



*The Prophet's  
Little Book of Wisdom*

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**DOS & DON'TS OF PROPHETIC MINISTRY**

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## INTRODUCTION

There is a hunger and a stirring in the soul of the believer that desires to know more of God and the things of God. There is also a need in the human spirit to walk with God. It is this need that ignites a hunger for deeper truths and a stirring to know the things that are hidden in God.

There are hidden treasures in God that can only be obtained through the Spirit. The prophetic is the avenue through which we are able to enter the realm of the Spirit and receive riches of His wisdom and truth.

The prophetic reveals the mysteries of God. The prophetic reveals the purpose and intentions of God. The prophetic reveals that which was, that which is and that which is to come.

It is not God's intention for His people to walk in darkness, but that they walk in the light. Jesus Christ our Lord walked as a prophet, priest and king. These three anointing reside in the Holy Spirit. The prophet sees and declares. The priest intercedes and the king rules.

This book is designed to help and empower you to move in a greater measure of the Spirit. As you apply the teachings and principles in this book, you will begin to see clearer, declare more accurately, intercede with more power and have greater understanding on how to walk with your God-given authority.

*Then Moses said to him,  
"Are you zealous for my sake? Oh, that all the Lord's people were  
prophets and that the Lord would put His Spirit upon them!"  
Numbers 11:29*

## THE PROPHET'S LITTLE BOOK OF WISDOM

- DO spend quiet time with the Lord.
- DO develop the art of listening.
- DON'T fill your ears with the world's conversation.

*M*oving in the prophetic requires that true quiet time is spent with the Lord. Being busy with the cares of the world is very distracting. In your quiet time with the Lord turn off the television, the radio and don't answer the phone so that you can truly listen from God. During this time, you are not praying or worshipping, you are being still. Make your quiet time with the Lord a daily practice. There is so much the Lord wants to share but you must be still to truly hear "What thus says the Lord."



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- DO make it common practice to write down prophetic words.
- DO keep a prophetic journal.
- DO listen to hear in between the lines. There is much to be found in between the lines of spoken words.

*T*he spoken word becomes the written word. When God speaks to us, He expects us to remember. Writing down what we hear God say to us helps us to remember what He said. Also, when we write it down, we can return to the word. Reading and rereading what God has said edifies our spirit. By keeping a record of prophetic words, you can also see how the prophetic word has come to pass. Journaling is exactly what the prophets of old did. They wrote down what God said. Keep a journal just for prophetic words by your bedside and a small notebook in your purse, briefcase or pocket. Keeping a piece of paper and pen handy means you are ready to receive from God.



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- DO Walk in the Spirit.
- DO listen for God. He speaks through many different ways and different kinds of people.
- DON'T mistake a word of wisdom for prophecy.

**O**ur walk with God is spiritual. Yes, we live in the world and we dwell in an earthly body, walking in the Spirit makes reference to the Holy Spirit. As a believer, we are connected to God by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit dwells in us and walks with us. Moving in the prophetic is simply the ability to move with the Holy Spirit. Speak when the Holy Spirit say speak and say what the Holy Spirit is telling you to say. Move when the Holy Spirit say move. Be still when the Holy Spirit say be still. This is not as easy as it seems. Walking in the Spirit dies to the desires of the flesh and the fickleness of the emotions. When we finally get to the place of walking in the Spirit, we become sensitive to His voice and we can hear God in the simple, the obscure and the veiled. Discernment will then be birthed and developed and we learn that advice or encouragement is not a prophetic word.



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- DO pray over and about every word you receive that you believe God wants you to share.
- DON'T ever believe you cannot be deceived.
- DO ask God to cleanse you from the obsessive desire to know the future.

**P**rayer has a way of purifying that which we believe we hear and that which we believe we should share. It's important to judge the words we hear through prayer by asking God to reveal if in fact what we hearing is from Him. Also, every prophetic word is not to be shared. Some words are given to us to pray. Some words are given so that we may intercede and then there are those prophetic words that are for us to share to an individual, a group or congregation. As you mature in the prophetic, you will learn the difference. Submitting what we hear to prayer also keeps us from being deceived. Don't ever believe that you can't be deceived. The heart is deceitful. Last but not least, pray against the spirit of divination. Divination has a way of disguising itself under the guise of "Pray on what I should do next" or "What is the Lord showing you about..." Beware that divination be found in you.



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- DON'T become anxious when God gives you a word.
- DO consider timing when giving a prophetic word.
- DON'T receive prophetic words without praying about it first.

**P**rophetic words that don't line up with God's timing are a train wreck waiting to happen. When a prophetic word is not delivered properly it can do more harm than good. Being overzealous with a prophetic word can cause the word to be rejected or it can cause someone to run when what God desires is for the person to walk. Pray, pray, pray. Pray to know God's timing. The when, is just as important as the what. Also, when someone is prophesying to you, pray before you accept it. There will be times when a false word will be prophesied to you. Don't be quick to receive prophetic words without prayer. When receiving a prophetic word pray over it and then write it down. If it is of God it will come to pass.



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- DO pay attention when you are listening to God. Beware of distraction.
- DO listen to hear in between the lines.
- DO be able to recognize a word from God from a non-prophetic person.

*L*earning to stay focused and undistracted when God is speaking is no easy task. Herein lies the art of concentration. Because the Lord can speak to us at any moment, as prophetic people we have to be able to stop what we're doing and filter what we're hearing when there are things going on around us. When listening to God, learn that some things are not black and white; there are areas of grey and deeper meaning to a simple phrase. While you're seeking to hear God, know that God can speak through anyone, not just a prophet. Don't make the mistake of believing that a word of God starts with "Thus says the Lord." Our Heavenly Father can use a donkey, a backslider or sinner to speak a word into our life.



## THE PROPHET'S LITTLE BOOK OF WISDOM

- DO develop your communication skills.
- DO develop your people skills.
- DON'T reject words of correction.

**P**rophetic ministry includes learning to communicate. The prophetic word is a declaration. The prophetic word reveals the heart of God. It is not just words. Prophetic people are not just a mouthpiece; God also uses us to invoke emotion and urgency; encouragement and direction; repentance and grace. How the prophetic word is delivered is very important, it includes verbal expression and visual demonstrations. The prophetic is neither bland nor dead, it is dynamic and lucid. It's needful for prophetic people to become a people person. A people person is a person that genuinely likes and cares about people. It is our care and concern for people that leads us to do ministry. Ministry is about people and prophetic people must be skilled at interacting with people.



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- DO prepare for ministry.
- DON'T do ministry without covering.
- DO be submitted and covered under godly leadership.

**P**rophetic ministry requires training. The gift of prophecy and the call to be a prophet is not to be taken lightly. Speaking forth the word and heart of God to God's people involves more than just speaking. Preparation for the prophetic includes learning from seasoned prophets. Prophets are not a law unto themselves. Prophets need pastoral covering like all other believers. Pride has a way of deceiving anyone that believes they don't need to be submitted to leadership because they have a direct line to God. Humility is a trait that all believers should have. Paul teaches us that The spirits of the prophet are subject to the prophet. Every believer needs to be accountable. The gift and the office of the prophetic must be validated. Cults are created by self-proclaimed wayward prophets that refuse to submit to anyone because they know more than anyone else. Prophets are to minister within the confines of God's word and His ways.



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- DON'T allow your feelings to interpret prophecy.
- DO remember to judge your own heart when you give a prophetic word.
- DO ask for interpretation from other prophetic people.

*I*nterpreting prophecy is a tricking thing. When you look at many of the prophecies given in the Bible, the prophet simply declared the prophecy and didn't give the interpretation. Often times God wants the interpretation of a particular prophecy hidden until a particular time. The delivery of prophecy must not be tainted with self ambition and pride. Constant judgment of the condition of our heart is very important. The prophetic word that God calls you to give must be free of your feelings and opinions about a person, situation or thing. Prophecy is not a private thing for a select few. Submit your prophetic words to other prophetic people for confirmation and personal edification.



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- DO check if the word is for you and not anyone else.
- DO pray if God wants you to share the prophecy.
- DO consult another person you trust and ask them to pray over the word with you.

*W*henver you receive a word from God, first ask, “Is this word for me?” The next question to ask is “How does this word apply to me?” The Holy Spirit will always speak to us more to us about us. It’s when we have learned to hear for ourselves that we are then ready to hear for others. All prophetic words are not meant to be shared. Sometimes God wants us to hide a word in our heart to simply have us pray for a person or situation. Holding the secrets of God requires great discipline. Once we have prayed, if a word is for us and after we have received a release from God to share it, go to another prophetic person that you trust that can confirm and give you insight on what you have received.



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- DO meditate on every prophetic word you hear.
- DON'T reject words of correction.
- DON'T eagerly receive every word that pleases you.

*T*he prophetic words you hear should be showered with meditation. After you have heard the word and written it down. Read it and reread it. Hold the word in your mind. Try to visualize the words you heard. Words create pictures in our mind. Ask yourself “What is God trying to say?” “What is the end result of this word?” God will not always speak a word that is pleasing or easy. Stay open to personal correction. Even in the areas you’re convinced you don’t need correction in. Take it to the Lord in prayer and then make sure you’re not quick to receive a word that pleases you because it’s what you have been waiting to hear.



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- DO grow closer to the Lord.
- DO make spiritual growth a priority in your life.
- DO ask God for revelation.

Your spiritual growth is directly connected to your ability to hear the deeper things of God. As it is in the natural, so it is the spiritual. As a child matures, so does understanding mature with the child. Spiritual growth has nothing to do with church attendance or how much scripture a person has memorized. Spiritual growth is the ability to reveal the nature and character of God on a daily basis, in and out of season. The more time you spend with the Lord, the more of His nature and character will be reflected in your life. Divine understanding will be given to those that can be trusted with the treasure of God's wisdom and truth. As you grow in the spirit and ask God for revelation, you will find that the vault of the prophetic is endless.



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