

SPEAKERS OF LIFE: Prophetic Word Guide

Thank you for coming to a prophetic appointment with Speakers of Life. After your appointment, you may be thinking, 'That was great, but what do I do with it now?' Below is some guidance on how to process the prophetic words that you heard. This guidance is based on the life-giving principles of the Bible. The Bible shows us that it is important to listen to these words again and consider what is true and life giving. As the receiver of the word, you have complete freedom to disregard those things which are not true and life giving and to treasure that which brings you life and hope. This is true for all the words that are spoken to us and about us in our daily lives - you are free to choose what you agree with and what you do not accept. If you have any further questions, feel free to email us at enquiries@speakersoflife.org.uk.

How to know if the words are a prophetic word

1. It should strengthen, encourage and comfort you.
2. It should ring true with your spirit and bring a sense of peace.
3. It should bring you life and freedom and not make you feel trapped.
4. It should line up with life giving principles found in the Bible and point to and build up the name of Jesus, God or the Holy Spirit rather than the person who gives you the word.

Later, you can ask the very practical questions:

1. Did it come true?
2. Did it produce a good long-lasting effect on your life and did it bring you closer to God, the heavenly source of life?

Guidelines on how to respond and look after a prophetic word

1. Don't be put off by the style of delivery.
2. Write it down or record it – on a smartphone (reference to Habakkuk 2:2 in the Bible).
3. Don't throw out a whole prophecy if there are a few points that are not correct or misinterpreted. The Bible talks about holding on to what is good (e.g. sifting the gold from the dirt) in 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21: "*Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good*".

4. If a word is clearly from God, then 'ponder and treasure it in your heart' (like Mary in the Bible, Luke 2:51) and pray and ask God about it.
5. It is a good idea to share any prophetic word with people you trust. This approach often protects us from "selective hearing".
6. If the outworking of a prophetic word is clearly your responsibility (e.g. God tells you that you need to forgive a certain person), then do it. If the outworking is beyond your control, it is important that you don't strive to try and make the prophetic word come true. That being said, there may be things you can do to get ready for when this word does come true.
7. Timing. Many prophetic words are invitations to a journey with God changing us into the person we can be if we step into our calling, destiny and purpose. Great benefits will come as we cultivate the character we need to carry God's gifts (see Ephesians 4:1; 1 Timothy 2:2). We can still "receive" the promise even though it may take a number of years before it happens. Remember, Joseph in the Bible, waited in prison before walking out his promise of being a ruler in Egypt.
8. Realise the journey of the fulfilment of your prophetic word will involve you making good decisions to choose life- giving things. This is part of the change in your lifestyle.
9. Do not substitute the prophetic word for your own walk with God and hearing God for yourself. The revelatory word (prophecy) compliments and does not compete with the truth of God in the Bible. Our focus is not on the prophetic promise, but on the God who has promised it. When our faith is misplaced, it produces fantasy and unreal expectations