

# How to Receive the Ministry of a Prophet

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## FIRST

THE BIBLE PROMISES TWO REWARDS TO THOSE WHO RECOGNIZE, RESPECT, RECEIVE, AND BELIEVE GOD'S TRUE PROPHETS. Matthew 10:10 says, "He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward." (A prophet's reward is the SUPERNATURAL ANOINTING ON HIS LIFE THAT CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO YOU). II Chronicles 20:20 says, "...believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper."

## SECOND

BEFORE A PROPHET SPEAKS, TALK TO GOD IN PRAYER AND PLACE A DEMAND ON THE MINISTRY GIFT GOD HAS PLACED IN HIM FOR YOU. Proverbs 20:5 says, "Counsel in the heart of a man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out." "Father, in the name of Jesus, I place a demand on the prophetic ministry gift in your prophet his or her name. I recognize that he is a gift from You to help meet my needs. By faith I draw out the revelation in his heart. I receive my needs met through the Holy Ghost words and energy you pour through him. Amen!

## THIRD

WHEN YOU ARE CALLED OUT BY THE PROPHET TO RECEIVE PERSONAL MINISTRY OR IF YOU COME TO HIM IN A PRAYER & PROPHECY LINE, COME IN FAITH. God is preparing to bless you. God is a gentleman. God's prophets are gentlemen, also. God is not going to expose all the secrets of your heart. He will not embarrass you. A prophet only sees the part God wants him to see. God may touch some wounded places in your heart through the prophet in order to pour in God's healing balm. Instruction may sometimes be given, but never condemnation. GOD INTENDS TO BUILD YOU UP IN FAITH through the words of the prophet. You will be supercharged with comfort and encouragement. The Holy Spirit is going to activate your spiritual gifts. God is going to motivate and release you into greater Christian service. The Father is going to flood you with DIVINE HOPE for your future.

## FOURTH

COME TO RECEIVE A WORD FROM THE PROPHET PRAYERFULLY. "Father, in the name of Jesus, I ask you to help the prophet speak accurately to me. Give him boldness to say what he is hearing from You. Meet my deepest needs, O God. Cause him to say WHAT YOU KNOW NEEDS TO BE SAID, O GOD, NOT JUST WHAT MY CARNAL NATURE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR. I open my heart to you, Father. Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. Amen."

## FIFTH

GET YOUR PROPHECY ON TAPE, CD, or at least WRITE IT DOWN ON PAPER, AND MEDITATE ON IT FROM TIME TO TIME. I Timothy 1:18 says, "This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which were spoken before over thee that thou by them mightest war a good warfare..." Apparently, Timothy's prophecies must have been written down on paper in order for Paul to instruct that they be referred to again. During the period of the Old Testament and when this scripture was written, the ministry of RECORDER was used (I Chronicles 16:4, I Kings 4:3). The Hebrew culture was very meticulous about recording God's words and dealings with man whenever God's people came together. Today, we should take advantage of God's technology ..the TAPE RECORDER. Go back to your prophecies and read them or listen to them when you need encouragement. This is not to say that you should build your whole life and decisions around a prophecy. Build your life around the Word of God, the Bible. Prophecies should never substitute for your own personal devotions with the Lord, only enhance them. BUT ENHANCE THEY WILL!