

5 Things to Weigh When Evaluating Prophetic Voices

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Ephesians 4 gives the job description for New Testament prophets. These fivefold ministers equip the saints in sound teaching and bring the Body of Christ into maturity. Unlike the foundational apostles and prophets who established the doctrines of our faith (Eph 2:20), these servant leaders continue the work of empowering believers into the fullness of Christ and the unity of the faith.

And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God... to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ (Ephesians 4:11-15 ESV).

GODLY CHARACTER (Ps 24:3-4, Phil 2:3):

Demonstrates humility of heart that is void of ego, arrogance, and self-promotion. Demonstrates purity of spirit in pursuing holiness and integrity at all costs. Reflects a desire for accountability in their personal lives that includes financial stewardship and a generous heart. Walks in the fear of the Lord.

GROUNDING IN SCRIPTURE (2 Tim 2:15-17, Ps 1:1-2):

Correctly handles the Word of God with sound (orthodox Christian) doctrine and interpretation. Consistently follows scriptural standards when challenged or corrected and exercises godly wisdom in stewarding spiritual gifts and supernatural revelation. Demonstrates ongoing pursuit of truth and love for the Word of God.

AUTHENTIC PROPHETIC ANOINTING (2 Peter 1:21, Eph 1:17-19):

Demonstrates Spirit-inspired prophetic gifting that is free of compromise or mixture. Messages carry purity of revelation without embellishment, exaggeration, or vain repetition. Carries legitimate spiritual authority and anointing that is not self-appointed or driven by fleshly ambition. Aligns with both the Word and Spirit of Truth.

TRACK RECORD (Matt 7:17-20, 1 Cor 14:29-33, Acts 17:11):

Demonstrates consistent accuracy of interpretation and application of revelations received. Consistently produces good fruit that matures the saints and builds up the Church. Shows teachability and willingness to be corrected by inviting consistent accountability and oversight, both locally and beyond.

SERVANT LEADERSHIP (1 Tim 3:2-7, Mark 10:43-45):

Has a reputation for serving others, starting at home with their own family and local church. Seeks the health and well-being of the family of God more than personal recognition or notoriety. Demonstrates a sincere love for the whole Body of Christ, even those they disagree with. Seeks to build up others for the purpose of unifying our faith and maturing us into Christ.