



“Hearing God's Word...Speaking God's Truth ” Devotional Guide

Day 1: Understanding Prophecy

Scripture: Romans 12:6-8

Prophecy is often misunderstood as merely predicting the future, but it is primarily the Spirit-empowered ability to hear and deliver a message from the Lord tailored to specific situations. Unlike teaching, which explains doctrines like the Trinity or justification, prophecy is more personal and immediate. Consider how prophecy involves hearing God's word and speaking it into someone's life with clarity and boldness.

Reflection: How can you open yourself to hear God's voice more clearly? Pray for the Spirit's guidance to discern when you are called to speak His truth to others.

Day 2: Testing Prophetic Words

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21

Prophetic words are vital for the church's effectiveness, but they need to be tested. We are encouraged not to despise prophecies but to test everything, holding fast to what is good. This involves discerning truth carefully and not accepting or rejecting prophetic messages without consideration.

Reflection: Are there prophetic words you have heard that need testing? Seek God's wisdom and the counsel of mature believers to help discern what is truly from Him.

Day 3: Speaking the Truth in Love

Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-15

Prophecy must be delivered with love and humility. Speaking the truth in love helps the church grow and mature in faith. It builds up the body of Christ, leading to unity and maturity. This requires us to approach others with compassion, even when delivering challenging messages.

Reflection: How can you ensure that your words are rooted in love? Ask God to help you balance truth and grace in your communication.

Day 4: Caution in Prophetic Claims

Scripture: Deuteronomy 18:19-22

Be cautious when claiming a message is from God, especially if it is not directly from Scripture. The Bible warns against speaking presumptuously in God's name. A true prophetic word will align with God's character and confirmed by its fulfillment.

Reflection: Have you ever been tempted to speak for God without certainty? Reflect on the importance of humility and accountability in delivering prophetic messages.

Day 5: Adjacent Gifts to Prophecy

Scripture: 1 John 4:1-6, 1 Corinthians 2:1, 6-16

Discernment and wisdom are crucial gifts that complement prophecy. Discernment helps us test the spirits and distinguish truth from deception. Wisdom allows us to apply God's truth appropriately in various contexts.

Reflection: How can you cultivate discernment and wisdom in your life? Consider ways to grow in these gifts and support others in their prophetic journeys.