

THE PROPHET CLASS: CREATING & SUSTAINING A LIFE-GIVING PROPHETIC CULTURE



WHY MANY PEOPLE MISAPPLY THE PROPHETIC

*(And How to Make
Sure You Don't!)*

LESSON 2

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PART OF THE FREE VIDEO MINI-COURSE...

YOUR PROPHETIC JOURNEY:

*Essential Keys For Properly
Stewarding Prophetic Revelation*

Welcome back to Your Prophetic Journey!

In the first lesson, I gave you a definition of the prophetic and its purpose, and different ways prophecy may be received and released to others.

Now, in Lesson 2 we are going to answer the question – **“Now that I have received a prophetic word, how do I properly apply it?”** This is a great question, and one that needs to be answered!

In my journey of over 40 years of prophetic ministry, my experience is that most of the time people correctly hear *what* God is saying. However, most often where things can go wrong is in properly interpreting and *applying* what has been received.

In today’s lesson, I want to address seven practical areas to consider when applying prophetic revelation.

As you [watch the second lesson](#), follow along in this study guide to ensure you catch the main points from Your Prophetic Journey.

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"'We both had dreams,' they answered, 'but there is no one to interpret them.' Then Joseph said to them, 'Do not interpretations belong to God? Tell me your dreams.'"

Genesis 40:8 NIV

I. Receiving pure revelation

There are a number of factors to consider concerning revelatory gifts. Failure to understand these factors can lead to dismissing a genuine word as being "off" or missing the impact God intends for the word to give.

Knowing the source:

A. **God**

"...test the spirits to see whether they are from God..." 1 John 4:1

B. _____

"...I did not speak to them, but they prophesied." Jeremiah 23:21. See also Ezekiel 13:1-2.

C. **Satan**

"...this is the spirit of the antichrist..." 1 John 4:3

"...Get behind me, Satan!" Matthew 16:23

II. Proper interpretation

The following scriptural references show how **revelation must be wedded with** _____. Numerous genuine words have been judged as false because of a wrong interpretation.

A. **Acts 10:17**

"...Peter was greatly perplexed in mind as to what the vision which he had seen (**revelation**) might be (**interpretation**)..."

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B. I Peter 1:11

"...seeking to know what person or time (**interpretation**) the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating (**revelation**) as He predicted the sufferings of Christ..."

C. Daniel 8:15

"I, Daniel had seen the vision (**revelation**)...that I sought to understand it..." (**interpretation**)

D. Acts 16:10

"And when he had seen (**revelation**) the vision...concluding (**interpretation**) that God had called us..."

E. Genesis 40:12

"Then Joseph said to him, 'This is the interpretation of it...'"

III. Correct application

A. Interpretation determines _____

Compare Acts 21:10 and Acts 20:23. Those who heard Agabus were convinced that God was warning Paul not to go to Jerusalem. Paul, however, interpreted the word differently. This made his application the exact opposite of what others had hoped it would be. Paul received the word *not* as a warning not to go, but as a confirmation of his sensing that he was to count the cost of what lay ahead.

B. Appropriating the promise

Various keys unlock God's prophetic word to be appropriated or fulfilled in our lives. The following are some simple keys:

1. Faith

Hebrews 4:2 – "...the word...did not profit...because it was not united by (with) faith..."

2. _____

Luke 8:4 – The parable of the sower of the seed portrays the importance of

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having the proper condition of the soil of your heart. The same seed was sowed to all, but had various results, due to the condition of the soil.

3. Diligence in seeking

Daniel 9:2-3, 16 – Daniel found that the desolation of Jerusalem was to be for 70 years. His response was to give himself to seeking the face of the Lord through prayer and fasting.

C. Conditions must be met

What are the conditions that must be met so that the promise can be fulfilled? Sometimes, these conditions are present in the heart of God, but are not spoken to the mind of man. Therefore, questions must be asked.

1. Jeremiah 18:8 – "...if that nation...turns..."
2. II Chronicles 7:14 – "If My people who are called by My name..."

D. The timing of a matter

There is a *kairos* appointed, *strategic timing* for a matter to come into being. It takes patience and wisdom to discern the proper timing.

1. Genesis 37:5-8 – "...Joseph had a dream... 'Are you really going to rule over us?'"
2. Habakkuk 2:3 – "For the vision is yet for the appointed time...though it tarries, wait..."

E. _____

God looks deeply into the heart of man. What really is our inner motivation? Do we want glory for the Lord or promotion before man?

1. Ezekiel 14:4-5 – "Any man...who sets up his idols in his heart, puts right before his face the stumbling block of his iniquity, and then comes to the prophet...give...an answer (according to)... his idols..."

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2. Psalm 106:13-15 - "They quickly forgot His works; they did not wait for His counsel, but craved...and tempted God...so He gave them their request... (NASB) but sent leanness into their soul" (NKJ).

F. Handling contradiction

In some occasions, the Holy Spirit has spoken very clearly. However, the birth of the promise can appear differently than expected, especially in the infant stage. Again, we must cry out to the Lord that we miss not the day of visitation due to the manner in which that promise has first appeared.

1. Isaiah 9:6 - "For unto us a child is born, unto us a Son is given..."
2. Matthew 1:18-25 - "...Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not wanting to disgrace her, desired to put her away secretly..."
(Joseph changed from being a man of principle to a man of faith.)

G. Discerning properly

We must be careful how we _____. One of the potential problems for the prophetic person is that he is assumed to be in the "prophetic mode" all the time and every time he speaks. This not only shows lack of wisdom on the part of the listener, it also dishonors the prophetic person. Let us prayerfully and with trusted godly counsel, seek proper discernment.

1. II Samuel 7:1-15 - "Nathan the prophet...said... 'Go, do all that is in your mind...the Lord is with you' ...'Go...say to...David, "Are you the one who should build me a house...?"'"
2. I Samuel 16:6-7 - "He looked...and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed is...!...BUT THE LORD SAID..."

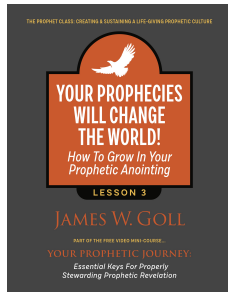
Prayer time

With all these wisdom parameters in place, let's create an atmosphere of faith and ask the Holy Spirit to move freely. Let us not err on the side of "license," nor on the side of "stifling" the Spirit's presence and power. But with these understandings in place, let's walk into fruitful prophetic maturation.

Gracious Heavenly Father, we thank You for making Your wisdom ways known to us. We desire to walk in pure revelation, clearer interpretation and accurate application. We also ask for great grace to be multiplied into our lives so we can discern the proper timing of a matter and how to handle contradiction while exercising faith towards you, the God who promises.

Continue to teach us more lessons in the School of the Prophetic so that we too can become disciple makers and see authentic prophetic revelation multiply in Jesus' Name! Amen and Amen!

Looking ahead in Your Prophetic Journey...



Lesson 3: Your Prophecies Will Change the World! *Growing in Your Prophetic Anointing*

Today's lesson was packed full of important considerations for what to do with the prophecies you have received—so make sure you go over your notes and immediately start applying these principles to the revelation you are receiving.

In the next lesson, I'll answer the question: **How do I impact the world around me with the prophetic and continue to grow in my prophetic anointing?**

Whether you're just getting started and this is all new to you, or you're already receiving prophetic revelation from the Lord but are pressing into Him for the next level, this lesson will help you **use your prophetic gift to touch those around you.**

If you found this lesson useful, please share it on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram, or even by sending a friend the [web address](#) to this mini-class.

Next up, we'll cover how to you can continue to grow in your prophetic anointing and use your prophetic gift to touch those around you. I'll see you in Lesson 3!