

WORD OF THE LORD PROTOCOLS

(Prophecy, Words of Wisdom, Knowledge, Etc)

Guide for Releasing Words in Worship Gatherings



Prophetic Declaration Meaning

1 Corinthians 14 tells us that as love is our highest goal, we should desire the special abilities God gives us; especially the ability to prophesy. It goes on to say that we are in control of our spirit and can prophesy in order when we gather together as God's people. Prophecy is the ability and divine strength to speak/declare words to encourage the body and foretell the plans of God. When we prophesy, 1 Corinthians 14 says unbelievers and those who don't understand the things of God will be convicted and fall to their knees in worship. In this house, we want to encourage prophetic declaration in both individual expressions and the corporate expression.

A personal relationship with God and a strong prayer life is essential in prophetic ministry. You cannot minister in the prophetic gifts if you have not developed the gift of discerning the spirits. Meaning you must know if you are hearing the voice of God, the voice of a demonic spirit or the voice of your soul. Prophetic words must align with Scripture and the character of God and must be held accountable through being submitted to a member of the prophetic team.

You are strongly encouraged to participate in the Discerning and Releasing God's Voice group each Saturday before service at 4:15pm. This is not only a training, but an activation as well. It will help you to recognize your giftings, understand when and how to release what you are receiving from God, the various do's and don'ts in prophetic ministry, and why they are important for both you and the recipient.

Below are protocols and tools to help you prophesy and declare what God has given you in an orderly way for the corporate gathering to be exposed to a deeper revelation of the presence of God.

Character & Nature of Those Prophesying

- Living a life of devotion to the Lord in prayer, worship, and study of the Word.
- Participation in the overall ministry of Relentless Church for training, equipping, relationship development and accountability is vitally important.
- Character and integrity outweighs gifting.
- Willing submission to the leadership of the ministry is required, including submission to the Pastoral Leadership, Elders, and any appointed leaders.

Keys for Releasing Prophecy & Words from God

What: **Prophecy Includes** - prophecy, visions, words of knowledge and words of wisdom

Length: **Let the Spirit lead**—we do not put a time limit on a word of God—let God speak through you. He may give details and He may keep it simple. Either way, take the time to give the full expression of what God is revealing.

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- When:** **We don't know!** –We embrace a worship gathering that flows between song, offering, teachings, and words from the Lord. As you get permission from our prophetic team leads (identified by host badges) you can release words throughout the gathering as Holy Spirit leads. Do not interrupt the flow of the gathering without permission.
- Location:** **On the Floor or On the Stage & In the Middle** – We want to make sure everyone sees you clearly and hears the word - grab the microphone (when given permission to) and walk to the middle of the floor or the stage.
- Content:** **Encouraging & Comforting** – 1 Cor 14 says to encourage, edify, and comfort. Let the words given in a corporate expression be expressions of these things. This isn't a time to correct people or scare people with a fear of God's wrath. This is a time to encourage the people of God with the good words of the Father!
- Humility:** **Submission & Accountability** – If you believe you have a word for the service please submit it to a team leader who will direct you as to when to share. Do not be offended if you are instructed to wait. It is not a 'no' but may fit in later. Personal words for individuals should be submitted as well but are not generally released during service. All words given are subject to judgment for the purpose of teaching as well as protecting individuals or the congregation and you and should be given in a spirit of humility.
- Records:** **Write it Down** – Personal words should be written down with the date and your name and the name of the person who received the word. This should be given to the prophetic team leader and the person receiving the word. Be sure to get their name and contact information for follow up and well as how they can contact the prophetic team leader. You can take a picture of the word for the prophetic team leader. If you cannot write the word down, record it and write it down later and turn in to the prophetic team leader. Remember to get the person's name and contact information. This includes words given or words you receive that are not be released at the present time.
- Execution:** **Pray or Direct** – Pray the word out or give an action to carry out the word. For instance, if God is saying "go deeper" explain what that means in the moment and in the carrying out of the word in our lives. Feel free to accompany the word with a prophetic action or declaration as the Lord leads.

Protocols for Prophetic Ministry

Prophetic ministry protocols are essential for maintaining integrity, accountability, and spiritual health within the body of Christ. They help ensure that prophetic words are delivered in a way that edifies, encourages, and aligns with biblical principles. Here's a detailed overview of key protocols:

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Foundational Principles

- Edification, Exhortation, Comfort
 - According to 1 Corinthians 14:3, prophecy should build up, encourage, and comfort believers.
- Accountability
 - Prophetic words should be submitted to spiritual leadership for discernment and confirmation.
- Order and Peace
 - God is not a God of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33); prophetic ministry should reflect this.
- Prophetic Words Must Align with Scripture
 - Always test (align) the word with the Bible. If it's not biblical, or contrary to Bible, it's not God.
- Create Safe Environments
 - Encourage risk-taking in prophecy while maintaining spiritual safety.
- Don't Prophecy Under Pressure
 - Wait for the Holy Spirit's unction—don't speak just to meet expectations.

"DO"s" of Prophetic Ministry

- Seek God's Voice
 - Expect to hear from God and cultivate a discerning spirit..
- Deliver with Love and Wisdom
 - Tone and demeanor matter—prophetic words should reflect the heart of God.
- Record Prophetic Words
 - Helps with accountability and allows recipients to reflect and pray over the message.
- Stay Humble and Teachable
 - Admit mistakes and receive correction graciously.
- Respect Boundaries
 - Ask permission before ministering or touching someone during prayer

"DONT's" of Prophetic Ministry

- Avoid "Parking Lot" Prophecy
 - Don't deliver personal words in isolation without accountability.
- Don't Add or Subtract
 - share only what you hear from the Lord—no embellishment
- No Showboating
 - Avoid dramatic behavior or religious theatrics that distract from the message.
- Don't Force Agreement
 - If someone doesn't receive a word, encourage them to pray about it—don't argue.
- Avoid Predicative Claims without Confirmation
 - Be cautious with words about marriages, babies, or major life decisions. We want people to listen to God, not opinion!