

Sift the Prophetic Stirring

One of the many important duties of a prophet is to only speak as 'the word of the Lord' what the Lord gives them. Secondly, they must ensure that what they speak has no mixture in it from their mind or their soul. A third important point that many ignore, is to wait until it's God's perfect time to give it.

The tendency is to rush in and speak without testing the word and waiting to the Spirit has given permission to speak it. Impulsive or compulsive prophetic messages are dangerous. Always remember: **In the New Covenant (NC), the words of a prophet are under their control.**¹

Hubie Synn shared his experience concerning this topic:

“It might seem like I resist or complain often when the Lord directs me to talk with someone, but some of that is my way of testing the impulse. When I feel the stirring in my stomach to speak to someone, I don't run over to that person right away. I wait to see if the stirring continues, because I want to be absolutely sure it is God directing me.

While waiting, I examine myself to make sure I am in right standing with God and that I don't have wrong motives in my heart concerning what I am about to do.² I never skip this very important step. Jeremiah 18:3-4 tells the story of the potter who had to remake the vessel because he noticed an imperfection. Philippians 1:6 speaks of God having begun a good work in us to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. These verses confirm that each of us is still being molded and perfected and that there is room for error. None of us should become prideful and think that we are always right. Psalm 19:12-14 puts it so well:

'Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me from secret faults. Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be upright and innocent from great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.'

Before sharing a word with someone, it's OK to sift it for a moment. God allows time for this. Check your motives. Pray and ask the Lord for a clean heart, to keep you from “presumptuous sins”, and that the words of your mouth would be acceptable in His sight.”³

IMPORTANT: **The enthusiasm to give a word or the 'compulsion' to speak it is not the measurement by which a prophetic word should be given.** God's NC prophets are not impulse-driven, but sons of God who are about the King's business, always wanting to be in complete alignment with him – never out of alignment in any way.

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1 – 1 Corinthians 14:32

2 – See 2 Corinthians 13:5

3 – Hubie Synn (2015) “Tales of a Wandering Prophet” Charisma House p:170-171