

Prophecy

Seven guidelines for prophetic words

Acts 2:17-18

In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on **all** people.

Your **sons and daughters** will prophesy, your **young** men will see visions, your **old** men will dream dreams.

Even on my **servants**, both **men** and **women**, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.

#1. Requirements for prophecy:

- ***edification***
- ***encouragement***
- ***comfort***

1 Cor. 14:3

But he who prophesies speaks *edification* and *exhortation* and *comfort* to men. NKJV

Exhortation = encouragement in the Greek

But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort. NIV

#2. Love and humility should be
the base of every Word given.

If you don't love the person, you don't have the right to speak on behalf of the Lord because you could damage the person. Treat every person like they are the apple of His eye... because they are.

#3. Guard your heart (so as not to contaminate the Word).

Anger, bitterness, criticism or wanting to control a situation can contaminate prophetic words.

4. When learning to prophesy we don't let our students prophecy over:

- Babies**
- Romantic relationships**
- Dates**
- Directional moves “God says go to Africa)”**

#5. Every Word should be judged.

- *1 Cor. 14:29 Two or three prophets should speak and the others should weigh carefully what is said.*
- *Take a word given to you to the Lord and let Him confirm it or not.*
- *Don't be offended if someone doesn't accept your word. They have to pray over it. If it is God, He will bear witness and bring it to pass.*

**#6. The number 1 enemy of prophecy
is pride.**

Stay humble.

7. Look for the gold.

*People already know their problems and their sin.
Wait on God until you see what He sees.*

There are 3 kinds of words of the Lord:

1. Words of encouragement

General, "Jesus loves you."
God has a plan for your life".

Sometimes these open the door for specific words of knowledge to follow.

**There are 3 kinds of words of the
Lord:**

2. Words of knowledge

Knowledge that only comes by the Holy Spirit

There are 3 kinds of words of the Lord:

3. Telling our testimony

Rev. 19:10b *...the testimony of Jesus is the Spirit of prophecy.*

Rev. 12:11 *And they overcame by the blood of the Lamb and the testimony of the saints.*