

WORKSHOP ON PREPARATION OF PROPHESYING DRAFT

- I. We must see the three constituting elements of prophesying—cf. Acts 5:20; 1 Tim. 4:6-7; 1 Pet. 4:10-11; 1 John 1:3; Acts 4:20; 22:15:**
 - A. We must possess knowledge of the Word of God—the human element of learning.
 - B. We must have the instant inspiration of the Holy Spirit—the divine element of inspiration.
 - C. We must have a vision concerning God’s interest and economy, concerning the church as the Body of Christ, concerning the local churches, concerning the world, concerning the individual saints, and even concerning ourselves—the view through the enlightening of the divine light.
- II. We must learn and be perfected to organically prophesy (to speak the Lord into others) with the constituting elements of prophesying for the building up of the church as the Body of Christ—1 Cor. 14:4b:**
 - A. We need to redeem our time and spend our energy to be saturated and soaked with the holy Word to be equipped to prophesy—2 Tim. 3:16-17; Ezek. 3:1-4:
 1. We need to be revived by the Lord every morning by enjoying Him in a portion of the Word.
 2. We must study the Word by using the best help to open it, expound it, and release its unsearchable riches—the life-study messages, the books of the ministry, and the Recovery Version footnotes—Luke 24:27, 31-32, 44-45; Acts 8:30-35.
 3. We must read the bible (“all Scripture is...profitable” and man shall “live...on every word that proceeds out through the mouth of God”) regularly from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21 (2 Tim. 3:16; Matt. 4:4).
 4. We must write down daily the spiritual enlightenment, inspiration, and enjoyment received from the Lord in His Word and at the end of the week put these points together to compose a prophecy of no longer than three minutes to speak in the church meeting.
 5. The knowledge of the Word becomes the constant element for our prophesying.
 - B. We must be ready in the spirit to receive the instant inspiration of the Spirit:
 1. The spirits of the prophets are the most preeminent part of their being—1 Cor. 14:32, 37a.
 2. Whenever we speak for the Lord, we must exercise our spirit to speak with the Spirit and with Christ as all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge—Acts 7:10; Isa. 11:2; 2 Chron. 1:10.
- III. How to compose a prophesying draft**
 - A. In order to learn to prophesy, we need to enjoy the Lord in a portion of the Word every morning. The way to do this is by pray-reading. Do not try to pray-read a whole chapter. This may be compared to eating a breakfast which is too large. We should choose a portion of the Word consisting of ten or fewer verses. Among these

few verses there may be two verses which we especially enjoy, and we can concentrate on these. By doing this every morning we will receive inspiration, and we can take notes on the spiritual inspiration we receive. They do not need to be long notes; short notes with certain points as reminders are adequate. Then we should put all the notes, the inspirations of the past six mornings, together on the last day of the week to compose a prophecy or a three-minute speaking by exercising our spirit. Our speaking should not be too long or too short. Limiting our speaking to three minutes will help everyone to preserve the time in the meetings. (*The Practical and Organic Building Up of the Church. Pp. 86-87*)

B. Prophesying topics for reference.

Example

T1 We must desperately endeavor to build up a habit of speaking in every meeting. (Matt. 16:18; 1 Cor. 14:4) (Please illustrate that prophesying in the meetings of the church fulfills the greatest prophecy in the Bible, which is to build up the church (in oneness as an exceedingly great army.))

T2 We need to live a prophesying life by loving the Lord to the uttermost (1 Cor. 14:4) (Taking Peace Wang's example please illustrate that our love for the Lord is the factor, the element, and the very basic essence of our having the authority and impact and of our being powerful in our speaking for the Lord)

C. Composing a prophesying draft