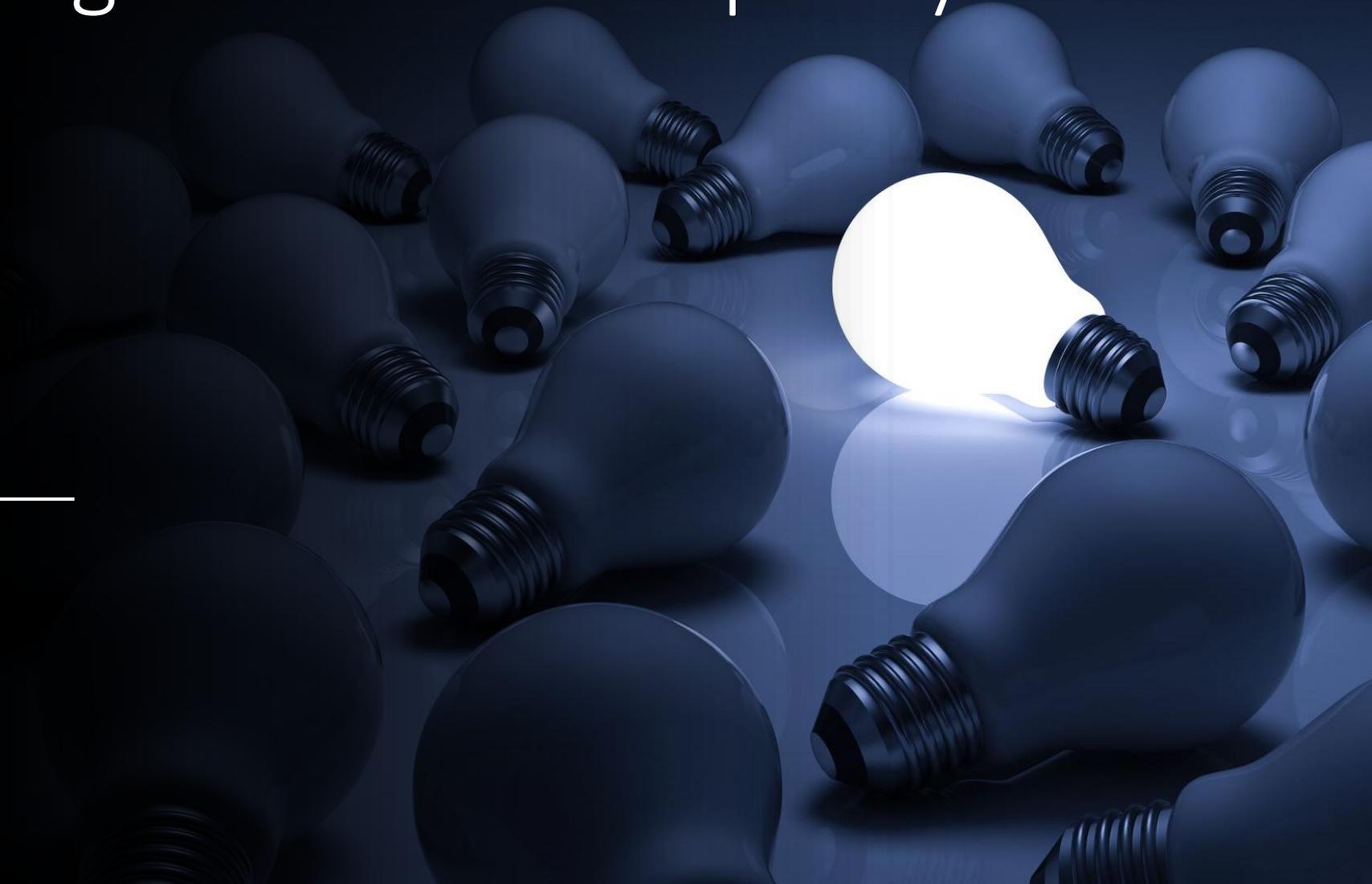


— The Power of Positive Prophecy: Detecting and Developing the Gift of Prophecy

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Recap

- Prophecy accounts for 40% of the Old and New Testament.
- 40% of our own lives are based on prophecies given to us or claimed for ourselves.
- Prophecy is a magnet drawing us closer to two things:
 - God's will
 - Our desires
- We must accept the responsibility of our words we use to communicate, teach, and encourage.
- God is pulling on us like a magnet to a higher level of seeing and being.

Recap

- Webster defines prophecy as:
 1. The foretelling or prediction of what is to come
 2. Something that is declared by a prophet, esp. a divinely inspired prediction, instruction, or exhortation
 3. Any prediction or forecast
 4. The action, or faculty of a prophet
- “Prophecy is any word or action that influences an outcome.”
- Prophecies are not set in stone.

Recap

- God prophesied destruction to Ninevah through the prophet Jonah, but destruction did not occur.
 - Why?
- Was Jonah a false prophet?
- He predicted an outcome for the city if they did not change their ways – but they did!
- Although it was predicted, it was not an immutable event. (fixed, rigid)
- The people still had a major choice in the outcome because of what, and who, they chose to believe.

Recap

- Positive Prophecy – what you say and believe can happen and will happen according to your desires and His Desires.
- God will continue to clarify what you really want to more you pray and thank God for where you are, and where you are going.

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.)

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.

Prophecy of Names: Name Power

- Studies have shown
 - Inmates with the names - Lethal, Odour, and Menace had a higher recidivism rate than those with common names
 - The same essay was given to a pool of students to grade. The ones named common names like Robert and Bill, tended to score higher than Edgar and Wilhelm.
- Names alone do not determine the future, but they setup expectations of behavior and response
 - When educators changed the name from Remedial Training to Leadership Development Training, the children scores and eagerness rose significantly.

Names have power

- You define your name
 - Garbage man/ Janitor / Sanitation Engineer / Environmental Engineer
 - Housewife / Domestic Engineer
 - Web marketing Consultant - Social Media Sensei, Mobile Sensei, Whatever Sensei
- Names can carry heavy burdens
 - Robert Johnson IV
 -King
 -Kennedy
 -Jackson, Jr.

Prophecy of Desire: Get what you want

- God will bring you what you ask for the strongest.
- Your emotions tell you what kind of energy you're putting into manifesting your desire.
- **Positive emotions** like joy and love involve an energy that attracts your desire to you. **Negative emotions** like fear and doubt can repel your desire, producing an experience where it appears like a failure.

Prophecy of Desire: Get what you want

- Positive and negative emotions will cancel out each other leaving you with nothing.
- What scripture comes to mind that relates to this?
- You receive what you believe and expect. Even small thoughts can cancel out your gift wrapped package from God!
- Satan understands this and knows how many distractions are in front of you, so he busies your mind. You have more power than you think.

Law of Attraction (Prophecy of Desire)

- **How to attract what you want - Faith**
- “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.” – Hebrew 11:1
- “As a man thinks, so is he.” – Proverbs 23:7
- Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you – Matthew 7:7
- If thou can believe, all things are possible, to him that believeth – Mark 9.23
- Ask with conviction. Ask with crazy belief. Hold your belief. Do not let it waver back and forth. Do you believe you deserve it?

Law of Attraction (Prophecy of Desire)

- **How to attract what you want – Self**
- The Kingdom of Heaven is within – Luke 17:21
- Visualize the reality that you want and stop focusing on your current reality
- Instead of seeking satisfaction from external reality, seek inner peace.
- According to your faith, shall it be done to you – Matthew 9:29
- **Rewrite:** According to your [self-belief], it shall be done to you.

Keys to Manifestation



- *“Engage in business until I come.” –Luke 19:13 (ESV)*
 - Setup a system of multiplying talents
- Write the vision and make it plain.
- **Act as if** you received it for you have in the spiritual realm, once you asked for it. Our self doubt kill it before it manifests.
- Send clear signals – not inconsistent ones.
- Look for unexpected encounters, coincidences, and anything that is evoking a sense of excitement.

Practical Prophecy vs. Gifted Prophecy

- Let love be your highest goal! But you should also desire the special abilities the Spirit gives—especially the ability to prophecy. 1 Cor 14:1 (NLT)
- Pursue love, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but especially that you may prophecy. (NKJV)
- Pursue love and strive for the spiritual gifts, and especially that you may prophecy. (NRSV)
- Go after a life of love as if your life depended on it—because it does. Give yourselves to the gifts God gives you. Most of all, try to proclaim his truth. (MSG)

Practical Prophecy vs. Gifted Prophecy

- Practical Prophecy is something we can all do.
- Gifted Prophecy is something that God gives us.

How to Prophecy *Practical*

- The intention of this Bible Study is to help all of us accept the responsibility of speaking words which teach, encourage, and challenge each other to a higher level of seeing and being.
- SEEING and BEING
- Prophecy is not only knowing the mind of God, but also knowing your own mind.
- How your mind works – subconsciously and consciously; what your mind believes and what it is pulling you toward.

How to Prophecy *Practical*

- Prophets in the Bible, spoke the words of God as revealed to them in a variety of ways.
- Dreams, visions, awareness, illumination, euphony / ecstasy.
- Traits of Prophets
 - Jeremiah had secretaries
 - Jeremiah 36:4 Then Jeremiah called Baruch son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote on a scroll at Jeremiah's dictation all the words of the Lord that he had spoken to him.
 - Isaiah had disciples
 - Isaiah 8:16 Bind up the testimony, seal the teaching among my disciples.

How to Prophecy *Practical*

- Traits of Prophets

- Elisha knew what was said in secret from afar

- 2 Kings 6:12 Then one of his officers said, “No one, my lord king. It is Elisha, the prophet in Israel, who tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedchamber.”

- Many prophets were reluctant and considered themselves untalented

- GOD told me, “Don’t say, ‘I’m only a boy.’

- I’ll tell you where to go and you’ll go there.

- I’ll tell you what to say and you’ll say it.

- Don’t be afraid of a soul.

- I’ll be right there, looking after you.”

- GOD’S Decree. (Jeremiah 1:7-8)

How to Prophecy *Practical*

- Traits of Prophets

- Some were paid prophets

- Samuel, Nathan, and Amos were held an official office as prophet. Many of the other prophets were not paid. Prophets became such an importance to the welfare of certain Kings, that they did not want to look for the prophet when needed. They paid them to focus on what God wanted.

- Some prophets spoke out of their own agenda at times and were punished or rebuked

- 22Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. “Far be it from You, Lord!” he said. “This shall never happen to You!” 23But Jesus turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me. For you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.” ... (Matthew 16:22)

How to Prophecy *Practical*

- Traits of Prophets

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- Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. (Exodus 17:6 ESV)
- Later on, God tells Moses to speak to a rock, promising to make water flow in the desert again. However, Moses strikes the rock again instead of speaking to it.
- “Take the staff, and assemble the congregation, you and Aaron your brother, and **tell the rock before their eyes to yield its water**. So you shall bring water out of the rock for them and give drink to the congregation and their cattle.” (Numbers 20:8)
- 11 And Moses lifted up his hand and **struck the rock with his staff twice**, and water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their livestock. 12 And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not believe in me, to uphold me as holy in the eyes of the people of Israel, therefore **you shall not bring this assembly into the land that I have given them.**” (Numbers 20:11-12)

How to Prophecy *Practical*

- Developing your Prophetical gift
 - **Keep good company**
 - When Saul and his servant arrived at Gibeah, a group of prophets met him. Then the Spirit of God rushed upon him, and he prophesied along with them. 11 All those who had formerly known Saul and saw him prophesying with the prophets asked one another, “What has happened to the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets?” 1 Sam 10:10
 - Blessed *is* the man
Who walks not in the counsel of the [a]ungodly,
Nor stands in the path of sinners,
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful; (Psalm 1:1)
 - We can be blessed or cursed by the company we keep. Hang around the right people and some of their gifts will rub off on you.

How to Prophecy *Practical*

- Developing your Prophetic gift
 - **Seek Wisdom**
 - James 1:5 - If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you.
 - Happy are those
 - who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
 - or take the path that sinners tread,
 - or sit in the seat of scoffers;
 - ² but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
 - and on his law they meditate day and night.
 - ³ They are like trees
 - planted by streams of water,
 - which yield their fruit in its season,
 - and their leaves do not wither.
 - In all that they do, they prosper. (Psalm 1:1-3)
 - Positive Prophecy: The person that seeks to know the mind and heart of God, meditating on it both day and night, will thrive and prosper.

How to Prophecy *Practical*

- Developing your Prophetical gift
 - **Anticipate Outcomes**
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How to Prophecy *Practical*

- Developing your Prophetical gift
 - **Anticipate Outcomes**
 - Here is a stat: 70% of all prison inmates cannot read.
 - What is your prediction based upon that information?
 - What can you do as a servant of God to change your prediction?
 - What other information is available in your environment that can tell you a predicted outcome?
 - How can you change the prediction as a practical prophet and call forth a change in one persons life?

How to Prophecy

Practical

- Developing your Prophetical gift
 - **Develop a keen sense of observation**
 - Stay in the present.
 - We miss subtle clues around us when we are preoccupied.



How to Prophecy *Practical*

- Developing your Prophetical gift
 - **Stay Healthy and have a fasting regimen**
 - Daniel 1:15-17 ⁵At the end of ten days it was observed that they appeared better and fatter than all the young men who had been eating the royal rations. ¹⁶So the guard continued to withdraw their royal rations and the wine they were to drink, and gave them vegetables. ¹⁷To these four young men God gave knowledge and skill in every aspect of literature and wisdom; Daniel also had insight into all visions and dreams.
 - Research shows that when we exercise, blood pressure and blood flow increase everywhere in the body, including the brain. More blood means more energy and oxygen, which makes our brain perform better.

How to Prophecy *Practical*

- Developing your Prophetical gift
 - **Imagine new possibilities**
 - Without a vision, the people.....
 - Albert Einstein “Imagination is everything”
 - Walt Disney – Disney World was birthed from an imagination.

How to Prophecy *Practical*

- Developing your Prophetical gift
 - **Expand your interest and circle of friends**
 - Having an active interest in something makes synchronicities happen more often (we notice them more)
 - Allowing new people in your life increases your chances of having synchronicities
 - The more people you know, the more they can help you by “chance”
 - Your beliefs draw the people around you in your life.



How to Prophecy *Practical*

- Developing your Prophetical gift
 - **Expand your interest and circle of friends**
 - **Ben Franklin**
 - **US Postal System**
 - **One of the pioneers of electricity**
 - **The First bifocals**
 - **Spoke fluent French**
 - **Great Ambassador**

“In 1787 Franklin became the President of the Philadelphia Society for the Relief of Free Negroes Unlawfully Held in Bondage, often referred as the Abolition Society.”

“On February 3rd, 1790, less than three months before his death, Franklin petitioned Congress to provide the means to bring slavery to an end.”



How to Prophecy *Practical*

- Developing your Prophetic gift
 - **Expand your interest and circle of friends**
 - **Otis Boykin**
 - **Developed the IBM computer**
 - burglar-proof cash register
 - Chemical air filters,
 - electronic resistor used in controlled missiles
 - Circuit improvement to pacemakers

How to Prophecy

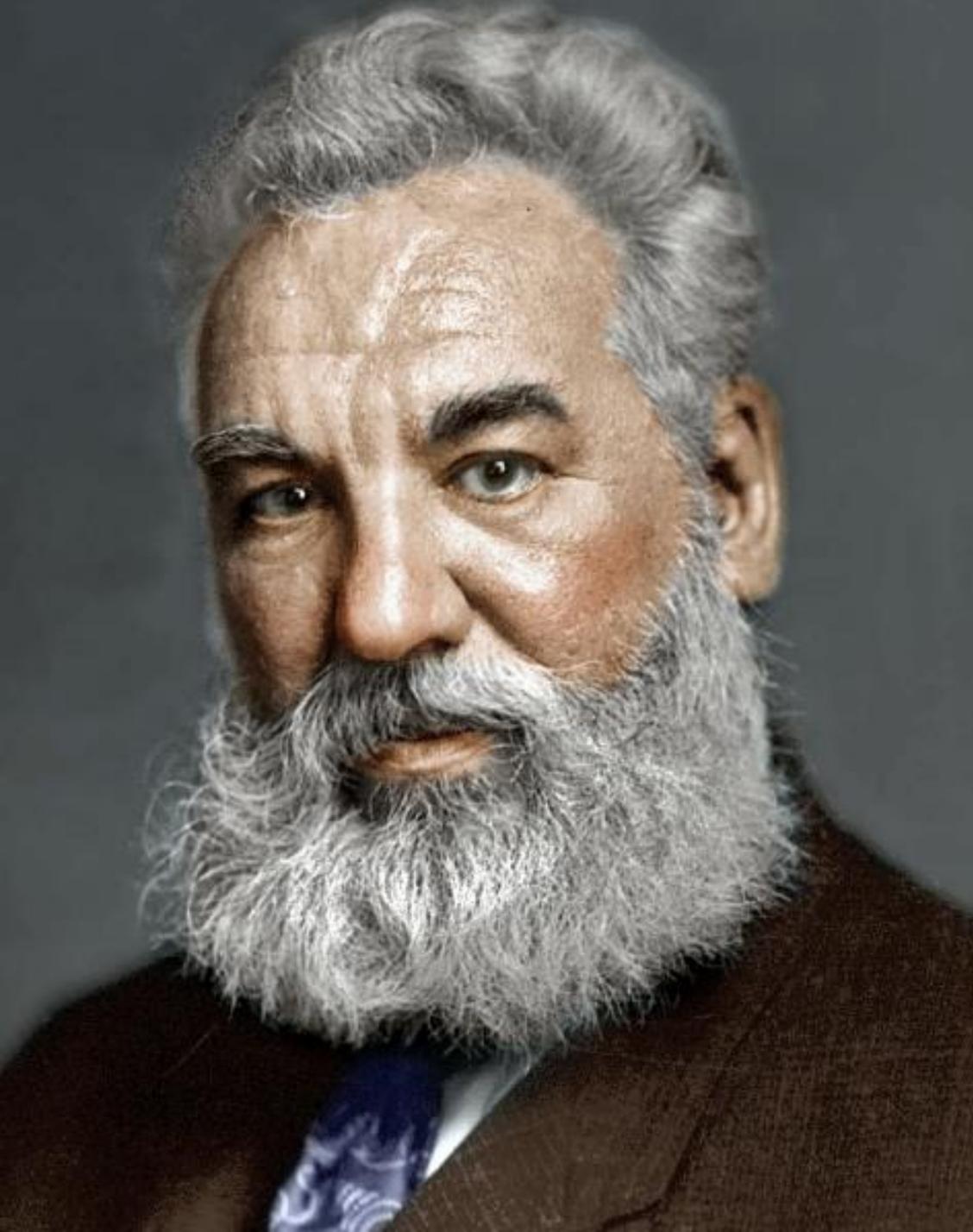
Practical

- Developing your Prophetical gift
 - **Drift**
 - Be still and know that I am God.
Psalm 46:10
 - When we still our minds, we can pickup the subtle movements of God.
 - “We do not create music; we only create the conditions so that she can appear”
 - We do not always have to row to get where we are going. Sometimes the wind can carry us up the stream.



How to Prophecy *Practical*

- Developing your Prophetical gift
 - **Persistence**
 - Some breakthroughs come through blood, sweat and tears and others through persistence.
 - Persistent vision will ultimately produce the manifestation you desire.
 - And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary.’ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, ‘Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.’ Luke 18:1-8



How to Prophecy *Practical*

“Illumination comes when you are in a state of mind in which you know exactly what you want and are fully determined not to quit until you get it.

How to Prophecy *Practical*

- Developing your Prophetical gift

- **Prayer**

- I went on praying and confessing my sin and the sin of my people, pleading with the LORD my God for Jerusalem, his holy mountain. ²¹ **As I was praying**, Gabriel, whom I had seen in the earlier vision, came swiftly to me at the time of the evening sacrifice. Daniel 9:20-21
 - Then another angel with a gold incense burner came and stood at the altar. And a great amount of incense was given to him to mix with the **prayers of God's people** as an offering on the gold altar before the throne. ⁴ The smoke of the incense, mixed with the prayers of God's holy people, ascended up to God from the altar where the angel had poured them out.
 - "I tell you therefore, **everything** you ask and pray for, believe that you have it already, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24

How to Prophecy *Practical*

- Developing your Prophetical gift
 - **Preparation**
- “Two men will be working together in the field; one will be taken, the other left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding flour at the mill; one will be taken, the other left. ⁴² “So you, too, must keep watch! For you don’t know what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ Understand this: If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would keep watch and not permit his house to be broken into. ⁴⁴ You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected. Matthew 24:40-41

How to Prophecy *Practical*

- Developing your Prophetical gift

- **Preparation**

Proverbs 6:6-8

6 Take a lesson from the ants, you lazybones.

Learn from their ways and become wise!

7 Though they have no prince

or governor or ruler to make them work,

8 they labor hard all summer,

gathering food for the winter.

How to Prophecy *Practical*

- Developing your Prophetical gift

- **Preparation**

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be comparable to ten virgins, who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. “Five of them were foolish, and five were prudent. “For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the prudent took oil in flasks along with their lamps. “Now while the bridegroom was delaying, they all got drowsy and began to sleep. “But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ “Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. “The foolish said to the prudent, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ “But the prudent answered, ‘No, there will not be enough for us and you too; go instead to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ “And while they were going away to make the purchase, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast; and the door was shut. “Later the other virgins also came, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open up for us.’ “But he answered, ‘Truly I say to you, I do not know you.’ “Be on the alert then, for you do not know the day nor the hour. Matthew 25:1-13

10 Takeaways for Developing your Prophetical Gift

1. Keep good company
2. Anticipate Outcomes
3. Develop a keen sense of observation
4. Stay Healthy and have a fasting regimen
5. Imagine new possibilities
6. Expand your interest and circle of friends
7. Drift
8. Be Persistent
9. Pray like you are obsessed
10. Over prepare