

Keeping a Balance in Prophetic Ministry

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The Lord brings pressure for balance.

- Prov 16:11
- A just balance and scales belong to the LORD; All the weights of the bag are His concern.

Semblance of Imbalance

- 1. Subjectivity**
- 2. Season**
- 3. Sensationalism**
- 4. Spiritual climate**
- 5. Spirit of Error**

Four Tests for Balance

**1. Prophetic Revelation
must be balanced by
the Written Word.**

**2. Prophetic Word Content
must be balanced by
overcoming the spirit of
Error by the Spirit of
Truth.**

3. The Test of Accountability

4. The Test of Love

Three Levels of Revelation

1. Illuminative
2. Informational
3. Inscripturative

Three Limitations of Prophetic Ministry

1 Cor. 13:8

1. Prophetic is temporal, while God's word is eternal.
2. There is a prophetic time sequence to fulfill the word.
3. Must be some criteria by which we judge prophecy.

Test of Overcoming

1. Overcoming the spirit of error with the spirit of truth.

- 1 John 4:5-6
- They are from the world; therefore they speak as from the world, and the world listens to them. 6 We are from God; he who knows God listens to us; he who is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

2. Stewardship of the Prophetic Ministry

- Rev 1:3
- Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and **keep** those things which are written in it; for the time is near.
- NKJV

3. Prophetic Ministries must be balanced by accountability by other seasoned ministries.

- 1 John 4:6
- We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Is there willingness to hear others?

- 1. Purity
- 2. Protection
- 3. Productivity

The spirit of one willing to be accountable.

- 1. Spirit of Submission
- 2. Spirit of Humility
- 3. Spirit of Love

Levels of Accountability

1. God
2. One Another
3. God-ordained Elders
4. Other proven seasoned ministries
– apostles and prophets
5. Fellowship / Network of Ministries

**4. Prophetic discernment
must be balanced by a
love for God's people.**

The Test of God's Love

- 1 John 4: 7 – 21
- 1 Tim 1:5,6
- Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith, 6 from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk,

A voice with power!

- 1 Cor 14:11-12
- 11 Therefore, if I do not know the **meaning** of the language, I shall be a foreigner to him who speaks, and he who speaks will be a foreigner to me.
- NKJV