



Title: Personal prophecy
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Isaiah 50:4

"The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to **speak a word in season to him who is weary**. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to hear as the learned. "

- We must **desire** to prophesy
1 Cor 14:1
Pursue love, and **desire** spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.
Desire: Greek - zeloo
to be zealous for, to burn with desire, to pursue passionately, to desire eagerly or intensely.
- Everyone can prophesy
1 Cor 14:31 For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged.
- We should **not despise** prophesy, however **we should test all things**
1 Thess 5:19-22
Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good.

Testing a personal word of prophecy received:

1. The written word of God

The first and foremost standard for judging any word is that it must not contradict the Word of God e.g.

2. The peace of God

Colossians 3:15 (AMP)

And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts [*deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds, in that peaceful state*]

The fact the word and information are accurate, does not mean that it is a true word from God.

3. Confirmation of what is in your heart

Jeremiah 17:9

"The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; Who can know it?"

Ezekiel 14:3&4

"Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their hearts, and put before them that which causes them to stumble into iniquity. Should I let Myself be inquired of at all by them?"

"Therefore speak to them, and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Everyone of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts before him what causes him to stumble into iniquity, and then comes to the prophet, **I the LORD will answer him who comes, according to the multitude of his idols...**"

What is the danger of a false prophecy?

1. A curse bring released
2. Being outside of God's will
3. Lawlessness

How do you deal with receiving a false prophecy?

You reject the word and cut off any curse that it can bring.

Safety net when you receive a word from God or when you give a prophecy:

1. **Do not try to please the person** you are prophesying to
2. **Only say what God tells you to say**
3. **You can't prophesy against the written word of God.** Therefore the word of God must be in our hearts.
4. **Accountability**
5. **Confirmation** from trustworthy people or sources

6. **Don't say "the Lord says"**. Rather say, "this is what I feel".
7. **Test every word**

How do you learn?

1. Baptism in the Holy Spirit
2. Praying in tongues, tuning in to the Holy Spirit's voice
3. Spending time in the word of God – meditating & memorising
4. It is always a step in faith, we need to learn how to recognise the Holy Spirit's voice.
5. Start by doing it
 - a) Pray for someone at home and trust the Lord for a word for the person
 - b) In your small group
 - c) Sundays during the alter call
 - d) At work