

#### STUDY GUIDE

# Shaping Realities through Your Prophetic Voice: How to Release Heaven's Atmosphere as a Kingdom Ambassador

#### Key Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:4–6

"There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work." (1 Corinthians 12:4–6)

#### We are all Kingdom ambassadors

- As Kingdom ambassadors, we re-present the King.
- How we see Him will determine how we portray Him to the world.
- Do you see Him as Love?
- Do you see yourself through His eyes of Love?
- Do you see others, the world, through the eyes of Love?
- If not look again.

#### **Prophecy Is for everyone**

- God is already talking to you it's just learning how to recognize His voice.
- Joel 2:28 is quoted by Peter in Acts 2:14–18 as being fulfilled.
- God's Spirit has been poured out on all flesh.
- Prophecy becomes a gift when you give it away.

- The gift should reflect the Giver and God is LOVE (1 Corinthians 13:4)
- Prophecy is always encouraging, comforting, and strengthening (1 Corinthians 14:3)

#### We are encouraged to develop our gifts including our senses

- "Do not merely listen to the Word and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." James 1:22
- We are told to, "Eagerly desire all gifts *especially* prophecy." 1 Corinthians 14:1
- We can train to develop our senses to discern good from evil. Hebrews 5:14

#### The Fullness of Christ: The Goal

- Jesus gave us apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers to *help us grow* into the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:13
- If we see it in Jesus, it's available and desirable.
- The fullness of Christ is our goal.

#### We see the different ways to recognize the voice of God in Jesus

• Jesus saw John 5:19; heard John 14:24; felt Matthew 14:14; knew Luke 5:22. These were all moments where He responded in what He saw, heard, felt, or knew.

# <u>There are precedents of the other senses being engaged to communicate God's heart</u> <u>in prophecy</u>:

- Isaac prophesied from fragrance. (Genesis 27:27)
- We are told to taste and see that the Lord is good. (Psalm 34:8)

#### Love Is the guiding principle

- We might have a remarkable gift, but without love we are nothing. 1 Corinthians 13:2
- A perception is an invitation into a further conversation with God.

- Learning to recognize His voice is just the first step in stewarding the gift of prophecy well.
- Prophecy becomes powerful when we give the gift in the way we are asked to give it away when we give it away God's way. It's His gift, after all we are merely the messengers.
- How we package the gift matters but we do not need to be perfect!
- We do not perform for acceptance or love we are completely adored, accepted, and loved without doing a thing more. Mark 1:11; John 3:16
- Once we recognize God's voice, the next step is to know what to do with what we have heard.

## <u>Testimony</u>

Time to Write: <a href="https://godisgoodstories.com/2023/08/29/time-to-write/">https://godisgoodstories.com/2023/08/29/time-to-write/</a>

## How We Deliver a Prophecy Can Vary

#### <u>We are a diverse people – 1 Peter 4:10</u>

- 1. We are diverse in how we hear from God—how we recognize God's voice.
- 2. We are diverse in how we deliver a word.
- 3. We are a diverse and wonderful people; we reflect the manifold wisdom of God.

## Key Scripture – 1 Corinthians 12:4–6 highlights this diversity

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- 1. Differing kinds of gifts—prophecy is just one of them.
- 2. Differing kinds of workings—different ways we can recognize God's voice.

3. Differing kinds of service—ways to deliver a prophetic insight.

## Different kinds of service

- It includes the how, where, when, who, if.
- This is the apostolic flow.
- We are all called to be apostolic the outward expression of a gift causes the kingdom on the earth to become aligned with the Kingdom of Heaven. It is the way in which we are impacting the atmosphere and the community around us.
- 1 Corinthians 13:2 states it clearly: If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing.

## <u>It's a love sandwich</u> (Dan McCollam)

- 1 Corinthians 13 is written in the context of 1 Corinthians 12, which outlines the gifts of the Spirit.
- 1 Corinthians 13 is then followed by 1 Corinthians 14 which gives us the context of **how** we are to exercise the gifts in 1 Corinthians 14.
- 1 Corinthians 13 is the famous chapter on love which, if put into its context, is the chapter on how we are to express the gifts of the Spirit.
- It's a Love sandwich replace the word *love* with the word *prophecy*.

## We are not all called to the office of the 5-fold but ...

- We are all called to be prophetic, but not all of us are prophets.
- We are all called to be pastoral, but not all of us are pastors.
- We are all called to teach, to disciple, but not all are teachers.
- We are all called to evangelize, but not all are evangelists.
- In the same way, we are all called to be apostolic, yet not all of us are apostles.

## Apostles and being apostolic

- "Apostle" is from the Greek 'apostolos' meaning 'one who is sent.'
- Testimony: The Fragrance of Love. <u>https://godisgoodstories.com/2023/08/19/the-fragrance-of-love/</u>

## The outward expression of the prophetic gift

- To recognize God's voice is only the first step. What to do with the insight is the next.
- It takes a further inquiry to know what to do with what you hear.

## Testimonies Demonstrating Ways We Can Deliver a Word

• Testimony from early days of stopping for the one -

Permission to Learn <u>https://godisgoodstories.com/2023/08/14/permission-to-learn-prophetic-process/</u>

• Many prophets throughout scripture were told to write the prophetic word down.

This is a testimony of the power of a written prophetic word – young man completely changed as he read his prophetic word daily for months.

He Discovered He Was Loved Part 1 and 2:

https://godisgoodstories.com/2022/05/10/he-discovered-he-was-loved/ https://godisgoodstories.com/2022/05/16/he-was-loved-pt-2/

 Social media is a powerful form of communication, but we need healthy boundaries of engagement so we may represent God well. There are healthy etiquettes and protocols we can follow to help us in this space. See as an example God is Good Stories – over 300 stories posted over the years, some of which have contained prophetic insights, words and messages. <u>www.GodisGoodStories.com</u>

• Prophetic Acts – Ezekiel is a wonderful example of this type of prophetic delivery.

See the testimony of where a prophetic act showed the God's encouragement to a young ballet dancer

And he was seen part 1 and 2

https://godisgoodstories.com/2022/07/05/and-he-was-seen-part-1/

https://godisgoodstories.com/2022/07/12/and-he-was-seen-praise-report/

Time Stand Still No More

https://godisgoodstories.com/2021/10/05/time-stands-still-no-more/

• Prophetic Prayer – Paul is a great example. It could be suggested his prayers saved an entire ship of people in a dreadful storm.

Here is a testimony of prophetic prayer in response to things going backward after a man was miraculously healed.

Why Jesus? The Little Red Book, Part 1 and 2

https://godisgoodstories.com/2022/10/13/why-jesus-part-1/

https://godisgoodstories.com/2022/10/18/why-jesus-part-2/

• Creative Arts, Inventions, Business – these are all realms where our prophetic delivery can be released with great effectiveness. Whether you are overt or covert, creative ways in delivering a prophetic word are a legitimate way to

release a prophetic insight from God.

Poetry used to communicate a prophetic insight: Golden Stardust Shimmers Glory:

https://godisgoodstories.com/2023/05/04/golden-star-dust-shimmers-glory/

• Gifts can carry atmospheres, prophetic insights, and can carry the very heart of God. Read a testimony of an effective prophetic gift in the form of a cake.

Testimony – giving a gift of cake that was the prophetic word

Hearing His Heart through the Prophetic Gift of a Cake

https://godisgoodstories.com/2021/08/31/the-prophetic-gift-of-a-cake/

• As with any relationship, restraint is important. Sometimes God asks us to hold a word, or wait for a word.

Testimony – this prophetic word was held for many months before releasing it: *Kingdom Legislators – new breed of prophets arise:* https://godisgoodstories.com/2022/12/13/legislators-new-breed-prophets/

How we deliver can be as varied as our DNA

The gifts, demonstrated without love, are merely noise in an already noisy world.

Let's deliver the gift of prophecy with love and represent our Father well so the world will taste and see that God is Good!