



**General Topics :: Prophets and Watchmen**

**Prophets and Watchmen - posted by DEADn (), on: 2014/12/17 11:24**

What is the consensus on these 2 offices or operations? I don't know if there are Prophets of God in the Earth today but I do believe there are Watchmen. David Wilkerson was a Watchmen.

The Bible isn't totally clear whether there be Prophets in these latter days unless I am missing some references to it. Many of the people I see today claiming to be a Prophet tend to come out of the Pentecostal/Charismatic circles and I don't buy into it because they offer 'full Gospel' stuff but lack serious discernment.

What are your thoughts and you believe Prophets exist can you provide examples of who might be a Prophet? Or even a Watchmen.

David Wilkerson is the only person who comes to mind. There are a few others I think of but not sure if they could be classified as well. ie. Jonathan Cahn to which I posted about his book 'The Harbinger'.

**Re: Prophets and Watchmen - posted by staff, on: 2014/12/17 18:37**

Hi

I don't think you can be a watchmen without being a Prophet.

Also the bible is clear in the listing of gifts that Prophet is for all time. Yes there is crazy stuff going on in Charismatic/Pentecostal circles that is also rejected by the majority of Pentecostal Charismatic people.

yours Staff

**Re: - posted by murrclor (), on: 2014/12/18 1:49**

As Christians we should all be prophetic

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions Joel 2:28

But being prophetic doesn't make you a Prophet, that I believe is one of the greatest causes of error today. Why because you have all the so called "prophets" that are focused on the gifts of the Holy Spirit - but ignore the Holiness of the Holy Spirit.

**Re: Prophets and Watchmen - posted by Sree (), on: 2014/12/18 6:29**

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**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/12/18 11:08**

I am more comfortable saying a person can be "prophetic" as opposed to being a prophet.

To me, the term "prophetic" is difficult to define, but I know it when I hear (or read) it.

**Re: - posted by DEADn (), on: 2014/12/18 11:14**

Very good read

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**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2014/12/18 11:24**

Hi

There remains an office of Prophet in the new testament Church whether we feel comfortable or not. Comfort has nothing to do with it.

We cannot discuss this topic on the basis of the people we see on TV. We will not glean anything if it is based on our feelings on so called Prophets on the box.

Can Prophets encourage the brethren and predict the future accurately. Of Course it would be poor day if they couldn't.

Yours Staff

**Re: - posted by DEADn (), on: 2014/12/18 11:32**

Staff

We cannot judge Prophets by things we see on tv yet are we to keep believing Prophets exist today even if we believe we have never heard or seen a Prophet because scripture says so? That sounds almost blasphemous but I ask it in an inquiring way.

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/12/18 13:57**

The issue is whether a person who is not a "prophet" can be prophetic. I would say absolutely.

I would also say that a person deemed a "prophet" may not always speak prophetically.

That is why I believe the word "prophetic" is a better term to use.

A person may have the gift of teaching but they might not always teach.

I don't think the verse that talks about some being prophets means that there are those with an office of prophet. I think it means that sometimes there are persons who speak prophetically.

**Re: Prophets and Watchmen - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2014/12/18 22:23**

"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ." (Ephesians 4:11,12).

The above scriptures are speaking about the five fold ministry to the Body of Christ which includes the office of the prophet.

"For to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, and to another the word of knowledge according to the same Spirit; to another faith by the same Spirit, and to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, and to another the effecting of miracles, and to another prophecy." (1 Corinthians 12: 8-10).

1st Corinthians 12 speaks of the gifts of the Spirit which includes the gift of prophesy. One that has been given the gift of prophesy is not necessarily a prophet.

"For you can all prophesy one by one, with the result that all will learn something and all will be encouraged." (1 Corinthians 14:31).

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Yes very true. The spirit behind all New Covenant prophesy should be the life testimony of Jesus, like how he lived and how he manifested God's standard.

Secondly Prophesy is for Church, not for individual people. The moment a Prophet turns away from his Church ministry and starts prophesying about people he sees in Street or those watching TV or some future worldly event like sports etc he is not doing the ministry the God intended way.

**Re: - posted by Sree (), on: 2014/12/19 3:50**

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The Church I am part of, we invite brothers with Word to share after the main message ends. If we consistently see a brother having a prophetic word then he will be given a chance to speak God's word as main message sometime. Many confess their faith based on the word shared.

I believe God has given me this gift, I have asked for an assurance of this gift and got it as well. Everytime I get an opportunity to share God's word, I ask for word from God and have always got it. I have many prepared messages, but to me it is all about speaking from God's burden for his Church rather than one of my prewritten messages.

**Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/12/19 14:33**

I don't see the new testament mention watchmen as an office Paul never said the word, but I'm assuming we are talking about pastors who watch over the flock ...

I think by looking at scripture a prophet also operates in the gifts of the word of knowledge as we read Acts we see the prophet came into the scene and predicted Paul being tied up by the hands and taken prisoner this is a word of knowledge that normally people disregard but is clearly associated with the office of a prophet by the Luke, so I think a prophet operates in the more than the gift of prophecy but rather also the other prophetic gifts like the word of knowledge and word of wisdom, and can even deliver a clear thus says the Lord to a congregation I don't think anything in the scripture even hints that, not being the case under new covenant.

The office is clearly shown to be second only to the apostles and above pastors. So the question is how is the prophet distinguished from pastors and teachers, if what pastors/teachers do is preach and prophecy, what does a prophet do ??? and why is it regarded by Paul as above pastoring ?????

**Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2014/12/19 14:47**

Because pastoring in the early church is not the same as pastors today. In the early church pastors were not "CEOs". They were simply servant elders.

**Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2014/12/19 15:02**

The Ministry of the Watchman - Chip Brogden

Let us take up the topic of the ministry of the watchman with a text from Ezekiel 33:7:

So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.

The watchman is a prophet and intercessor called to bring the Word of God to Israel, the Body of Christ. We use the term watchman to include both roles of prophet and intercessor.

Most people liken the prophetic ministry to prophesying and speaking of visions and dreams from God. This definition is too narrow and opens us up to misunderstanding. The function of the prophetic intercessor, or watchman, is best defined as taking place in the course of four stages: Revelation, Intercession, Proclamation, and Restoration. We will discuss these areas more particularly in a moment.

We must use the Scriptures as our sole authority for defining and determining the job description of the prophet. Whatever the popular thought or current practice may be, we are not interested in mans notions of what a prophet should be or what everyone else is doing. Taking the passage from Ezekiel as a springboard, we make the following observations:

1) "I have set thee a watchman." Prophets are not self-anointed. Prophets are not called by a denomination or installed by men. Prophets do not receive a prophetic ministry through the laying on of hands by another prophet (but it certainly may be confirmed by another prophet; that is not the same thing). One does not decide to become a prophet, neither may one volunteer their services to be a prophet.

God reserves the right to set His own watchmen, and this He will do according to His will, and according to His timing. We do not know why He chooses the ones He chooses. It is a work of grace. Many prophets are selected from birth or from childhood. John the Baptist was filled with the Spirit within his mothers womb. We dare not intrude into this holy work by setting up our own prophets or stepping into a place that God has not put us. It is Gods Hand, and no other.

2) "Unto the house of Israel." The prophet speaks primarily to Gods people, the house of Israel. The New Testament church is the spiritual Israel of God (Galatians 3:3-9; 4:21-31). Watchmen do not speak to the world writ large, casting their pearls before swine. They are called to exhort, edify, rebuke, and build the Church of God, building upon the foundation that is laid already in Christ.

The prophet does not usually bring a one size fits all generic sort of message that speaks to the universe. It is typically a surgical strike, directed and honed to penetrate a particular thing in the Body of Christ, with Spirit-led precision that cuts through the formalities and niceties to get to the guts of the task at hand. The very nature of the of message cuts to the quick and makes some gnash their teeth. Even so, God has set Watchman in the Church for its own edification, comfort, and protection.

3) "Therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me." Why doesnt God speak directly to His people? Why speak indirectly through a prophet? The prophet is called to speak warning. It presupposes that the house of Israel has sunk to such a low degree that God may no longer speak directly to the nation. He must use a man to speak to men.

We may argue that we are all priests and the Lord may speak to us just as He speaks to prophets. This is the spirit behind Korahs Rebellion:

Numbers 16:2,3

2 And they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown: 3 And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?

Let us not quibble about through whom the Word comes. The watchman is on the wall and is looking at things from a different vantage point. He sees things you cannot or will not see. Since God has set him there, it would be a mistake to ignore the warning he brings. If God can use a donkey to rebuke the madness of Balaam, certainly we should pay particular attention to one who comes to us in the name of the Lord.

Let us receive the prophet in faith and judge the message he brings with righteous judgment, not murmuring because God chooses to warn us through someone else and not directly. Usually it is because God cannot get through to us directly that He is compelled to send a prophet to arrest our attention. Prophets are a last resort, not a primary expression for God or the preferable vessel God would use. If we will not obey the written Word, God will send a prophet to speak the Word to our face. Thus it is that if they will not hear the LAW and the PROPHETS, they will not believe even if Christ should rise from the dead and tell them directly (Luke 16:29-31). To reject the one that is sent is to reject the One who sends (Luke 10:16).

This in a nutshell is the ministry of the watchman. The discharge of the burden of the Lord through the watchman may be properly classified as falling into four areas, in chronological order.

First, there is revelation. True ministry must be based upon God-given revelation, not theological degrees of head-knowledge. We may speak from knowledge but knowledge alone does not impart life. If it did only educated people would be saved. Christ says the Spirit quickeneth; the flesh profits nothing (John 6:63). That quickening is the operation of the Spirit to impart revelation to us. That, coupled with knowledge, is sufficient.

Prophets do not bring new truth. Revelation is simply a revealing of what is already true and bringing it to bear upon our heart and soul. Revelation is based upon insight into the written Word of God, not into visions and dreams and prophecies. These other things are simply tools for expressing the Word, they are not the Word; no more than the water hose is water, it simply delivers the water.

I am sure you have experienced revelation in the course of your Bible study. A passage may be read for years without making an impression upon us. One day the light of God shines upon the passage and we understand the meaning; we know the intent; we enter into the Spirit of the Word and it becomes exceedingly precious, meaningful, and real to us. This is revelation.

If it were simply a matter of study we could just say study your Bible more. But it is not more study that we have need of; it is prayerfully pondering and meditating upon the Word day and night until the Spirit bears witness with our Spirit and we discern the meaning by way of revelation. Christ spoke the Word, yes; but without the quickening Spirit mixed with faith in the hearers, it will not save. Hence, the prophet (and every minister of the Gospel) must have revelation into the Word to speak with authority and impart life to the hearers.

Let us only speak what God reveals to us by way of revelation. We will surely speak less, but our words will be all the more weighty and full of life. If an individual cannot wait upon the Lord and receive fresh insight into the Word and experience the quickening of the Spirit upon that Word, they cannot minister in any capacity and bear lasting fruit.

Once the prophet has received revelation, he must enter into intercession. We must pray for many reasons. For one thing, the revelation is known to the inner man but the mind is unable to express it. It is yet in an embryonic state and must be drawn out from the spirit. Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water; but a man of understanding will draw it out (Proverbs 20:5). As we wait before the Lord He will begin to give us understanding and words to express what we have seen. This process cannot be hurried. It may take days, weeks, months, and sometimes years to give expression to what we have seen.

Perhaps you have risen to speak or share something God has shown you. You know what you are trying to say, it is near and real to your heart; but after two or three sentences you seem to hit a brick wall. You find yourself talking in circles and take your seat more burdened than ever. There seems to be no liberty in your ability to relate what you know. This occurs when we have not lingered in prayer and received from God words and understanding with which to properly express what He has shown us.

And, we must pray not only for the proper words, but for the proper timing. He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him (Proverbs 27:14). We must wait for God's timing in giving the Word. Many prophets assume that when we have a Word from the Lord we may then take it and shout it from the housetops. This is not usually the case. Most of the time we are simply called to pray and intercede. If the Lord sends us to speak, well; if not, we will pray. You may pray and pray and pray without outward change. Then one day the Lord tells you to arise, gird up your loins, and get thee to Zeraphath. Then let us make haste. Until then, we will wait for His timing as well as His method of expression.

When the timing is right, then the prophet moves into the third stage of action, which is proclamation. Some think proclamation means prefacing things with Thus saith the Lord and speaking out in an authoritative voice. While this does happen it is not the only way, and probably not the best way.

Here is the situation. God has planted a word in our heart. We will be uncomfortable until we find release through prayer or through proclamation or both. Let me explain. If you are burdened of the Lord to intercede for an individual, your spirit will give you no rest until you have prayed through (some of you older folks knows what it means to pray through). Praying through is nothing more than making intercession until the Lord lifts that burden and heaviness off our heart. If we try to neglect or ignore the burden to pray it simply becomes unbearable. We must pray through to obtain release, just as opening the valve of a pressure cooker releases the steam and reduces the pressure.

The same is true of revelation. The prophets of the Old Testament referred to this as the burden of the Lord. Until we effectively discharge the burden we will be most uncomfortable. Jeremiah referred to it: Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay (Jeremiah 20:9).

How do we discharge the burden of the Lord? After we have received revelation, and made intercession, we will know the best course. Sometimes we will find release through writing, such as Isaiah. On other occasions we may compose a song, as David. Or we may write poems and verse, as Jeremiah. We may act out the word dramatically, as Ezekiel. Or we may thunderously speak the Word as Moses, Elijah, or John the Baptist. We may speak in parables as the Lord Jesus. The tools, methods, and ways are different, but the underlying principle is the same. God will give different expression to the proclamation of the Word, and He will be pleased to use the prophets differently in accordance with their unique gifts and personalities.

But the work is not finished when the word is proclaimed. For the prophet is not merely interested in proclamation, but in the fourth stage of his ministry: restoration. Our mandate is to tear down, destroy, and level; afterwards we must rebuild and raise again. We must pray in the promises of God and keep watch over God's people, encouraging them to full and complete obedience, standing in the gap to avert the very judgment we may have just pronounced upon them. We should readily see that the ministry of the watchman is primarily one of hidden, secret prayer and fasting. The true test of the watchman is in the prayers that he utters privately, not the prophecies that he utters publicly. Let him fail or make a fool of himself in public and God will still use Him; let him fail in the prayer closet and he will be discarded as a prophet. Those who think the prophetic ministry is all about visions, dreams, prophecy and spiritual gifts had better rethink their position. It is self-denying, thankless, often unseen and unappreciated labor in secret prayer.

In summary, we conclude that if the Lord was pleased to set watchmen over Israel of old, He is certainly pleased to set watchmen over the Church today. But as we have seen, the ministry of the watchman is more likely to be found in the prayer closet than the pulpit.

May God give us grace and increase the ministry and operation of the watchman!

**Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/12/19 19:32**

I know david wilkinson differed some what from chip ,he said onces he was a watchman not a prophet ,,but in reality a watchman is not mentioned as an office in the new testament ,I think that god was using a metaphor in the old testament in referring to what a prophet does.  
what do yas reckon

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2014/12/20 18:13**

Hi Deadn

I'm sorry could you rephrase that as i dont know the point you are making thanks Staff

**Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2014/12/21 1:42**

I am coming out of the closet â€œ so to speak to help the discussion.

When I was a young (teenager and unsaved) my Mum came to me and told me that God had spoken to her and that he want me to know something. In a nut shell I was called to be a prophet.

As a young man one night I knew I had to go to church (this was the start of me going to church) so along I went. When the preacher got up he made a statement â€œAs prophesied from this night a prophet will ariseâ€œ

Now as the preacher continued to preach I heard the voice of God speak to me. He spoke of the condition of the church, he spoke about a Move of God, he told me he was raising me up for the last days and that they will confront the antichrist



t - that he was going to make me strong, make me Holy, make me disciplined because when I preach the message he was going to give the devil will try and destroy me.. (Who wants to be a prophet now) That I must live the message, I must be the message.

Now to take it a bit further the scripture used was the book of Joshua, the people under Joshua command were different than when they were under Moses. Nothing could stop the Joshua people (apart from sin in their life), that people went from victory to victory. The reason for the Move of God is to prepare the people to confront the antichrist and be victorious. The message eventually made it to tape it was called the Joshua people a victorious people.

Now if you look at my name Colin it comes from the Greek name Nicholas meaning "victory of the people or victorious people."

It has blown my mind and continues to do so "that God knew me and ensured that I was named Colin (victorious people) from birth..."

Now the next thing that blows my mind is this. If you take a look in scripture for a victorious people that confronts the antichrist it will take you to Rev 15:2

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

My last name is Murray it means: from the sea

Colin Murray meaning: victorious people from the sea

So the Move of God that is coming is to prepare the people to be victorious over the antichrist as per Rev 15:2

When this was revealed to me I nearly fell off my chair. I wasn't just named the Colin from birth. I was born to a family with the last name of Murray meaning before I was born God knew me

I hope my short testimony blesses and encourages you and aids in this discussion.

**Re: - posted by brothagary, on: 2014/12/21 9:06**

Well that's gonna rufal a few feathers Colin, can you show how that will aid in this discussion..

I say if that is your testimony bless God ... I don't see how it contradicts new covenant theology.

Come to Australia and awaken the church and spark the revival that will usher in the Christ

**Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2014/12/21 19:35**

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Reading Chip's account is what sparked my input.

Chip Brogen Quote: God reserves the right to set His own watchmen, and this He will do according to His will, and according to His timing. We do not know why He chooses the ones He chooses. It is a work of grace. Many prophets are selected from birth or from childhood.

It as Paul writes; But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, to reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him.

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When it starts come to Scotland and take it back with you, as what God will do is for you. However timing is critical and it's not the time yet.

The next stage of the journey for me is prayer, I have been reaching out to groups involved with prayer for revival.



**Re: Prophets and Watchmen - posted by Lysa (), on: 2014/12/22 2:26**

Quote:

-----DEADn wrote:

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What? There are 156 references to prophets in the NT alone, with 299 in the OT. And only 28 verses that reference watchman \*men. (KJV searches) Paul specifically mentions their office. I have to believe that God will not let an office go unfulfilled.

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I cannot say if a watchman is a prophet but I do believe that a prophet is many things (in the Lord) and being a watchman is definitely one of them. There are prophets on the earth today and in America but we have to realize that a true prophet will never advertise that they are a prophet, "Come and see me and let me prophesy to you." I liken it to fasting; we are not supposed to blab about being on a fast!! :)

Many are called but few are chosen. This verse applies to EVERY level of God and every calling of God. There are many who are called to a deeper walk but do they make the cut? No, because few are chosen.

Many are called to be teachers but few are chosen.

Many are called to be watchmen but few are chosen.

Many are called to be prophets but few are chosen.

Whatever your calling is, make it sure (be faithful in it and pay the cost).

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DEADn, I believe with my whole heart that there are true prophets in the land today but I also believe that the ratio is the same as it was in the days of Elijah.... 400 false prophets to the 1 true one.

God bless,  
Lisa

**Re: - posted by murrcoir (), on: 2014/12/22 6:55**

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How does that play out if you're told you are a chosen vessel? As it seems to me that Paul was chosen- before he made "the cut" while he was yet a persecutor of the church?

But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel.

**Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2014/12/22 9:05**

Brother,

Your answers are found in Scripture from Paul himself:

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I MYSELF SHOULD BE A CASTAWAY. 1 Cor 9:24-27

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, LET US LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT, AND THE SIN WHICH DOTHSO EASILY BESET US, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us ~ Hebrews 12:1

// Some of us, brother, do not lay aside every weight and sin that so easily besets us and we will finish the race but we will not enter the way we could have at (perhaps) the front or close to the front of the line.

Paul did in lay aside every single weight and sin and it wasn't just his calling that did that for him; plain and simple, it was obedience to Christ that did that for him. Some people rest on their laurels instead of being obedient thinking their chosen to be a prophet or chosen to be an apostle. It takes obedience.

Here is Paul's final testimony:

I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing. 1 Tim 4:6-7

God bless,  
Sister Lisa

**Re: - posted by murrcoir (), on: 2014/12/22 13:55**

Quote: Some people rest on their laurels instead of being obedient thinking their chosen to be a prophet or chosen to be an apostle.

Lysa - I think you missing the point for example - if God interrupts your life and says to you "I have chosen you to proclaim me to the gentiles"

Who is then responsible to see that word fulfilled - Is it God or is it Paul?

Does Paul have any strength of his own to cast aside sin that so easily besets, does Paul have any strength of his own to run the race, can Paul in his own strength lay aside any weight or sin.. Can he obey in his own strength.

In Rom 7 we find the answers as Paul true condition is revealed to him by the Spirit of God - He can't obey read his words "For I fail to practice the good deeds I desire to do" - "but the evil deeds that I do not desire to do are what I am doing"

Then the Spirit of God reveals truth to him - Now if I do what I do not desire to do, it is no longer I doing it, but the sin which dwells within me.

Then later on he says "O unhappy and pitiable and wretched man that I am"

So Paul did a fantastic job laying aside every weight and sin while being obedient...

Paul found out that we can't live the Christian life in his own strength - neither can I and neither can you.

The Christian life can only be lived through the Spirit of God - we can only run the race through the Spirit of God, we can

only lay aside sin through the Spirit of God, we can only be obedient through the Spirit of God...

So I rest on the Laurels of what God has said - he that started a good work in me will also finish it..

**Re: - posted by Lysa (), on: 2014/12/22 15:45**

Brother murrcoir,

Ah, so we were talking about you. I didn't mean to step on your toes brother. I say this with all manner of love, if it were as easy as what you are stating, then everyone would be a prophet.

Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence TO MAKE YOUR CALLING AND ELECTION SURE: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall. 1 Peter 1:10

We are saved and enter the Kingdom by His grace alone, praise His holy name; and we are called to many things but occupying a certain office (i.e. the office of a prophet) does not come by mere grace alone. It comes by sheer work and obedience to Him alone. Kissing this world goodbye.

I have not meant in any way to offend you, if I have please forgive my passion on this subject.

God bless,  
Sister Lisa

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**Re: Colin - posted by Lysa (), on: 2014/12/23 5:11**

Brother Colin,

I did not read your posts before I posted my first response, that one was to DEAD's questions and not to you personally. So, I, in no way meant to discourage you from your calling.

Colin, brother, if you are called to be a prophet in these last days, then praise God!! I am for you and not against you! I'm sorry you took personally what I wrote; it was not to you at all.

Let's get away from talking about prophets and talk about being called to be an intercessor because I can speak about my own struggles in this area!

Many of God's people have been called (including me) to be an intercessor to pray for the Church, people, family whatever God leads us to pray for. And to walk in this calling more fully through the years a person needs to begin to set aside time away from the TV, books of the world, and/or the computer (whatever it is that keeps them attached this world) and learn to become a disciplined follower in their own secret prayer closet.

That is what I believe the Scriptures mean by many are called (to be intercessors) but few are actually chosen (to be intercessors) because it is only A PRECIOUS FEW that actually go the extra mile and set aside the things that they love in this world to make room for God and do what they are called to do.

Have you read the book, "Escape from Christendom"? In the book, many stop off in Christian City and go no further. These people were called but stopped for one reason or another, it is the precious few who decide to go all the way. Here is the link:

<http://www.awildernessvoice.com/Escape.html>

Brother Colin, let me encourage you in your calling, first as an intercessor because that's where I think a prophet's ministry would start. Set aside time every day to spend alone with Him in His presence. Learn to hear His voice; it's not always about talking to Him but learning to listen to Him as well. Keep a journal of the things He tells you and shows you through the years - only for you, not to be a show and tell book for all your friends. Because when your friends learn that God speaks to you, you suddenly find you have fewer friends. :)

God bless you in your walk with Him,  
Sister Lisa

**Re: - posted by murrcoir (), on: 2014/12/23 6:44**

Lysa - I am not offended in the slightest.

Quote: We are saved and enter the Kingdom by His grace alone, praise His holy name; and we are called to many things but occupying a certain office (i.e. the office of a prophet) does not come by mere grace alone. It comes by sheer work and obedience to Him alone.

I must disagree that it comes "by sheer work and obedience". For me I see it more about God getting you to a place of surrender. Where your will and God's will become united.. That for me that is the ultimate expression of union with God and is the example that Christ gave us when he was in the world. It is the expression of Sonship in the Kingdom of God that we should be about the Father's business.

Although I haven't read the book I could guess that many stay at the Christian City because there they can do their own will - but to be free from the Christian City I would rather wait for the Spirit of God to free me from myself...

I sometimes think about Duncan Campbell lying on that battlefield of World War 1 - bleeding out which would eventually lead to his death, pained that he felt so unclean and Unholy and facing death - I can only imagine how he just surrendered there and yielded himself to God. How God heard that sweet cry of surrender and rescued him made him Holy and Pure..

I will read the book you recommend

Quote: Let's get away from talking about prophets and talk about being called to be an intercessor because I can speak about my own struggles in this area!

I would love to as that is direction I am being led.. it is a part of that calling...

**Re: colin - posted by Lysa (), on: 2014/12/26 5:30**

Here is a great book by Derek Prince

Shaping History Through Prayer and Fasting

<http://servantofmessiah.org/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2012/12/Shaping-History-Through-Prayer-and-Fasting-Derek-Prince.pdf>

It will totally help you in walk with Him!!

I think I'll start a new thread with info about prayer and fasting so I don't overtake DEADn's prophet thread (sorry DEADn !! :) )

God bless,  
Sister Lisa