

PRAYER STUDY # 71
PROPHECY REVISITED
...covet to prophesy.... 1st Corinthians 14:39

“Rick Joyner’s Deceptions That Cause False Prophecies & Grow False Prophets”

1. Allowing any truth to eclipse the centrality of Christ.(Colossians 1:28-29)
2. Becoming too sympathetic with the interests of man.
3. Self-seeking or selfish ambition. (John 7:18)
4. Not having proper balance between friendship with God and the fear of God.
5. Stealing words from other prophets.
6. Allowing our own prejudices to attack something to what we say, “Thus saith the Lord” to. Judging other people or people groups after their most extreme elements.
7. Presuming more authority than the Lord has given.
8. Failing to walk in the fruit of the Spirit regardless of how much power we have.
9. Thinking because God occasionally speaks through us that He thinks just like we do and His feelings are our feelings all the time.
10. Not keeping the two great commandments of God in the proper order.
11. Overemphasizing knowing the enemy or studying deceptions rather than the truth. We become what we are beholding.
12. Becoming isolated, thinking we alone have the truth.
13. Being in Sin.
14. Trying to live under the New Covenant but functioning under the Old Covenant.
15. Having improper procedure.
16. Not restoring people.
17. Presuming that the prophecy must be more specific or spectacular than the Lord intends for it to be.
18. Using the Wizard Spirit-Professional appearance, will “prophesy” information that they know in the natural, chief weapon will be flattery, will try to focus us on doing things more glamorous than things the Lord has for us to do.

The Gift of Prophecy from *High Point Church Studies on the Holy Spirit*

Prophecy is the most important of the 3 gifts of utterance or inspiration. Not only is it mentioned most frequently in 1st Corinthians 11,12,13, and 14(some 22 times), but we are expressly told to “covet to prophesy”(1st Corinthians 14:1, 39). Since it is such an important gift, Satan has corrupted it greatly in the hands of uninformed or soulless believers who have mistakenly used it as a vehicle of their own thoughts. The Greek word for prophecy means to “speak for another” or to let your mouth be used for His message. That is, the message is not figured out by your mind for the message is from His mind through human lips. It is utterance given by the

Holy Spirit through human lips in a known language. If it is of God, then it will have authority; it will be true; it will never be contrary to Scripture; IT WILL NOT CONDEMN BUT WILL MINISTER IN ONE OR ALL OF THREE AREAS: EDIFICATION, EXHORTATION, AND COMFORT.

What it is not:

1. It is not preaching as some of the modern translations translate the word. Actually, there are a number of Greek words which are translated preach in the King James Version. These words, however, mean to make an authoritative declaration, to herald, to proclaim, to set forth, etc. The thought is that of giving out the Scriptures clearly and with authority. This is not prophecy.
2. The gift of prophecy is open to all believers and we are told to covet to prophesy, but the gift of prophecy does not set one in the apostolic office as a prophet (Ephesians 4:8,11). Thus, many here prophesy who are not prophets, although have seen a few prophets here too.
3. It is not to be used to condemn the "life style"(modes of dress, wearing of the hair, etc.) of those present. It is NOT to be used to get guidance for marriage, business ventures, missionary ventures, etc. (This is not to say that He will not use a Word of Wisdom to direct us at times, but the only safe procedure to follow is to ask the Lord to confirm always by His Spirit and several witnesses.) It is not to be taken lightly but judged. It never takes the place of the written Word for prophecy will cease (1st Corinthians 13:8), but GOD'S WORD ABIDETH FOREVER(1ST Peter 1:25).

The Purpose of Prophecy:

1. To edify the believers, that is to build them up. (1st Corinthians 14:4)
2. To exhort meaning "a calling near." We will sense a new awareness of His unseen presence with us. (1st Corinthians 14:3)
3. To comfort, console, and give solace to the sobbing spirit until it sobs its last heaving sigh and rests as a child on the breast of its understanding parent. (1st Corinthians 14:3, 31)
4. To convict the unbeliever and make manifest the secrets of his heart. (1st Corinthians 14:24, 25)
5. That believers may learn in the mysterious realm of the spiritual what they cannot grasp with the natural mind. (1st Corinthians 14:24-25)