaks straight

to our unrenewed mind. When our mind is not renewed with the

Word of God

in a certain area, the devil works to enter as a thief and a robber to

sow his dastardly seeds in our soul. He's looking to establish a

stronghold. He wants us to meditate on the **false prophetic words**

he's offering us and eventually give life to them by speaking them out

of our mouth. Our mouth can agree with the enemy or with God. Too often,

our agreement aligns with the one whose voice is loudest.

Christians

are tuned in to the voice of the devil because it's easy to hear. The

devil is always blabbing like a loud mouth in a quiet movie theater. If

you are thinking about giving into the special offering in the church,

the devil will tell you that you can't afford it. If you are considering

going on a mission trip, the devil will tell you that you are too busy.

If you are trying to stop smoking, the devil will tell you one more

cigarette won't hurt. If you have a little sniffle, the devil will tell

you that you are getting sick. If people are getting laid off at work,

the devil will tell you that you're next.

God, on the other hand, will tell you that he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly (2 Cor. 9:6). God will tell you that He supplies of all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus (Phil 4:19). God will tell you that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost (1 Cor. 6:19).

God will tell you that by His stripes you were healed (1 Peter 2:24). God will tell you the truth. The voice of strangers work to exalt demon-inspired lies over God's truth.

Why

do we listen to the voice of strangers? Again, because they are not

really strangers. We've grown familiar with demonic voices like the

voice of an old friend. But the devil is no friend. In fact, the devil

is out to steal, kill and destroy your life. That's his ministry. And he

can find ministry success much more quickly if you listen to his voice

and prophesy his words over your life. How can two walk together unless

they are agreed? (Amos 3:3)

As for Tammy, she was deceived. Remember, she kept insisting that she could not **hear the voice of God**? Who do you think told her that? Was it the **Holy Spirit**,

who comes to lead us into all truth? Or was it the thief who comes to

lead us into destruction? The devil told Tammy repeatedly that she could

not hear from God and she believed it, she confessed it and she walked

in that reality—until we identified the voice of the stranger and cast

it down. Now, she has stopped following the stranger and she is led

forth by the Holy Spirit into all truth. Amen.

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