

Overemphasising Prophecy

Some have been 'burnt' by relying too much on prophecy for their daily lives. Prophecy may be beneficial for a time, but there are dangers in the long term.

Hubie Synn, the 'Wandering Prophet', experienced this misplaced attention on personal prophecy. Him and his wife (Vicki) had great results initially but this turned sour when false messages were given to them. He writes at the conclusion to these distressing circumstances:

“All of us had been spiritually and emotionally wounded, but none of us wanted to abandon our faith as some had. Together we went through healing, sharing our hearts, praying for and comforting one another. Sometimes Vicki would start weeping during the church service for no apparent reason. It was like our spirits were being cleansed of wounds.

As for prophecy and the other gifts of the Spirit, I had seen enough for a while. Prophecy had indeed helped us on many occasions. It brought encouragement, hope, direction, and warning. It demonstrated the personal nature of God. But false prophecy had turned our hearts away from the gifts, at least for the time being.

Years later I was with a man named John Paul Jackson, who led a well-established prophetic ministry. I shared about this experience and John Paul told me, “Right when your gift was ready to start, that’s when all these false prophecies started happening. The enemy tried to sabotage you, but you made your way back.””¹

The moral to the story: Personal prophecy is of great benefit in small doses, but the way a normal son of God operates is to hear from God for themselves. With community to support them and keep them accountable, and with genuine Community oversight, each person should have a level of protection from error so that they can grow in hearing and become proficient.

The 'Praying Medic' has released a book² on this which should be of benefit to all those wanting to receive Spirit-messages for themselves.

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