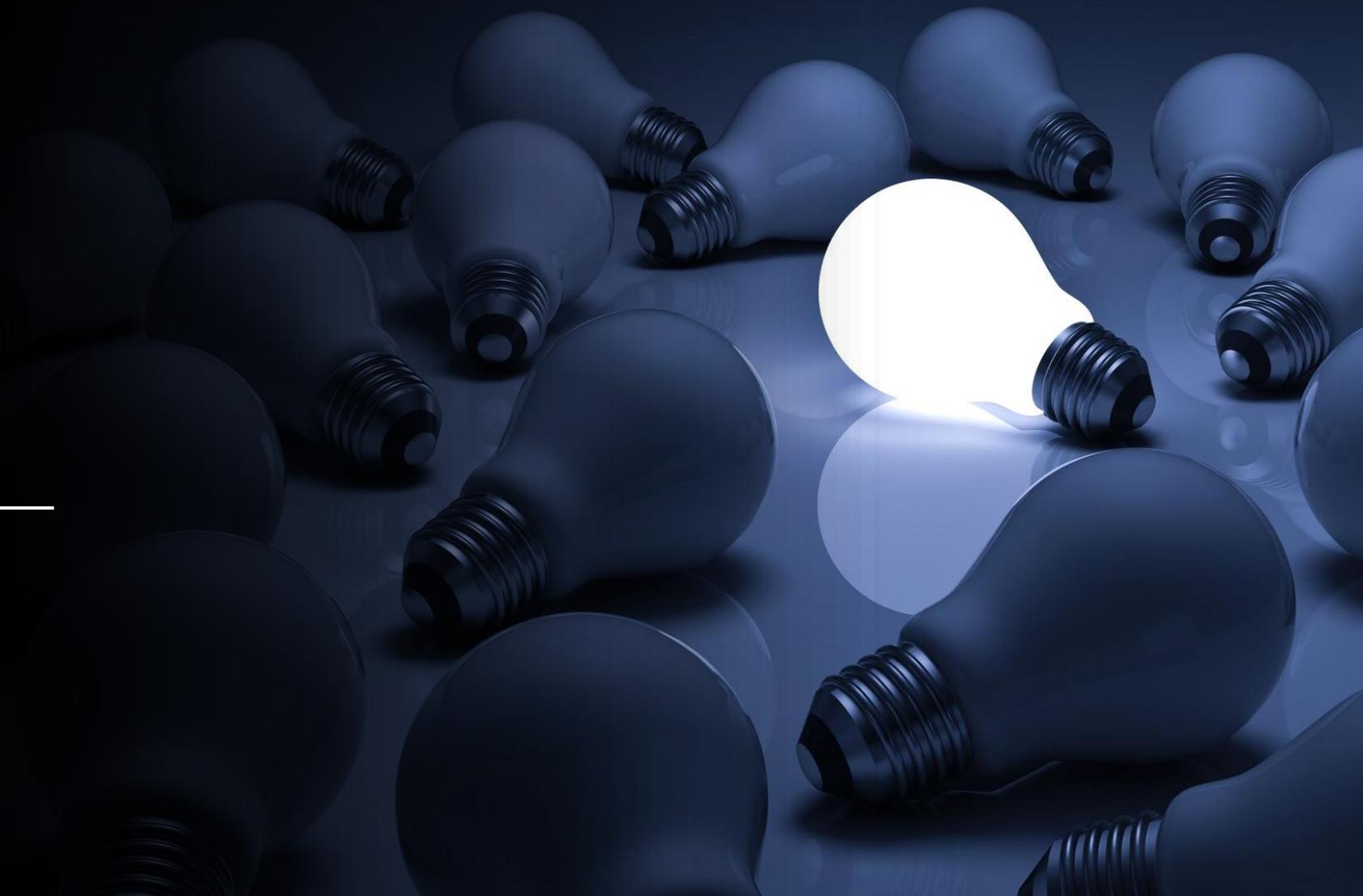




The Power of Positive Prophecy

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The power of what we have in our mouth

- The written word of God is indestructible. It is a weapon to fight against the wickedness in high places.
- The spoken word of God is the flurry of attacks that can send the enemy running away from you.
- Faith grounded in the word is a fortress.
- When there is lack, declare provisions from heaven.
- When there is sickness, declare healing and our God, who is a healer will heal you.

The power of what we have in our mouth

- Stand on God's word and prophetically declare it.
- Don't just read it, speak it. Declare it.
- It is not just a positive confession, it is a prophetic declaration.
- Is the future we are prophesying a positive one or a negative one?
- Death and life are in the power of the tongue,
and those who love it will eat its fruits. Proverbs 18:21
- If you are in a mess, there is good news because there is a miracle in your mouth.

The Prophecy of Declaration

- He spoke, and it was created. Psalm 33:9
- “I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt; open thy mouth wide and I will fill it.” Psalm 81:10
- Everything we say is shaping our destiny and future.
- ³⁶ I tell you, on the day of judgment you will have to give an account for every careless word you utter; ³⁷ for by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” Matthew 12:36

- The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing. — Proverbs 12:18

The lips of the righteous (Proverbs 10)

- A fountain of life - “The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life, but violence overwhelms the mouth of the wicked” (verse 11).
- Discerning lips - “Wisdom is found on the lips of the discerning, but a rod is for the back of him who lacks judgment” (verse 13).
- A refrained tongue - “When words are many, sin is not absent, but he who holds his tongue is wise” (verse 19).
- (High value) Choice silver - “The tongue of the righteous is choice silver, but the heart of the wicked is of little value” (verse 20).

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- Nourishes many - “The lips of the righteous nourish many, but fools die for lack of judgment” (verse 21).
- Brings forth wisdom - “The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, but a perverse tongue will be cut out” (verse 31).
- Knows what is fitting - “The lips of the righteous know what is fitting, but the mouth of the wicked only what is perverse” (verse 32).

- “Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones” (Proverbs 16:24).
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- Be careful of those who dump toxic words on you.



How does prophecy fit into words?

- The root prefix for prophet is “pro” – Gk. And Lat, meaning “forward, advancement, movement.”
- The second root for the word prophet, Gk. “phetes” means speaker.
- Prophet is a speaker who goes in front of someone to advance their movement.
 - ⁹ What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written,
 - ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’
 - ¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. (Matthew 11:9-11)

The office of a prophet

- True prophets never spoke on their own authority or shared their personal opinions but delivered what they heard God said to them.
- God promised Moses, “Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say” (Exod. 4:12). God assured Moses, “I will raise up for [my people] a prophet like you . . . and I will put my words in his mouth. He will tell them everything I command him” (Deut. 18:18). The Lord said to Jeremiah, “I have put my words in your mouth” (Jer 1:9). God commissioned Ezekiel by saying, “You must speak my words to them” (Ezek. 2:7).

Prophets

- **Women prophets** - Moses's sister Miriam is called a "prophet" (Exod. 15:20), as are Deborah (Judg. 4:4) and Huldah (2 Kings 22:14–20).
- **School of prophets** - ³The company [school] of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?" 2 Kings 2:3
- **School of prophets** - 1 Kings 18:4 - While Jezebel was killing off the LORD's prophets, Obadiah had taken a **hundred prophets** and hidden them in two caves, fifty in each, and had supplied them with food and water.)

Prophets are held to a higher standard

- If a prophet, or one who foretells by dreams, appears among you and announces to you a sign or wonder, 2 and if the sign or wonder spoken of takes place, and the prophet says, “Let us follow other gods” (gods you have not known) “and let us worship them,” 3 **you must not listen** to the words of that prophet or dreamer. The Lord your God **is testing you** to find out whether **you love him** with all your heart and with all your soul. 4 It is the **Lord your God you must follow**, and him you must revere. Keep his commands and obey him; serve him and hold fast to him. 5 That prophet or dreamer **must be put to death** for inciting rebellion against the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt and redeemed you from the land of slavery. That prophet or dreamer **tried to turn you from the way the Lord your God commanded you to follow**. You must purge the evil from among you.

Prophets are held to a higher standard

- Prophets lead you to repentance and to God
- Being a mouthpiece for the word of the Lord was often a dangerous calling. People frequently mocked, rejected, persecuted, and even killed God's prophets (2 Chron. 36:16; Jer. 11:21; 18:18; 20:2, 7–10).
- Stephen, the first martyr of the new covenant, pointedly asked, “Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute?” (Acts 7:52).
- Why do you think prophets were killed, mocked, rejected, etc.?

Activating prophecy in your life

- Everyone varies on their degrees of prophecy, but all of us have it.
- God “calls” some to have explosive authority in the kingdom.
- God develops some to prophesy. Development is through prayer, fasting and a heart of submission to God.
- Prophecy must be heard in order to be received.
- “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” John 1:14
- We have a prophetic voice.

Activating prophecy in your life

- ““In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams. Acts 2:17
- Follow the way of love and **eagerly desire gifts** of the Spirit, especially prophecy....the one who prophesies speaks to people for their **strengthening, encouraging and comfort.** ⁴ Anyone who speaks in a tongue edifies themselves, but the one who prophesies **edifies the church.** (1 Corinthians 14:1-4)

Activating prophecy in your life

- **How can we strengthen, encourage or comfort someone with our words and use our prophetic gifts?**
- Prophecy may also bring conviction of sin to unbelievers who happen to be visiting the gathering of God's people
- ²⁴ But if an unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying, they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all, ²⁵ as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, "God is really among you!" **1 Corinthians 14:24-25**

Prophecies and Love

- 1 Corinthians 8–10 he says, “Love never ends. **As for prophecies, they will pass away;** as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.
- Which is stronger prophecies or love?

Prophecy bears testimony to Jesus

- Revelation 19:10 New International Version (NIV)
- ¹⁰ At this I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “Don’t do that! I am a fellow servant with you and with your brothers and sisters who hold to the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For it is the Spirit of prophecy who **bears testimony to Jesus.**”
- All true prophecy bears witness to Jesus Christ. Prophetic revelation is not only rooted in the gospel of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus; its ultimate aim or primary focus is also to bear witness to the person of the incarnate Christ. Prophecy, therefore, is fundamentally **Christ-centered.**

Foundations for manifestation and declarations

Please note that for these prayers to work for you, the following procedures have to be put in place:

1. You must be genuinely born again.
2. You must walk in Holiness.
3. Be an exemplary believer in love, word, action, and conversation as well as in purity (1Timothy 4:12).
4. Do not defile your body. For, it is the temple of God.
5. Be on fasting from time to time. 6am to 9am or 6am-12noon or 6am-3pm or 6am-6pm.
6. You must be a faithful tither and cheerful giver.