

THE MINISTRY OF WORDS FROM GOD

HOW TO RECEIVE, REJECT,
OR MINISTER IN:

PROPHETIC WORDS,
WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE,
& WORDS OF WISDOM



CULTURE/ENVIRONMENT

ORGANIC CULTURE

Relentless is a community of believers who love God and spend time living life together. We are hungry for God and committed to discipling, developing, and empowering the people He has sent to this house.

We embrace an “organic culture” style of gift development. We expect many types of people from different backgrounds to join us. Some may be seasoned and proved in their gifts while others are not.

Organic culture is simply the idea that we allow people to operate in their gifts with the understanding that sometimes it will be edified and encouraged and other times it will be corrected for the purpose of building up and maturing in the person operating in their gifts. We get it right, and we get it wrong, but we want to have an organic culture of “try” so that the dullness is identified for the purpose of sharpening.

We don’t limit the abilities of those who operate in gifts in a mature/seasoned fashion or the ones who are learning to operate in gifts. We want these gifts to grow and mature as we walk in faith and obedience and we can’t put a limit, or lid, on a culture of a Holy Spirit led people.

This manual is designed for you to learn how to steward a word from the Lord and share it and help you discern “right” or “wrong” words you receive from others that say they are speak on behalf of Holy Spirit. While we do not put a lid on our culture to prevent “wrong” words from God being given, we do want to empower you to weigh every word you receive from others so that you know what to give attention to or discard; receive or reject.

All of our leadership is always available to help you discern whether or not a word given to you is a word from God or not. As a part of this Relentless Church family, we want to help you discern words and learn how to release words that the Lord has given you. We are excited to see you come alive in Christ.

DEFINITIONS & TYPES

THERE ARE THREE SPIRITUAL GIFTS LISTS IN SCRIPTURE -

Romans 12:6-8 - Gifts of the Father
Ephesians 4:11-13 - Gift of Jesus
1 Corinthians 12:4-11 - Gifts of Holy Spirit

In the list of gifts of Holy Spirit we see 3 gifts for words including Prophecy, Wisdom, and Knowledge. These gifts are to display the Lord's glory and power so that He can minister to people through people. When we submit to the leading of Holy Spirit, He can do amazing things through the distribution of His gifts.

In this guide, we will help you to receive, or reject, these 3 gifts as listed in 1 Corinthians 12

Word of Prophecy

A prophetic word (or the gift of prophecy) is generally defined as a message inspired by the Holy Spirit to build up, encourage, or comfort a person or a church. While it can involve predicting future events, it is most commonly understood as speaking God's heart directly into someone's current life situation.

Word of Knowledge

A word of knowledge is the supernatural revelation of facts or circumstances that a person could not have known by natural means. This gift usually focuses on the present or the past. For example, supernaturally knowing a person's secret struggles, a past event in their life, or specific physical ailments so that they can receive targeted prayer or healing.

Word of Wisdom

A word of wisdom is the supernatural ability to apply spiritual truth or divine revelation to a specific situation. While knowledge reveals what the facts are, wisdom reveals what to do with them. It provides practical, God-given direction, counsel, or problem-solving for future outcomes.

CHARACTER & GROWTH

Character & Nature of Those Prophesying & Giving Words

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 as God's people. Prophecy is speaking what God says to man; being God's spokesperson. 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 encourage prophetic declaration in both individual and corporate expressions.

A relationship with God including prayer, worship, Bible reading and Bible study is essential in prophetic ministry. It is imperative to develop the gift of discerning spirits to be effective in prophetic ministry. We must be able to identify the voice of God, the voice of a demonic spirit or the voice of our souls. Prophetic words must align with Scripture. The person operating in the prophetic gift must display the character of God and be accountable through submission to a member of the prophetic team.

Here are keys to developing gifts in the life of a believer:

- Living a life of devotion to the Lord in prayer, worship, and study of Scripture.
- Participation in training, equipping, relationship development and accountability is vitally important.
- Character and integrity are far more significant than the gift.
- Submission to the leadership of the ministry is required, including submission to the pastoral leadership, elders, and any appointed leaders.

PROTOCOLS & PRINCIPLES

Prophetic ministry (Prophecy, Wisdom, Knowledge) 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.:

Foundational Principles

- Edification, Exhortation, Comfort

According to 1 Corinthians 14:3, the gift of prophecy builds up, encourages, and comforts believers.

- Accountability

Prophetic words can be submitted to spiritual leadership for discernment and testing or weighing.

- Order and Peace

God is not a God of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33), and this should be reflected in Prophetic ministry.

- Prophetic Words Must Align with Scripture

Always test (align or weigh) the word with the Bible. If it does not align biblically, or if it's contrary to the Bible, it's not Holy Spirit, but another spirit.

- Don't Prophecy Under Pressure

Wait for the Holy Spirit's unction. —Don't speak just to meet expectations or get caught up in a moment where you desire to be seen and heard.

- Pray

Before releasing a word, pray for the Lord's direction. He will give you the words to say and how to deliver the word He is asking you to release.

PROTOCOLS & PRINCIPLES

What to Do in 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—words should reflect the heart of God.

- Write Down 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 and touching a potential recipient.

What to Avoid in Prophetic Ministry

- Avoid Ministering in Isolation

Don't release personal prophetic words in isolation without accountability. Have a partner in ministry present, especially when ministering to someone of the opposite gender.

- Don't Add or Subtract

Share only what you hear from the Lord without embellishments and dramatics.

- Avoid Performance

Avoid dramatic behavior or religious theatrics that distract.

- Don't Attempt to Force Agreement

If a word is not received encourage the person to pray about it, but do not engage in a dispute.

- Avoid Predicative Claims without Confirmation

Be extremely cautious with words about marriage, babies, or major life decisions. We want people to listen to God, not opinion. It is better to keep these words of wisdom/knowledge to your personal prayer time.

KEYS FOR DISCERNMENT

Keys for Receiving Prophecy & Words from God

With an organic culture there will be times people give prophetic words and words of knowledge and wisdom. While we cannot possibly know every conversation, we encourage everyone to do a few things to help discern if it is a word from God.

- a.** Immediately write down your word; meditate on it and begin to pray about it. God will help you to know whether or not to receive the word or reject it.
- b.** Review your word with your spiritual covering (pastor/elder/mentor).
- c.** Don't make critical decisions or moves based on this word without confirmation and counsel. Words are not always immediate and are conditional as determined by actions. Seek counsel.
- d.** Prove every word with Biblical principles and witness of the Spirit. Remember that prophecies are almost always conditional based upon proper biblical response.
- e.** Once a word is tested by spiritual authorities in your life and confirmed by the witness of the Word, Spirit and others, begin to apply the word in your steps and decisions, and expect the Lord to lead you. He will guide your steps of preparation that lead to the fulfillment of the word in His time and His ways.

