

Don't Be Afraid

Fear is the biggest 'killer' of the prophetic. Many think it's pride, but it's not. The fear of man and the fear of embarrassment are the biggest killers because they prevent the word of God from being sent out as it's meant to.

The enemy's plan is 2-fold, give them fear to prevent them from speaking, or raise pride in them so they are destroyed. Both methods are in play constantly, so get the right balance for safety sake.

Hubie Synn shared his experience of fear:

“The first principle—don't fear—is the one that looms largest for me. Though I know prophecy produces much good, having the gift of prophecy is scary for me. I feel like I am walking on water whenever I have to tap someone on the shoulder to give him a word. I am tempted with all kinds of fear—fear of rejection, fear of embarrassment, fear of getting in trouble, and fear of making a mistake. I never know how people will react or interpret the words God gives them. I do not want to lead people down the wrong path. All these thoughts cross my mind as I am about to prophesy.

Every time it happens, I have to choose not to allow these fears to overcome me. I remember that God is in control and is with me at all times. In my weakness He is strong. When I open my mouth to speak, I know it is His Spirit speaking through me and not my own voice—His power, not mine. I'm just the instrument He's using. If I make a mistake with good intentions, God will mercifully correct my course. That gives me great comfort.

I have found that the key to confronting fear is to acknowledge it, then say no, and move on with what God tells you to do. There's no use denying that fear is there, but we must deny fear any power in that moment. I remind myself that God qualifies those He calls. His strength is made perfect in our weakness. We do our part, but He is responsible for the outcome.”¹

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