

Don't Chase Prophecy

We are made for total connection with God. We cannot fully operate without receiving communication from him – it's essential. “Where there is no vision, the people perish”¹ is a reminder of this. In the Hebrew, 'vision' refers to prophetic messages or seer's visions. 'Perish' means to be loosed, unrestrained, indicating the lack of direction in life. Prophetic words cannot fully meet our needs, but direct communication can. Constant communication through the Spirit should bring the spiritual life we need.

I have watched believers come alive and focussed when prophecy is going on around them. This should not be.

In the Kingdom, we should be alive and focussed all the time. Prophecy should be a bonus, not something that gets our 'juices going'. If it does, then prophecy is a 'crutch', just as religion is, to prop us up because we can't live the life we have.

Hubie Synn, the “wandering Prophet” writes about this false mindset:

“Some people rely on prophecy too much. They like the 'rush' of hearing from God. They want a 'fresh word' every day. That is not the way God designed us to live. The Bible says we walk by faith, not by sight². Prophetic words can give us something to hold on to, but they are not our daily bread.

When people obsess about the prophetic gift and seek new words all the time, it starts to distort the precious relationship Jesus wants to have with them. They think they can't hear God for themselves. By chasing prophecy, they cut themselves off from personal contact with God. Jesus said, 'My sheep hear My voice'.³ That's a promise for each one of us, not just the prophetically gifted. We all must hear from God for ourselves. Occasionally He will speak through other people, but that is the exception, not the rule...

If you are relying on a prophet, pastor, elder, deacon, counselor, or anyone else to give you regular supernatural direction, you are probably in an unhealthy situation.”⁴

Hubie Synn also gives some advice to those who are gifted prophetically:

“On the other side, if you are a prophetic person, you must not become addicted to or enamored of giving words to people. If your motivation is wrong, you can easily start to draw people unto yourself instead of to Jesus. Some prophetic people I know feel great pressure to perform...I want to warn those of you who are prophetically gifted: If you act the part of the celebrity prophet, it will draw people to you. And it will pollute the exercise of your gift and eventually do as much harm as the good that God intended.”⁵

Practice hearing for yourself. Try this Praying Medic book as it may assist you.⁶

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1 – Proverbs 29:18

2 – 2 Corinthians 5:7

3 – John 10:27

4 – Hubie Synn (2015) “Tales of a Wandering Prophet” Charisma House p:172-173

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