

TUNING IN TO THE HEART OF GOD

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- ▣ God is constantly communicating
- ▣ God wants to reveal His heart to us
- ▣ We can tune in to the continuous flow within us
- ▣ We can perceive God with all 5 senses

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- ▣ Prophet
 - ▣ Prophetic
 - ▣ Seer
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- ▣ Words of knowledge

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What is Prophecy?

- ▣ The gift of Prophecy
 - Encourages the church
 - Brings out the best in people

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- ▣ Prophetic foretelling knows the future

One of them, named Agabus, stood up and through the Spirit predicted that a severe famine would spread over the entire Roman world. (This happened during the reign of Claudius.) Acts 11:28

- ▣ Prophetic forth telling causes the future

So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. Ezek 37:10

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- ▣ Prophecy can change people's hearts
- ▣ Prophecy reveals secrets in an unbeliever's heart
- ▣ Prophetic gifting causes us to be anointed to perceive what is already happening in the spirit world

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Judging and discerning

- ▣ Not every voice that speaks to us from the spirit is from God
- ▣ Four sources
 - Our spirit
 - The Holy Spirit
 - Evil spirits
 - Angels

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Do not quench the Spirit; do not despise prophetic utterances (gifts). But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; 1 Thess 5:19-21

- ▣ The word must be congruent (like-minded, consistent, harmonious) with scripture and the heart of God
- ▣ It must bear witness with the spirit of the person who hears it
- ▣ Person receiving it is brought closer to God and His people

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Growing in the gift

Matt 25:14-28 (parable of the talents)

- ▣ Use what you have and more will be given to you
- ▣ Don't diminish what you have
- ▣ Don't compare yourself to others
- ▣ Be obedient
- ▣ Step out in faith, beyond your comfort zone
- ▣ Practice

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Why prophecy?

- ▣ It brings life Ezek 37:1-4
- ▣ We can speak life to ourselves, others and to circumstances
- ▣ It gives spiritual vision
- ▣ It guides and directs you (wisdom)
- ▣ It can reveal God's plans for you
- ▣ It can enable you to move forward, to grow and develop

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- ▣ It strengthens, encourages and comforts
But the one who prophesies speaks to people for their strengthening, encouraging and comfort 1 Cor 14:3
- ▣ It can bring out your destiny, calling and gifting
- ▣ It can reveal hidden pain, hurts, wounds, blockages and strongholds...and God's plan for restoration!

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- ▣ It expresses God's goodness and His desire to bless us
- ▣ It can give us insight into what God is doing
- ▣ It can give us strategies to exercise our authority
- ▣ It can reveal God's love for you
- ▣ Ushers in God's Glory
- ▣ Prophetic words cause God to act

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- ▣ Don't be discouraged
- ▣ Release the word
- ▣ Honour the gift giver
- ▣ Do everything in GRACE and LOVE

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Prophetic expressions

- ▣ Words
- ▣ Songs
- ▣ Poems
- ▣ Dances
- ▣ Prayers
- ▣ Banners
- ▣ Acts

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