

“ADVANCING 1”

Personal Prophecy

I. PERSONAL PROPHECY

PRINCIPLE 1: God Speaks Prophetically Over Our Lives to Create and Form Destiny for Our Future. He will use His Word, People in Spiritual Authority, Your Father, Your Mother, Your Pastor, or another Christian that you Respect!

A. The Purpose of Personal Prophecy 1 Corinthians 14:3 ... one who prophesies **strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them.**

DEFINE: Prophecy - an Active Function of the Holy Spirit in the Church that God uses to Influence and Advance our Spiritual Life.

PRINCIPLE 2: Personal Prophecy Releases Strength, Encouragement and Comfort.

B. Respecting Prophecy 1 Thessalonians 5:19–21 ¹⁹ Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰ **Do not despise (devalue, depreciate) prophecies.** ²¹ Test all things; *hold fast what is good.*

II. WAGING WAR

A. Prophecy and Spiritual Warfare 1 Timothy 1:18 So Timothy, my son, **I am entrusting you with this responsibility, in keeping with the very first prophecies that were spoken over your life... use your prophecies as weapons as you wage spiritual warfare by faith**

DEFINE: Spiritual Warfare - Forces that Oppose and Obstruct Us from Obtaining and Walking in the Benefits and Promises of God’s Word.

PRINCIPLE 3: Personal Prophecy Empowers Us to Engage in Spiritual Warfare concerning Our Future.

2 Corinthians 10:4–5 (NKJV) ⁴For the **weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God...**

B. Strong Faith and a Good Conscience 1 Timothy 1:18 & 19 ... **according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, having faith and a good conscience,** which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck

PRINCIPLE 4: Applying Prophetic Promises over Our Lives produces Faith and Cleanses Our Conscience from the Violation and Defilement of Guilt, Shame and Regret.

III. ACTIVATING PERSONAL PROPHECY 1 Timothy 4:14 Don’t minimize the powerful gift that operates in your life, for it was imparted to you by the laying on of hands of the elders and **was activated through the prophecy they spoke over you.**

PRINCIPLE 5: God gives Us Promises that Require our Faith and Action, they are not Automatic.

A. Spiritual Identity is Received as an Inheritance Mark 10:15 Assuredly, I say to you, **whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”**

PRINCIPLE 6: Salvation, Forgiveness, Eternal Life and Grace cannot be Earned; We Receive them as an Inheritance because We have Identified with Jesus and have Entered into the His Family as Children of God!

B. Prophetic Promises are Acquired through Faith Matthew 11:12 From the moment John stepped onto the scene until now, **the realm of heaven’s kingdom is bursting forth, and passionate people have taken hold of its power.**¹

PRINCIPLE 7: Our Spiritual Identity is Received as an Inheritance in Christ; Prophetic Promises are Acquired by Standing on God’s Word and Contending for them by Force!

IV. TAKING HOLD OF PERSONAL PROPHECY Joshua 1:8 *Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it.* Then you will be prosperous and successful.

A. Conceiving Prophetic Promises Luke 1:38 & 2:19 ^{1:38} Then Mary said, “Behold the maidservant of the Lord! **Let it be to me according to your word.**” And the angel departed from her. ^{2:19} But **Mary kept all these things and pondered (treasured) them in her heart.**

B. Birthing Prophetic Promises Job 22:28 **"You will also decree a thing, and it will be established for you..."**