

## **The Heart of Prophecy**

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**Prophetic** – is a broad term describing a person operating in and ministering from the spiritual revelatory realm in their calling, gifting, or anointing from God.

Definition of **'prophecy' or to 'prophesy'** – when a person communicates a divinely inspired message (revelation) they have received from the Lord; either by speaking or writing it, either spontaneously or over a period of time, that releases the heart of God, glorifying Jesus through their words.

A prophet is someone who is created by God, called by the Lord, given prophetic gifts by the Spirit, and commissioned and anointed by Jesus for a certain type of mission, authority, and influence.

A prophetic person is someone who operates in prophetic gifts or a specific anointing and may or may not have figured out the rest yet.

### **4 Levels of the Prophetic:**

- The Prophetic Spirit
- The Gift of Prophecy
- Prophetic Calling or Ministry Mantle
- The Office of a Prophet

**Calling – gives identity.**

**Gifting – gives abilities.**

**Anointing – gives purpose and power.**

**1 Corinthians 12:7-11 (NKJV)** “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: 8 for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, 10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. 11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.”

The prophetic is meant to be a form of community and a type of discipleship that edifies the church. The Heart of Prophecy is the expression of God's heart for His people.

**1 Corinthians 14:12 (NKJV)** “Even so you, since you are zealous for spiritual gifts, let it be for the edification of the church that you seek to excel.”

**1 Corinthians 14:12 (ESV)** “Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church.”

### **7 Main purposes for Prophetic:**

- Calling people back to the heart of God;
- Calling out the treasure in people;
- Calling out the destiny in people;
- Giving a definition to what is happening in the spiritual realm;
- Separating the holy from the profane;
- Declaring what the future holds;
- Edifying the Church.

**Revelatory prophecy** – an inspired message given to a prophet by God and released over a period of time and either spoken or written.

**Spontaneous Prophesying** – is speaking a spontaneously divinely inspired message that releases the heart of God, glorifying Jesus through your words. It is “in the moment” and ministers to people immediately. It is usually much shorter than a revelatory word. It is situational, subjective, and experiential. It comes prophetically through either/both seeing or hearing.

Some people are hearers, and some are seers. (Not necessarily audible hearing. That is not the standard; spiritual hearing is! It is the “still small voice” such as Elijah heard. 1 Kings 19:13)

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The prophetic is the operation of revelatory gifts that operate by communication (speaking) therefore, we need to examine different types of spiritual language or communication. This is “in the moment” and ministers to people immediately. It is situational, subjective, and experiential.

### **DIFFERENT TYPES OF TONGUES**

The first aspect of “praying in the Spirit” – is being led by the Spirit in what to pray.

**Ephesians 6:18 (NKJV)** “praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.”

The second aspect of “praying in the Spirit” – is praying in tongues, because you have received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. This experience is evidenced by speaking in a spiritual language that communicates directly and privately to our Father in Heaven.

**1 Corinthians 14:2 (NKJV)**, “For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.”

Speaking in tongues will be an ongoing experience in the life of the disciple that has been baptized in the Holy Spirit (Mark 16:17). Speaking in tongues is also for personal prayer, praise, and songs to the Lord. The very heart of speaking in tongues is deeper communication with God. This means that when we pray in tongues, we are praying for the perfect will of God for that situation. There are times in the worshiping community and in our own personal lives to pray and sing in unknown tongues.

**1 Corinthians 14:15 (NKJV)**, “What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding (my mind). I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding (my mind).”

Speaking in tongues may also be described as transcendent praise. These tongues do not require interpretation because they function for the edification of the speaker or as expressions of Spirit-led intercession. But these tongues must operate in an orderly way in a large congregational gathering. They are not to be used to draw attention to ourselves. Praying in tongues acts in the life of a believer as a “spiritual charger.”

**Jude 20 (NKJV)** “But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit.”

This is why sometimes in a large gathering, people get built up spiritually and excited and get loud. But we all must retain unity and focus on what God is doing in our midst. This second aspect of this type of tongue, is that this special personal prayer language resulting from the Baptism in the Holy Spirit may also be interpreted back to the believer by praying and asking the Holy Spirit for personal interpretation.

## **THE GIFT OF TONGUES AND INTERPRETATION OF TONGUES**

There is also a spiritual gift of tongues and interpretation of tongues. This is not referring to your personal prayer language – although it may flow right out of it. There is the least amount of Scripture in this area. But again – the purpose of this gift is for the edification of the church.

The third type (classification) of tongues is an unknown spiritual tongue to you (the speaker) that can be heard and understood by someone else; being spiritually interpreted by the gifting of the hearer.

**1 Corinthians 12:7–10 (NKJV)** “But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all . . . to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.”

This gift of tongues is for the edification of the entire gathered church community. A person who operates in the Gift of Tongues should know who operates in the Gift of Interpretation of Tongues and go to them and give it out loud to them for them to interpret. Otherwise, they should stay silent. These are actually two spiritual gifts. One is a gift of a person speaking in an unknown or heavenly tongue and another person with the gift to interpret that heavenly tongue – or a person that operates in both gifts.

**1 Corinthians 14:13 (NKJV)** “Therefore let him who speaks in a tongue pray that he may interpret.

**1 Corinthians 14:27–28 (NKJV)** “If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be two or at the most three, each in turn, and let one interpret. But if there is no interpreter, let him keep silent in church, and let him speak to himself and to God.”

A person who operates in the Gift of Tongues should know who operates in the Gift of Interpretation of Tongues and go to them and give it out loud to them for them to interpret. Otherwise, they should stay silent. CL Protocol will help a person with this gift learn to operate in it within a prophetic community. Then they will be able to operate in it within a prophetic team and in the general congregational gatherings.

There are two things here we must remember: The Bible tells us to know those who labor among us, and everyone as a disciple must learn to grow in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men. (1 Thess. 5:12; Luke 2:52) This is part of the discipleship process – to be known, as you are being trained and growing in the prophetic community.

God also has given us guidelines on how to use these to keep order for the congregation. These boundaries provide safety for the whole congregation and allow for the freedom and liberty of the Holy Spirit to operate!

**1 Corinthians 14:26 (NKJV)** “How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.”

**1 Thessalonians 5:19–21 (NKJV)** “Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies. Test all things; hold fast what is good.”

BUT – we cannot allow speaking in tongues to be the “glass ceiling” in the church!

**1 Corinthians 14:5 (NKJV)**, “I wish you all spoke with tongues, but even more that you prophesied; for he who prophesies is greater than he who speaks with tongues, unless indeed he interprets, that the church may receive edification.”

**1 Corinthians 14:39**, “Therefore, brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and do not forbid to speak with tongues.”

### **WHAT IS PROPHECYING?**

**Prophecy** – speaking a spontaneously divinely inspired message that releases the heart of God (revelation), glorifying Jesus through your words. Revelation may come from either hearing or seeing. Prophecy comes by hearing the voice of the Lord. Every Christian should be able to hear the voice of the Lord! (It is a birthright!)

**2 Corinthians 5:17**, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things (including the way we hear the voice of the Lord) have become new.”

**John 10:27 (NKJV)** “My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.”

Those who belong to Him can and should desire to hear His voice. We simply must hear what He is saying and look for what He is doing, and then go and cooperate with Him. Hearing the Word of the Lord

The Word of God (logos) written Word (Scriptures): forever settled in Heaven.  
The word of the Lord (rhema) proceeding; spoken: situational, subjective, and experiential.

We call the Scriptures (meaning the written Word of God) the logos word. This is the Word of God that is forever settled in Heaven. We call the prophetic or proceeding spoken word of the Lord—the rhema word. It is situational, subjective, and experiential.

**Matthew 3:13-17**, “Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. And John tried to prevent Him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by You, and are You coming to me?’ But Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Permit it to be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.’ Then he allowed Him. When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him. And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’”

During Jesus’ baptism, the Holy Spirit lands upon the Word of God (Jesus) and we hear the Father speak. If our heart has the Word of God (logos) in it, when the Holy Spirit

breathes or lands upon the Word that is in our heart, we hear the voice of the Lord. We hear the proceeding word of the Lord (rhema).

Many people are used to listening to their own voice in their head. When they get saved, they have not learned to hear the voice of God. The more we have the Word of God—meaning, the logos word of Scripture in our hearts, the more the Holy Spirit can breathe or move upon our hearts, and we hear the voice of the Lord. This usually comes through the Scripture itself.

Revelation can come through hearing an impression in your spirit; or can come as a visual impression. When the Holy Spirit breathes upon the Word of God in our hearts, the Lord will usually speak through His Word. This is His proceeding or prophetic word for you.

### **PROPHETIC DECLARATION**

We are to speak or declare (prophecy) the word that the Lord speaks by the Spirit (rhema) when He breathes upon the Word of God (logos) in our hearts. It is essentially the Christian operating in the same manner as Jesus by the Spirit of the Lord.

**John 12:50 (NKJV)** “Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.”

This happens simply because Christians have the Spirit of God inside them, which is the Spirit of the risen Lord Jesus Christ. We see this immediately following in the life of Jesus following His baptism.

**MATTHEW 4:3–4 (NKJV)** “Now when the tempter came to Him [Jesus], he said, ‘If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.’ But He answered and said, ‘It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God”’

### **TWO-EDGED SWORD**

The Word of God is the two-edged Sword of the Spirit. The term a two-edged sword refers to your knowledge of the written Word (logos) together with the spoken word (rhema) of the Lord. These two together become a weapon!

**Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)** “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

One of the first ways to judge prophecy, or just to judge the prophetic—is to know what's coming up inside you by the Holy Spirit according to God's Word. The Holy Spirit is not

trying to find something to lead you away or counter God's Word. All prophetic words must either line up with Scripture – if not directly, indirectly according to a biblical standard or align with the character and nature of God.

**1 Corinthians 14:1 (NKJV)** “Pursue love, and desire spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.”

Prophesying is not some spooky, weird thing. Prophesying is very practical. If you are operating in the love of God for that person, God wants to reveal a word for you to give them or edification, exhortation, and comfort

## **THE WORD AND THE SPIRIT**

The Word of God and the Spirit of God always work together to establish God's purposes and will never contradict one another. We need to have the Word of God on the inside of us to be led by the Spirit.

**Romans 8:14,** “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.”

## **PROPHESYING**

The Spirit of the Lord may give you a specific prophetic word for a person that is either edifying, exhorting, or comforting them. When you speak it to them, you are prophesying.

**1 Corinthians 14:3 (NKJV)** “But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.”

Prophesying is speaking a spontaneously inspired message that releases the heart of God, glorifying Jesus through your words.

**1 Corinthians 14:24-25 (NKJV)** “But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an uninformed person comes in, he is convinced by all, he is convicted by all. And thus the secrets of his heart are revealed; and so, falling down on his face, he will worship God and report that God is truly among you.”

Prophecy ministers to people immediately and usually opens the way for God to continue to move.

**Revelation 19:10 (NKJV)** “For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

Prophesying is not just a spiritual gift; it is a common spiritual experience. Every believer has the ability to prophesy inspired words to build-up, encourage, and comfort one another.

This is why we have developed a Prophetic community (the School of the Prophets) at CL in the School of Ministry. If you are a 'prophetic person' this is the perfect place to be disciplined to understand the prophetic and learn and be developed in your prophetic gifts.

Prophesying should always line-up with the Word of God and be given in public so that it can be held accountable according to God's Word by those who hear it.

**1 Corinthians 14:29–33 (NKJV)** "Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge. But if anything is revealed to another who sits by, let the first keep silent. For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged. And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. For God is not the author of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints."

The Bible is the only objective standard of truth and must judge all spontaneous prophecies. (The prophetic taken out of context can be nearly as dangerous as taking Scripture out of context!) One of the main purposes of the prophetic is to draw people to the heart of God. So, one of the main purposes of the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer is to reveal Jesus – who is the revelation of the heart of the Father as Jesus said, "He who has seen Me has seen the Father" (John 14:9 NKJV).

Prophesying is revealing Jesus through your words.

"I [Jesus] still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you." **(John 16:12-15 NKJV)**

## **HOW TO DEVELOP PROPHETICALLY**

Join the CL Prophetic Community

Cultivate a desire to grow closer to God every day. We must fan the flame in our own hearts, not expecting someone else to do it. Realize that you have a destiny in the Lord and keep moving toward it!

Saturate yourself in the Word of God. A prophetic person must immerse themselves in the Word of God!

**2 Timothy 2:15,** "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Remember, the Bible always interprets the prophetic; the prophetic word does not interpret the Bible. Therefore, we must know the Word of God, the Scriptures! Develop your time in the Word and Prayer and Worship (The Word of God is a two-edged sword.) Logos & Rhema together is a weapon!

Develop spirit-led prayer (praying in tongues and being led by the Spirit) Know the voice of God. (This can include coming to CL Prayer Rooms) If you can't hear the voice of God, it's because your Bible is closed!

Recognize how God is developing you prophetically. Be honest with yourself about what your initial prophetic level is and where you are going.

### **PRAYER OF ACTIVATION**