

The Endtime Warrior's Operating Manuals for the New Weapons

(Jesus speaking:) You must remember that you are entering times such as have never existed in history, so your spiritual armor must be more impenetrable and your weapons must be more powerful than at any other time in history. Your training in their use and strengthening of your spiritual muscles and skill in handling these weapons must be more than any of My fighters throughout history as well. (Issues Pt. 16 #3450)

Part 2: User's Manual for Prophecy

(Dad speaking:) The Lord has a plan laid out for us, His chosen Endtime Church, but the only way we're going to be able to accomplish it is if each one gets directly connected. And when I say that it's "the only way," that's not just a figure of speech. It is the only way--we literally won't make it through (the great tribulation) without it. The point is that it's going to be imperative to your survival very soon, so you'd better start now! (Hearing From the Lord Step By Step #3149)

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Prepare Now For What is Coming

There is coming a dark and cloudy day, and in this day, physical strength will be of no help. What will be needed and what will be important will be your spiritual closeness to Me, your attitude of leaning on Me, your habit of drawing on My strength. The channels that have been forged of connection with Me will be drawn upon in this time. For now you are learning to hear more from Me than before. The young people also are learning to hear more from Me than before, and this will be your strength. This will show you the paths to walk in. This will protect you in the dark and cloudy and stormy days.

More important than the many accomplishments that you have striven for in the past is that you strengthen your connection with Me, that you may hear from Me, and that you may know which way to turn. I will lead you and guide you into the paths of light and safety and protection, for this is My will for you. (Be Encouraged! #3047)

Those who've stayed firmly connected to Me and have been willing to go into the Endtime battles with faith and trust are the ones that I will use mightily to do the impossible! I will work through you and My Spirit will anoint you with knowledge when you need it, with understanding when you need it, and you'll be able to do things that are impossible in your own flesh. If you're faithful to use your gift of prophecy and trust Me for the answers that I give, I'll be able to speak to you in those days and give you answers that the worldlings cannot receive. I will anoint and give My children supernatural revelations, formulas, solutions, and direction that is beyond the intelligence of man. I will outsmart all the education of man, and will use you, My yielded ones, to do so. (Issues, Part 5 #3322)

(Dad speaking:) Your greatest days are dawning; they begin now. Doesn't that encourage your hearts? A day of greater miracles is beginning now. This is why the Lord says you must hear from Him on everything--because this is how you're going to be able to do greater works, greater exploits, and greater miracles in His Name. You're going to do greater works because it's going to be needed. This is the Lord's plan to see you through the days ahead. Hallelujah! (New Era of Greater Works! #3267)

As you can probably imagine, the gift of prophecy will be of utmost importance for you to be able to get your daily instructions, sometimes even hourly instructions, from Me. You will find yourself in situations where it will be impossible to know what to do unless you can hear My specific, divine Words of guidance. For you will be in unfamiliar terrain. You will be as a stranger in a foreign land, seeing things you've never seen before. You will sense the danger and you will know that one misstep or mishap could cost you your life, or the lives of your loved ones.

You will have such desperation that your channel will be acutely attuned to Me. You will not only hear My whispers and feel the nudges of My Spirit, but you will hear My Words clearly and specifically. And because you will have spent much time in practice and exercising your gift, you will have the faith to obey these Words and to know that it is I Who speak.

You need this time of practice, not only to hone your skills in being able to hear My voice, but also to build and strengthen your faith, so that you will be willing to obey the instructions that I give you. For I will lead you through My Words to do the unexpected, the unconventional, and if you have not had experience at trusting Me and trusting My voice of prophecy, then you will stumble, you will waver, you will lack confidence and be insecure, asking yourself, "Is this the Lord? How can I be sure?"

So these are the days of preparation in which you listen and obey, so that your faith may grow, so that in the days to come you will have confidence, and you will know that you have heard My voice. You will have peace to know that in obeying My voice, you will find safety and provision, and My will will be accomplished.

So of course one of the primary uses and reasons for the gift of prophecy in the days to come is to receive instruction, and to be able to find My will and know what to do. Whether you are alone or in small groups, or whether you are the leader of a multitude of followers, regardless of your situation or circumstances, each of you will have great need of hearing My voice and receiving My instruction. And I mean specific, exact, personal instruction, day by day. These Words of instruction will lead you to the people you need to witness to. They will lead you to the source of supply of your needs. They will lead you to protection. They will help you to avoid mishaps, danger, even death. (Endtime Prophecy Power #3140)

So reach out, My precious ones, and begin today, in the days of preparation, to be My prophets--prophets of warning and prophets of mercy. You will be prophets of doom to the Antichrist and his people, but you will be prophets of love and revelation to those who are worthy. My prophets of the End, the children of David--what a great people I have made you! And you will be greater still as you grow in unity and love, as you read and study My Word, and as you learn to hear My voice and speak My truth. (Endtime Prophecy Power #3140)

You are in days of desperate preparation! Therefore arm yourselves and know that the days of battle approach! The war of the worlds is on the horizon! There is no discharge. There is no escaping this battle.

I, your King, your Leader and Commander-in-Chief, am preparing you, My elite troops, in many ways. Those who are sensitive and wise discern the preparation and give themselves wholly to it. Those who are wise realize that their lives, and the lives of their loved ones, will some day be at stake. So they put their focus and concentration on the preparation and conditioning and exercise that will prepare them to be well-fitted for the battle. (Endtime Prophecy Power! #3140)

(Dad speaking:) You need to hear from God! You need to get ahold of the Lord! Each one of you needs to hear from the Lord as to what He wants him or her to do when problems and situations come up. The fact that I'm pouring out so much through prophecy, and that the Lord is pouring out so much through prophecy, encourages you to do the same, to hear from the Lord in prophecy, and even from me! God knows how important it is, especially in these Last Days! (Believing Prophecy #3130)

My dear children, let Me remind you of the wonderful miracle that it is that we can communicate with each other. I'm able to pass on to you My life-giving Words for your individual situations at the exact moment that you need them, if you take the time to ask Me. I'm able to save you so much time by showing you from the beginning which is the road to travel down. I'm able to encourage you when you're weary and direct you when you're in the midst of battle. Now, in the days of great spiritual warfare, your gift of hearing from Me saves your spiritual lives time and time again. In the days to come, your gift of hearing from Me will save your physical lives and enable you to continue in My service for as long as it is My highest will, before I bring you Home to My arms forever! (Understanding Prophecy, Part 1 #3275)

All must strive to exercise their gift of prophecy and learn to receive My clear answers directly in this way. You cannot lean on other ways and means, for the way I'm leading you now is through prophecy. I'm teaching and instructing, and these are the days of "practice runs" before the real intense life-and-death battles hit.

So learn and practice in these days of peace, and rest assured that I will pour out My Spirit and give you whatever you need to lead and guide and support you. I love you, My precious children. (Issues, Part 4 #3306)

The cellar has been opened; the fragrance of wine is in the air. The time of the New Wine is come. For I have begun again to pour out My Words of prophecy to you, My intimates. I have opened the vats of Heaven once more and have let down a waterfall of My Words! This is the beginning of it. I have started the chain reaction with My Gideon's band, and also with a few others you are not yet acquainted with. But it has started, this time of getting My Words like never before. I have raised up new vessels, new bottles that will eagerly open themselves up to Me and receive My seeds and the seeds of David! For have I not said in My Word that you shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days clothed in sackcloth? (Rev 11:3) (Mystical Bible)

Learn How to Use Your Weapon

I have placed a secret weapon in the hands of every man, woman and child of My elite troops. This secret weapon is the ability to hear My voice--My specific, direct instruction, guidance and encouragement. You have the power to receive answers to any question. This is your keenest weapon, for it allows you to see in the dark and to anticipate your enemy's moves. It will be your source of supply and provision. It is your camouflage. It is your refuge.

This secret weapon is more powerful than the atom bomb, more accurate and dependable than smart bombs and computer-guided missiles! And this is a weapon that can be in the hands of every soldier! It is constantly fully operational; no one can ever take it from you, and it can't be lost. It's as light as a feather to carry around, and it's invisible to your enemies. They can't steal your technology and copy the making of this weapon. It's the most powerful, effective, reliable weapon ever used and ever known to man!

Very few have ever beheld this weapon in use, much less been entrusted with its care. It is unique, precious, invaluable. It is a weapon of war. It is a lifesaver. It is a comforter in time of need. This is the weapon of all weapons that I am entrusting into the hands of the children of David for the Endtime. (Endtime Prophecy Power #3140)

There is no discharge in this war. All are soldiers, and the time has come that all need to be equipped! In every army there are not only front-line soldiers, but there are many others that help to make up an army so it can function--from the commander in chief, the generals, and the complete chain of command, down to those who work as clerks, typists, cooks, dishwashers, maintenance men, mechanics, technicians and support crew. All must know how to use their weapon and be able to shoot, no matter what role they play, and the same is true in My army.

I am now passing out to each and every one, from the commander in chief down to every able-bodied person, your secret weapon, your personal firearm that each one may be equipped to fight the Enemy and be prepared for whenever you may happen to engage in warfare, either as a group or individually. For you never know when you will be called upon to charge, or lead an attack, or be ambushed or taken by surprise even when you are alone, either on patrol, maneuvers, or even relaxing.

I will teach you how to use your weapons. I will give you your instructions and help you in your firing practice to learn to be a sharpshooter and use your weapon effectively and with skill, to be able to hit your target in the bull's-eye time after time, becoming expert marksmen and sharpshooters!

So learn about your weapon, study it, read the manual about it, practice using it. Keep it clean, keep it handy, keep it by your side at all times. Sleep with it, eat with it, never be found without it day or night. For the time is approaching when all will be drafted for the warfare that is coming. Your Enemy is no respecter of persons and cares not if you are man or woman, child or old person; all are targets. He is pulling out his guns and preparing for battle, but I have promised that he will not be able to do anything except I reveal his plans to My servants. So prepare today for the battles tomorrow and learn to shoot! (Mama's Surprise! Part 2 #313)

You're not on your own, because you have instructors and counselors around, your shepherds, and you have a manual to read with instructions and general guidelines, the abundance of Word I've poured out on the subject and the guidelines of how to be a reliable channel.

Yet even after reading the manual, there is much to learn about the practical use of this high-powered weapon. You have to learn how it works, how to adjust it, how to aim accurately, how to take it apart and clean it, how to carry it discreetly, how to repair it, and how to reload it. It's a computerized weapon, so you have to learn basic circuitry and how to program it correctly. It's powerful, and you have to learn how to use it safely. But all these things you will have help to learn, if you step out to practice with it and operate in counsel and humility.

You ask questions when you aren't sure, and you go back to the manual for refreshers of the basics frequently. You're not too proud to listen and adjust something when one of the instructors taps you on the shoulder and points something out, because you realize that this is a very complicated weapon that no one expects you to automatically know how to operate; it takes time and practice. Even if you consider yourself a sharpshooter, you still wouldn't consider yourself a professional until you've learned more about this new weapon.

Well, My beloved ones, that's the way it is with using this new weapon of prophecy that I've placed in your hands. You're very much amateurs compared to all there is yet to master in the use of this weapon. You still have a lot to learn before you become professionals. As long as you're willing to learn, and you take instructions well and are faithful to refer back to the manuals frequently, you'll make steady progress and will eventually graduate with honors.

You're in a protected environment; I've placed many safeguards around you while you're learning more about

this fascinating and multi-faceted subject. As long as you abide by the guidelines I've put forth and stay in the learner's seat, always ready to admit that you're still learning, never too proud to find out something new, and yielded enough to change the way you were doing something when you find a better way to do it, you will do no damage to yourself or to the others in the course.

Some of you find yourselves discouraged when you receive a conflicting prophecy--when your weapon reacts in a way that you didn't expect, or when you don't quite hit the target, or maybe when you can't figure out how to reload it, etc. You wonder if it's just too complicated for you to ever become skilled at. But I promise you that it's not! The folks who will learn the fastest are those who remain willing to admit that they don't know it all and that they have a lot to learn! It's a spiritual principle: Stay empty of yourself, ready to be filled with Me.

Everyone who wants to learn can learn. All those who stick with it will eventually become skillful and knowledgeable and able to defeat the Enemy in combat with this powerful weapon. And just as learning to wield your weapon is essential before going into combat, so is learning to become skilled and exercised in using your gift of prophecy in order to survive the days ahead. Just as someone wouldn't think of skipping that course before heading off to war, so you shouldn't even consider skipping the prophecy course, or think it's too complicated, if you're planning on being one of David's mighty men in the days to come! It's essential! Remember that, let it stick with you, and let it give you faith and encourage you that you're just learning--so stay open! Don't let the Enemy discourage you! You'll eventually graduate with honors if you stay humble and yielded and don't quit! (Understanding Prophecy, Part 2! #3304)

(Dad:) So come, embark on a journey of learning! (Understanding Prophecy, Part 1 #3275)

Ask Me Everything

(to dig deeper see the "Ask Me Everything" compilation)

(Dad speaking:) If you want to know what you need to do to best prepare for what's ahead, this is one of the most important things you can do: Learn to hear from the Lord in prophecy about everything! Make it a habit! Give it all you've got, as if everything depended upon it, because it does! I tried to teach you this concept in the beginning, from as far back as that famous message I named "For God's Sake, Follow God!" You've been learning step by step all along, and now the Lord is fine-tuning you in this area and showing you that you simply won't be able to live without it.

Hearing from the Lord in prophecy about everything will not only be the means of your survival, but it will also be the means of your shining glory! This is why it's so important for you all to hone your gifts of prophecy! Hearing from the Lord in prophecy before you make a move is the means by which He will be able to direct you and use you to perform greater works in these Last Days. Because the Lord can trust you to obey, to check in with Him on everything, then He knows you'll always be ready, waiting, and willing to be used to perform the great exploits needed to defy the works of evil in these Last Days. He knows He'll be able to trust you to get the job done, to stand up for the truth, and lead the world to victory in His Name. This is the victory that will overcome the world, your faith and your obedience to not make a move without getting His direction and hearing from Him in prophecy. (A New Era of Greater Works #3267)

Hearing from Me in prophecy is something that can be done easily. It doesn't have to be something that you work up or take a great deal of time doing. Just be open to what the situation indicates and needs. Think of Me, your Counselor, right there ready to answer your question if you will but ask.

Let your channel be always on and always open, and when the need arises I can come through for you. You can hear Me clearly and get My direction and My leading in the spur of the moment, in the twinkling of an eye. So expect it of Me and I will do it for you. (Ask Me Everything, Part 1 #3270)

If you need immediate, on-the-spot direction, then tune in and ask Me, and watch Me punch through with what you need. In that case you might not have time to stop everything while you ask Me, but you can always focus your heart and mind on Me, even in the midst of what you're doing, and still ask and clearly receive My answer. When you're out witnessing and are faced with a tough question or aren't sure which way to lead the conversation or which approach would work best with the person, just shoot up a question to Me, and I will respond on the spot. It doesn't take long to receive an answer from Me, and even in the midst of things I'm able to speak to you clearly if you ask in faith and really desire to hear from Me. There are so many times and so many instances when you could save so much time and energy by just asking, listening, and getting My answers. (Ask Me Everything, Part 2 #3271)

By asking you to hear from Me about everything in prophecy, I am relieving you of the burden of having to wonder if a check is from Me or not, for through My voice of prophecy, I will speak to you plainly. The definition of prophecy is when you specifically ask Me to speak to you in prophecy and you receive an answer.

So in order to be sure of what you need to do, when you receive a check, when you have a feeling, a hunch, a premonition, a suspicion that something is not quite right or that you should be going a different direction, or you get a "witness" to go in a certain direction, you should just shoot up a question to Me, ask Me to speak to you in prophecy and expect an answer, and that answer that you will receive is prophecy. That's what I am asking of you in hearing from Me about everything--that you ask Me your questions and receive My direct answers. (Ask Me Everything, Part 1 #3270)

Think of it this way: Let's say you're walking through a minefield. Take one wrong step and you'll be blown away! But you have a little headset that you can put over your ears that will be your salvation. The person talking to you through the headset has a bird's-eye view of the whole minefield. He can see beneath the ground; he can see where the bombs are. If you put on your headset and listen to him, he'll tell you when to walk straight, when to veer over to the left or right, when to jump and when to stop, in order to avoid stepping on one of those deadly bombs.

What would you do? Would you pick up the headphones and wear them--or would you risk walking through the minefield alone, taking the chance that your instincts will tell you which pieces of ground to put your feet on? Well, your instincts might be fine for a while, but one wrong move could mean your life! So why take the risk when you could be walking the field without fear, with perfect guidance and instruction from someone who can see the whole picture, can see everything that you can't?

That's much like your connection with Jesus. He's given you a direct link to Him, and all you have to do is pick up the headphones and wear them. He'll be whispering in your ear, "Turn to the right. Now turn to the left. Now jump here. Stop now." But if you don't tune in to Him, if you don't wear your communication headset, you're risking your life and the lives of others. I know this sounds rather drastic, and maybe the decisions you make on a day-to-day basis don't seem like life-and-death decisions. But don't discard this warning. Don't push this aside.

Though the decisions you make today may not cost you your life, in the soon-coming future your decisions may mean life or death for you or someone else. That's why you've gotta listen today and learn how to tune in to the right frequencies, so that you'll be able to receive clear instruction at the time when your life is going to depend on it.

(Ask Me Everything, Part 1 (#3271))

It may seem odd and burdensome to My children to hear from Me about every little detail of their lives, but this is what I request. Why do I ask this of you? It's because I wish to offer you My gift of prophecy in its most complete form. It may be hard for you to see it like this at first, but do not be as little children who refuse a new food because they've never had it before. This gift will not be a burden that will weigh you down, but a gift that will set you free!

This is My plan. I have designed it this way, so that I can carry your burdens. I long to carry your load and make life easier for you because I love you. It's for your benefit--to improve your overall quality of life! When you don't stop and check in with Me and don't get My instructions at every step, you miss out on so many things I have waiting for you. You miss out on many blessings and invaluable instruction I long to give you. It's like living life halfway, instead of living life to the full!

The Devil fights this because it will lead to your success in the dark days to come. In the Time of the End, you may be going down the street, and if you're well used to this practice, you'll say, "Which way now, Lord?" I will be able to show you in an instant and lead you out of harm's way, or into the path of some needy person or situation. You won't be able to do things like this then if you don't practice now. You won't remember to ask Me in prophecy if you don't make a habit of it now.

Observe the cadets in military training. At West Point, the cadets must learn by heart the headlines of the daily newspaper, the menu for the day, and other seemingly insignificant facts and figures that they must report to their officers. And they do this daily! This trains them to observe and remember details, so that in warfare they'll have that training and it will serve them well on the field of battle. So it is with you.

If you seek to hear My voice of prophecy in these seemingly insignificant decisions in your days, not only does it ensure that your days go smoother because you're making wise decisions with My help, but you're also making a rock-solid habit of hearing from Me in prophecy. This will serve you well in the dark days to come. (Ask Me Everything, Part 3 #3272)

I can help you make the best out of your day if you'll only include Me in each decision. I can help you form this good habit; I really can. It's not as difficult as you think, and it really is a great habit to have. It will be so pleasurable for

you once the habit is in place. You'll wonder how you ever got along without it!

You can start now and be obedient now by coming to Me to find a personalized solution of how to remember to do this and how to form this habit. I long to help you form this habit of hearing from Me in prophecy at every step, for it will be for your good, and I want what's best for you.

It may take you a little time to become sharp in this habit, so don't be discouraged with yourself when you slip and fall. Don't listen to the Enemy when he tries to tell you that it's impossible and too tough. That would just be the ol' boy at work trying to get you to feel condemned and wanting you to give up the fight for greater victories than ever. If you fall, just get up and try again.

The more you make that effort to come to Me to hear My voice in prophecy for each and every thing you do throughout each and every day, the more I will bless you with a greater habit of doing this, and even a great desire to do so. I will never fail to give you checks to stop and listen to what I have to tell you, even if it's just to encourage you that I'm with you in what you're doing. It's vital that you learn to tune in to those whispers I'll give you.

It's crucial that you learn to hear from Me direct, every day, for even the most minor details, for this is the way I'm now moving and leading. Like your Father David has said, the little things really do count! Oftentimes it's the very smallest details of things in life that you do and the most routine things that are the very things I wish to speak most to you about. On a daily basis, it is often the seemingly predictable and expected things that I want to teach you to revolutionize in your lives, even if it's just for Me to teach you simple ways to do things to bring about different fruits.

If there's one habit I plead with you to make, this is it: Learn to hear from Me in prophecy about every move you make, to include Me in all that you do. I long for better communication. I long to tell you so many things. (Ask Me Everything, Part 2 #3271)

Requirements For Being a Good Channel

Receiving the Gift Is the First Step

(Jesus speaking:) The gift of prophecy is simply that, a gift. I don't give this precious gift only to those who feel they're deserving, or those who have done great works to be deserving of it. I give this gift to each of My children. I give this gift to everyone who asks Me for it. The giving of this gift is not dependent on how close you are to Me or how diligently you're following My Word, nor how deeply you drink of the things of My Spirit. I give the gift to all who ask of Me. I don't turn any away, for this is a gift that is necessary for the survival of all of My children in this day and age.

But there's a difference between one who simply has the gift of prophecy and one who is a good, clear, reliable channel. Receiving the gift of prophecy is the first step, but it takes a bit of spiritual effort to ensure that you will be receiving My Words clearly and without the interference or static of the Enemy. You have to strive to be yielded, to be obedient to My Word, to be desperate with Me, to stay close to Me, and to receive faith to pull down My seeds, faith which comes from My Word. I give the gift of prophecy to all, but it takes effort on your part to become exercised in using the gift, as well as to ensure that you're a clear, unobstructed channel, and that you remain so.

It's not an automatic guarantee that as soon as you receive the gift of prophecy you'll receive My messages perfectly clearly and effortlessly without the static of the Enemy. You have to pray for yieldedness, desperation, concentration, against attacks of the Enemy, as well as do the necessary physical things in your life that I'm asking you to do. If you have sin in your heart, or if you aren't doing the things that I've been showing you to do in your life, then it will be hard to come to Me in full faith, completely open, ready to receive My seeds.

That's why you must keep yourself free from the snares of the world and the entanglements of the System in order to be a clear channel. You must also come before Me in yieldedness and humility and desperation, with faith that I will answer you--and I will. If you're in the right spirit, claiming My promises and doing My will, then you can be sure that I will speak to you. The words that you receive will be My fresh words from Heaven. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 3b! #3310)

All My brides want to be clear and reliable channels. No one ever wants to be guilty of receiving a tainted prophecy that could hurt in any way. The thought that maybe you would be responsible for giving a prophecy that would hurt someone in any way is a terrible thought. No one wants that. Everyone wants to be in tune with Me, in the spirit, on guard, and the best channel that they can possibly be.

Generally speaking, hearing from Me in prophecy makes people desperate. Even if you have weaknesses in your personal life, when it comes to receiving prophecy, most people are very desperate to get it right and receive My will via My words in spite of their own personal weaknesses. You do need to be desperate before Me, as this definitely helps to wash and cleanse your channel. Desperation is a spirit of humility and reverence before Me, which helps you to more

clearly and easily receive My words.

I've said a lot about the spirit of desperation, which of course takes yieldedness and humility on your part. You can't really be desperate without also desiring to be yielded to Me and humble before Me. So being desperate about prophecy is very good and needed, but being a clear and reliable channel requires more than your desperation.

Wrong choices and the disobediences and the sin in your life will affect your channel, and you won't be able to claim the same promises as those who are making the right choices, who are being obedient, and who are vigilant against sin in their lives.

Your channel is earthly--and because it is, you have to take care of it. Yes, I can do miracles and cause even dumb asses to see the spiritual realm and pass on My messages. Yes, I can cause the sun to stand still. Yes, I can speak through any channel at any time and miraculously give revelation, clear counsel, and whatever is needed.

But do you know which channels I will choose to give such clear, prophetic revelations through? Not the ones that are full of unyieldedness, pride, disobedience, lack of love for others, lack of prayerfulness, and not even trying to obey the New Wine. You don't have to have My mega brain to know that anyone who is not faithful to keep their life for Me on the straight and narrow is also not going to be a reliable channel.

Think about it. Would you like someone who you know is not right with Me to hear from Me about something that's very important to you, such as making a major move to another field, taking on more responsibility, getting married, deciding whether you should have surgery, etc.? Or would you rather the channel be someone who is desperate to stay right with Me every single day? The answer is obvious.

You can't live your life on the edge of sin and disobedience, and then expect Me to wash away all that filth and muck of your pride and disobedience with one prayer and the claiming of a few keys, so that you can hear from Me clearly in prophecy. It doesn't work that way. I need channels who are doing their best every day of their lives to be as right with Me as they can possibly be.

Prophecy is a serious responsibility, and those who take it seriously know that they need to take their entire lives of service for Me seriously. You can't just flip into "channel mode" when you feel like it, but live the rest of your life being disobedient, unyielded, proud, unloving, or whatever. What kind of a channel is that? You will be as good and reliable a channel as you live your life every single day.

If you're doing your best to work on your weaknesses, then when it comes to hearing from Me in prophecy, your channel will be yielded. If you're doing your best to keep your life free of the pollution of the System, then your channel won't be clogged up with System influences. If you're really trying to stay right with Me by confessing your sins before Me and asking Me to cleanse you, then when you come to Me to receive prophecy, your channel will be clean.

The goal is not perfection. No channel is perfect. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom.3:23). You will always have sin in your life, but the point is that you should not choose disobedience and sin. Sometimes choosing sin can just mean deciding not to do anything about a weakness, problem, or addiction that you have.

Some people's areas of weakness are obvious to themselves and to others. In some ways, they have it easier. They know what they need to work on and what they need to fight to overcome. Other people's weaknesses might not be so obvious to themselves and others, so they need their shepherds' help more. But whatever the case, everyone should be seeking help and taking steps to make whatever changes I show them are needed.

If you're just coasting along and putting up with your weaknesses, thinking that you'll never change, so why bother, that's pure disobedience and unyieldedness. A big part of prophesying starts before you ever get alone in your closet. It starts the minute you wake up in the morning with your thoughts and how you actively use the weapons of the spirit and call on your spirit helpers and fight to make progress in your weaknesses. You have to walk the walk of a disciple. You have to act like you believe what the Word says, and try to do your best to obey My Word and implement it in your life every day, not just when it comes time to receive prophecy.

I have chosen you weak, earthly, imperfect, sinful vessels to receive My pure words. But I also expect you to do your human best to fight to be clean, unpolluted, obedient, yielded vessels. This is accomplished by the way you live every day. Then when it comes time to receive My pure words, you will already be in a spirit of yieldedness, obedience, desperation and belief, and there will be much less chance of you receiving a tainted or influenced prophecy that could cause hurt in any way.

So be yielded and obedient and desperate with Me every day. Be willing to receive the shepherding you need, and keep your heart clean of the pollution of the world.

Ask Me what you need to do to ensure that you will be as good a channel as you can be. Be willing to obey and do whatever I tell you to do. If you're not willing to give up your pride in a certain area, or whatever I might show that

you need to do, then how can you expect to be humble when it comes time to receive prophecy? Sins of pride and disobedience take a toll on your life, and they will eventually take a toll on your ability to receive reliable prophecy.

It's wise to work on your connection with Me, your obedience and simple and yieldedness as a disciple, and keep working on it, and never give up working on it. The way you live, what you think and do and believe, affects everything, including your channel. (Shooting Straight, Part 17 #3591)

If you truly wish to use prophecy to enhance your service for Me and to keep you right in the center of My will, then follow these simple guidelines:

- Have a deep love for Me.
- Be humble; know that you don't know the answers.
- Keep your heart clean by confessing your sins.
- Prime the pump by praising Me.
- Pray desperately before you prophesy, asking Me to override your personal feelings, emotions and desires.
- Create a vacuum. One way to do this is by asking specific questions. Then wait.
- Have faith. Give what you receive without questioning it, analyzing it, or worrying about the consequences. Know that I am able to defend My reputation and you don't have to try to figure out whether the message is coming across right, or makes sense, or is saying what it seems it should.
- Make a decision before you come to Me that you want to yield. Even if you're battling and having a hard time yielding, as you open your channel to hear from Me, declare your desire to yield, your wish to do My perfect will. I will count this as yieldedness and I will give you a true prophecy, one that I know will be a blessing to you and will lead you in the path of My will.
- Keep your heart and mind strong in My Word by drinking deeply of the things of the Spirit and by minimizing unedifying and ungodly influences.
- Be obedient to the Word. Do all you can to follow closely and live the New Wine.
- When possible, receive My Words in a place where you will not be distracted. There are times when you must hear from Me on the go, when you're surrounded by confusion and noise. In such instances I will overlook and wink at the circumstances and I will bind the power of the Enemy. But if you either unwisely choose to have prophecy where there are interruptions and distractions, or you don't bring your thoughts into subjection but let your mind wander, then you can miss parts of the message. So concentrate, focus, and suck My seeds with all your attention and desire.
- If you counsel with others before you receive a prophecy, pray desperately before your conversation that I will establish your thoughts. Your yieldedness and desperation for My will should begin even before you sit down to hear from Me in prophecy; that should be your state of mind even as you muse on your question or discuss it with others. If that is the case, I will be able to establish your thoughts and help you bring your desires and emotions under the authority and rule of My Spirit.
- Pray that I will override any wrong information you might have regarding what you're praying about, and then give whatever you receive, even if it's contrary to what you would expect.
- When you feel you've come to the end of the message, ask Me if there is anything else--if I am done speaking, or your spirit helper has more to say.
- Be willing to come back to Me for further information and confirmations. Realize that I don't often reveal My full plan and all the details in the first prophecy.
- Be open to counsel and seek confirmation and clarifications from other channels when you feel at all in doubt of the meaning, accuracy, or completeness of your prophecy.
- Build your faith by regularly spending time with Me in the bed of love--reading and meditating on My Word and applying it to your life, resting in Me and casting your cares on Me, and loving Me intimately as My bride, speaking words of love to Me and receiving My seeds, which are manifested later in the form of prophecy.

(Understanding Prophecy, Part 2! #3304)

The requirements for being a good channel are: yieldedness, knowing that you do not have the answers, being right with Me and obedient to the printed Word and willing to do all you can to apply it to your life, keeping your heart clean from unconfessed sin, asking Me to override your own thoughts and opinions, having faith, being willing to accept My answers, giving what you receive without question or analyzing; being willing to bring any questions about the

messages you receive in prophecy back to Me in order to receive well-rounded messages, and for further confirmation and explanation of any seeming contradictions; building your faith by regularly spending time with Me in the bed of love--reading and meditating on My Word and applying it to your life, resting in Me and casting your cares on Me, and loving Me intimately as My bride, speaking words of love to Me and receiving My seeds. It also helps you receive clear, complete messages if you do your best to avoid distractions or interruptions and concentrate as much as possible, as you need to come out of the wings and enter into My temple. You'll also find it easier to receive My messages if you fill your heart, mouth, and life with praise. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 1 #3275)

Certain things can hinder a person's connection with Me and their being a reliable channel: If someone comes before Me to hear My Words, but they are unyielded, and their life is full of unconfessed sins; if their motivation is not right; if they have for an ongoing period of time been entertaining doubts or criticizing the New Wine of My Spirit; or if they bear in their heart oughts or bitterness against their brethren. In such cases, when a person is not right with Me, then there is the possibility that they will lose the protection of My Spirit, and in such a case, they could receive phrases from the Enemy, as he would not only tempt them to doubt or to be confused, but he would actually tempt them to speak his words, which are critical, doubtful, unloving, condemning, and away from the truth. It is not impossible for someone to hear phrases from the Enemy, but it would be a rare exception, because in most cases, those who come to Me to hear My Words in prophecy are desperate and hungry and in a prayerful spirit. In most cases they come in faith--faith in My promises, faith in My New Wine, and faith in the direction that I am moving.

Of course, all of My children of David have their weaknesses, their shortcomings, their besetting sins. No one is perfect, and I do not expect perfection. But I do expect and require--if you wish to be a reliable, full-of-faith channel--that you be yielded, trusting, loving, free of unconfessed sin. (Mama's Surprise! Part 2 #3134)

Bring an Empty Vessel

(Jesus speaking:) When you come before Me to hear what I would speak to you to instruct and guide, encourage and strengthen you, you must come before Me as an empty vessel. You must ask Me to empty you of your own will, your own ways, your own wishes, your own desires. You must come to Me with nothing in your cup; thus when I fill you with My water, it will be pure waters. But when you come with a cup half-full of your own ways, your own desires, the words that I pour forth to you are mixed with that which you would have Me say.

Come to Me empty, thirsty, open, willing. Come to Me with an open heart, an open mind, an open spirit, void of anything of yourself, of any of your own ways, your own wishes, your own will, your own desires, that I may speak to you with clarity, majesty, and the fullness of My Spirit to give you the truth that I would give you. Come to Me this way, that it be not mixed or tainted or flavored by your own will or way or spirit. For I wish for you to be clear channels unto Me.

But fret not, nor be condemned if you have a bit of your own water within, for in time you will learn to come to Me empty, fully open, fully prepared, fully ready, that I may pour forth through you in great abundance. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 3b! #3310)

Lift up a heart empty of your own inclinations. ... Create a vacuum, an empty mouth, an empty heart, one in which you don't care what the answer is, ... a heart that is yielded and pointed to Me. ... You must seek with no conditions, with no strings attached. ... You must open your heart to My point of view." (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 3 #3036)

You must be yielded to whatever I have to say, and not be pulled away by your desires, lusts or preconceived ideas. You need to be open to whatever I give ... without the door of pride slamming shut the gate that will lead to My highest will. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 2 #3035)

I don't expect you to have no opinions, but I do expect you to pray desperately for Me to override those opinions. I do expect you to be willing to let go of your opinions to receive My opinions, the truth of the matter. I do expect you to be yielded, humble, and willing to receive whatever I give, even if it goes contrary to your opinions. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 1 #3275)

So just come to Me, naked in spirit, with no barriers between us. Ask Me to fuck you with My seeds and fill you with My answers, and I will. I won't fail. I'm not limited, and I will pour the needed waters of life through your pipe to refresh My people, to supply, to encourage, to direct, to guide, to answer.

All is in My hands to give. All is in My power to send. All is within My will to answer according to the need. So ask and receive quickly and fully! You need not struggle and strive and work it up; just open up on the spot, be hungry, excited and desperate, and I will give and give and give again! Just trust and receive, open and believe, and many waters will rush forth. Many waters will pour down abundantly, beyond what you ever imagined! I am ready and willing and waiting to send torrents of living waters through My open, receptive channels.

You have to determine each time you sit down to hear My voice that you're going to open up wide, very wide, and be full of faith and trust and let Me do whatever I want with you and praise Me for it all. Each time you do this and let Me pour through effortlessly, it cleans your pipe. It washes you cleaner every time. The more you open up and receive in full faith, the cleaner and clearer your channel becomes, because the waters can rush through so fast that they carry everything with it. So keep open, keep clean and keep yielding and praising.

It's not hard to yield; it's very easy. It's not hard to be open and desperate; it's very easy. It just takes faith. And faith is not something you work up and muster up by trying very hard. Faith is very easy too; you just trust. You simply ask and trust and receive what comes with praise and thankfulness, and this keeps your channel open and clear for the next message. (Hearing from the Lord Step by Step #3149)

Open yourself up through your willingness to accept the counsel of others, through seeking Me daily for My personal Words of instruction and counsel in prophecy, through loving Me intimately--taking steps to obey, even if you still don't understand fully. Open yourself up through actively obeying My Words and putting that which you read into practice as best you can, even if it's humbling and kills your pride. You will make very great progress very quickly if you do these things. For now is the time of great progress! Now is the time of soothing cleansing and strengthening. Now is the time to open yourself up and partake of it--for it is easy and free! (You Can Make It! #3277)

It is a spiritual fight, an outpouring of your strength and spirit, to hear from Me in prophecy. I know it is hard because it means that you have to stir yourself up. You have to be desperate in spirit. You have to open up and create a vacuum for My Spirit to flow through. You have to be open and yielded and have a clean channel so that My messages can flow through. All of this takes a stirring up of yourself and your spirit to want to be desperate and connect with Me. That is a fight; that is hard. It is a spiritual battle each time to really cry out to Me, to be desperate and yielded. It takes mental, spiritual and even physical effort on your part. You have to put yourself in a position to receive. You have to be willing to be used. Like Bamboo, you have to be willing to be slit open and lay down so that My waters can rush through to refresh My people.

But My yoke is easy and My burden is light. Although it does take effort for you and it is work, it is not as hard as the Enemy wants you to think. He knows it takes effort and that it is a fight in the spirit, so he plays on that and tries to blow it up into a bigger mountain and make you think it's too hard, that it takes too much work. Therefore he tries to persuade you to not hear My voice and not even begin. (Hearing from the Lord Step by Step #3149)

Receiving Specific Answers

When you pray unto Me and you seek specifically for an answer, I will not fail you, I will answer you. Be very definite with Me, and I will give you what you ask for. I led My children through the wilderness. I instructed them, and I kept them as the apple of My eye. I love it when you are specific with Me, and I love to be specific with you. It is not My desire to be unclear, but to clearly lead and guide My children in love and in diligence and in an orderly fashion. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 3 #3036)

If you really need something specific, then you have to ask for something specific in your prayer. You have to be definite in your prayer request for what you want to receive in prophecy, just like you have to be specific when praying your regular prayer requests for the things you need or want Me to do. Otherwise, you're like the guy who prayed for any old car, and that's what he got--any old car. (Understanding Prophecy Part 3b #3310)

(Jesus speaking:) The more you believe the Enemy's lies and hold back from exercising your gift in specific matters, the more you forget how close and real I truly am to you, and thus I'm not able to punch through.

I'm greatly limited by people's faith and belief, and what they ask of Me. If you ask for concrete, down-to-earth specifics, that's what you'll get nine times out of ten. If you just ask Me vague questions, I will still speak as much as I'm able, but I'm limited in My giving by what you're asking Me for.

So step out by faith! Put Me on the spot even when you don't feel the faith, and you'll see your faith strengthened and rewarded by beholding the concrete answers to your prayers and requests, and the solutions to your problems. I have them for you! You just need to hold on in faith and call them down for yourself. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 1 #3275)

According to your faith let it be done unto you. For as you ask specifically, I am able to answer specifically. As for names, dates and places, did I not tell the centurion the name of the person to seek, the place and the date? (Cornelius in Acts 10.) Did I not tell Paul the name of the man who would heal him? (Acts 9). And I took Philip to the right place at the specific, precise time (Acts 8). ... I am not only capable, but more than willing to answer your questions--even more specifically than you expect. For I am able to do exceeding abundantly above all that you ask or think, to give names, dates and places. Only be prepared to hear My voice. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 3 #3036)

As you practice speaking My Words and hearing My voice, so you will grow in faith in being able to give more specific messages. And the more specific the message, the greater the testimony will be to those who hear. For they will see that you have been shown things by the hand of God that you could not possibly have known otherwise. They will know that a prophet of God has spoken. They will know that you have power that is not of yourself, and they will fall down in great fear and wonder. The news of this miracle-working power will be spread abroad, and many shall hear and many shall believe.

Oh, My children, if you could only see as I see, the great power that this gift will bring you, and the great witness and testimony that it will be. Then you would not hesitate to practice and exercise this gift to prepare for the future, so that you will be all that you can be, as My witness and My testimony and My voice for the people. (Endtime Prophecy Power! #3140)

(Question:) I have the gift of prophecy, but I don't receive specifics. So I don't feel that my gift is that helpful. Why don't I receive specifics?

(Jesus speaking:) There are several reasons why a person does not receive specifics in prophecy:

- Because that person lacks faith to receive specifics, and therefore he holds back or cannot give the answers I would like to give.
- Because the specifics the person wants to know are not necessary, or it's not My time to reveal such things.
- Because I want to help that person stay united with others and humble, by needing to have other channels receive the specifics.
- Because the channel is still growing, still being exercised, and the faith to receive specifics will come with time.
- Because the question the person has asked Me is very general, and therefore the answer that he expects to hear and has the faith to hear is also general.

Do not fear that your gift is not helpful just because you don't receive specifics. Don't compare with others. I will give each person the gift of prophecy that I know is most needful and that will bear the most fruit for that individual at that time. If one person has a flowing gift or a gift that receives specific details, and another person has a gift that is halting and receives general guidance and instruction, who are you to question My ways? It's not your place to say that one gift is better or more beautiful than the other. Both channels--the one that receives specifics and the one that doesn't--receive My Words, and I am the One Who controls the flow of truth, and I give to each according to the need and according to their faith. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 1 #3275)

There will be times when you ask Me for specifics, though, and I will hold back and lead you through another path. This does not mean that you are on the wrong track. This means that I have something to show you that you are not yet able to bear, that I must lead you step by step to bring you unto this final destination in My way. Whereas if I had told you the specifics in the beginning, you would have arrived there in the wrong manner. So do not feel frustrated nor condemned if you ask for specifics and I give them not. Do not condemn your brother if you ask for specifics and

receive them, and he asks for specifics and receives them not. For I am working in your hearts, in your different situations, in different manners, for different results. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 3 #3036)

Keep Coming Back to Ask Me Again and Again

Once I tell you something, don't rush off and say, "I heard it, and that's all I need to hear!" I admire your utter faith and belief, but it's unwise to drop all communication with Me just because I tell you one thing. You must stay in constant communication with Me to hear if I change plans or if I change the circumstances. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 3a #3310)

A pillar in the principle of hearing from Me and following Me day by day is that you must frequently come back to ask Me and make sure that what you are doing is exactly what I want you to do. This is a principle of the Spirit.

You can't just get the general instruction in the beginning and then go from there without coming back to ask Me again and again if you're getting it right, to make sure you're not missing anything. You must realize that I'm not just talking about the spirit of prayerfulness and acknowledging Me, but I'm talking about hearing from Me, My direct Words of instruction in prophecy. That's the prayerfulness I'm looking for. That's the kind of seeking Me and following Me step by step that I desire. (Hearing From the Lord Step By Step #3149)

(Jesus speaking:) If I told you everything the first time, you wouldn't have to come back to ask again. But I purposely leave some things unsaid--"you cannot bear them all now"--so that when you come across these new factors you will have to come to Me again.

I love it when you come before Me with these questions, so I make sure that I leave enough questions open for you so that you'll have to come again. Not to mention that you just wouldn't have the time or strength to get everything in one sitting. My power and My answers are limitless, but not your time nor your capacity to receive. So I'm leading you along step by step, always leaving you something more to ask Me about, so that you may come before Me again and get your next set of instructions.

This is so very important, and it will become increasingly important in the days to come, when perhaps I'll tell you to go and rescue your loved ones, so you rush off and dash into the house where they are, only to find it's a trap! In times like this I would have you come back to Me as you approach to see if I want you to enter the house, and if so, by the front gate, the back gate, or by the window. When you get that answer, ask, "Where do You want me to go next? Upstairs? Downstairs? Through the living room or through the kitchen?"

In every step you must acknowledge Me and seek My approval and direction. Because in the days to come, your very life and the lives of others will depend on your hearing clearly and constantly from Me. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 3a #3310)

(Jesus speaking:) Why don't I tell you everything at the beginning? My mysteries are boxes which aren't opened all at once. Treasures are not handed out in the streets; they're buried deep in the mines. Similarly, you must dig deep and come out of the wings and into the quiet to receive My Words and thoughts and counsel.

I may seem to lead you awry, but it's not trickery. It's but a way I have of leading you closer to Me. And in so doing, I gain your ear more permanently. For once you see that plans can change and that even the counsel I would give you one day could be outdated the next, then you learn to ask and seek Me more. This is what pleases Me.

This is part of the process of hearing from Me. I must lead and guide you along the maze of My will, and as you learn and become more accustomed to asking Me continually, then I make My will more easily accessible, and I make the paths clearer and more plain, for I know you will continue to come to Me. Incidents that seem unclear to you or that raise questions in your minds cause you to ask and seek and knock, and stretch your channel to hear more from Me about what I would have you do. You hear from Me about the overall concept of My plan, and you learn more about how I operate and how I think and move and engineer things in the world of the spirit. I wish to give these good things to you, but if you don't ask, how can I speak? So I set up roadblocks and detours.

So fear not. Worry not. Let this not be a stumbling block to you. I will reward your faith and trust in My Words, and will give you this wisdom and understanding in your heart in My good time. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 3a #3310)

Follow Step by Step

It is your part to be on My little dog trail, to be following Me closely, to be following Me step by step, so that I may give you these specifics. For if you are leaning to your own understanding, or following your own desires, and not seeking Me to confirm and to perfect, and therefore off on the wrong tangent, your antenna will not be turned towards Me; you will not be able to hear the specifics. So I ask you to stay close to Me, and to follow Me closely step by step.

(Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 3 #3036)

(Jesus speaking:) At times I will give a message that is fairly specific, to get you started on the path of My will. But that doesn't guarantee that the message is complete in itself. I give what I know will serve you the best, and sometimes specific messages from Me increase your faith that you're on the right track. But even when a message is specific, I still expect you to come back to Me for further details and confirmations. I also ask that you leave yourself open to Me, knowing that I don't usually reveal everything the first time I speak, especially in matters that involve other people, or are complex, or have a big impact on your Home or future.

It stands to reason that I will trust that we'll continue to carry on our conversation on this point and I won't feel pressured to fit in every detail or caution or possible hitch or difficulty the first time we talk. My interactions with you are similar to your interactions with each other: You discuss and then touch base again and share your views over and over. In the end, if things don't turn out exactly as you'd planned when you first conferred on the matter, you don't look negatively at each other or criticize or think your communication was a waste of time. You just look at that as the natural course of events, knowing and accepting that things take time to fine-tune. It's the same in your teamworking with Me and your spirit helpers.

The secret to success is to continue coming back to Me for My direction. This is how you'll know whether I intend for you to hold steadfast to the original course I've set, or whether I allow for your personal faith or opinions to change that course slightly, still winding up at the original destination that I have set out for you. Sometimes the course will change and sometimes it won't, but you can't know unless you ask Me.

This is a great principle that you must learn as you practice with the weapon of prophecy. This is imperative, for without wisdom and without the faithfulness to come back to Me, you can be led off course or be confused or discouraged. But coming back to Me will always bring the peace and clarity you seek, and ensures My full blessing and **power**. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 3a #3310)

Many times My will is straightforward and I lead in a direct path, with no detours or sidelines. Other times I lead and guide step by step because the path My children are to take is not direct; it is convoluted and full of detours. I do this because of the things I want them to see along the way, the lessons I want them to learn, the situations I want them to experience and grow from.

Receiving things in prophecy is like eating; you take a bite at a time. You do not sit down at a meal and eat it all in one bite. So it is in your walk with Me. I lead and guide you step by step, one step at a time, and after you take one step, then you receive the faith and strength to take the next one. I do not always reveal everything to you at once, just as you do not eat a meal all at once. Each prophecy is like a step in the direction I want you to take. Just because one prophecy says to go this direction and then the next says to make a right turn and go in that direction does not mean that I am failing or deceiving you. I am only leading you on the path you are to take, the one which will get you to your final destination. Just because the path takes a detour or goes far out of its way before it gets to its final destination doesn't mean the directions were wrong or flawed. It just means that I chose this path for you because I had a plan and purpose in mind, and a particular route I wanted you to take to get there. (Action Through Prayer--Part 3 #3339)

(Jesus speaking:) Sometimes I work along with My children, taking them on the route of their choice, first of all to show them that it's not the best choice. When they're satisfied that it's not the best choice, they look for the next step, the alternatives, and then I can lead them to the next step. It's like shopping, in a way: You go to all the different stores and look for the best deal, the best buy, the one that's economical and meets your needs.

Sometimes I choose to lead My children this way in prophecy. I let them explore all the avenues of their choice in prayer with Me, and then I lead them along step by step to the best deal, the best buy for them personally. That way when they see the best choice, the best deal, they're very happy with it and know that it's My perfect will for them. It's a lesson in coming back to Me many times in prayer about something, and continuing to ask Me for more input, more guidance, more of My will, until you find the best solution for your situation and My perfect will.

When you find out one piece of information, come back and ask Me about it. Ask Me for My counsel and direction, and then follow it. When you come to a door that I'm leading you to, walk through it in faith, and then come back to Me and ask Me for more directions, what steps to take next, whether to continue to go through that door or if I have another door for you.

Prayer and prophecy is a step-by-step process of finding My perfect will for each situation. Often I won't show you the whole answer, the whole picture at once, but I'll show you things step by step, because there are other factors that must be played out first, other choices that must be made in the process. So it's important that you don't get discouraged if it appears that something didn't work out, but rather come back to Me and ask Me about it. Ask Me what's next, where to go, how to do it, what's the next step and the next door to walk through, and I will show you.

When it appears that things didn't work out, you must pray about what other factors came into play. It's highly possible that other circumstances came into the picture after you prayed that influenced the direction that I want to lead you. People made choices, directions were changed because of factors that you don't know about, situations that you have no control over.

For many reasons I may change the plan, change the direction; and what I once told you to do, I may change and tell you not to do. The direction I once told you to go, I may change according to the need, and tell you to modify your direction and correct the path.

It's important that My children use prayer and prophecy as a step-by-step process in finding My will, that they don't go on only one message in important situations, but that they come back to Me to confirm if this is My will. They should confirm that they're on the right path and going the right direction, and I will show them.

You shouldn't refrain from hearing from Me out of fear that you'll get the wrong thing, because if you use prayer and prophecy as a step-by-step plan of finding My will, then you can keep coming back to Me and seeking for clarification and direction. The first message could be a rough message to give you general counsel and guidelines, then as you come back again and again, I'll bring the picture into focus and give you step-by-step specifics and counsel to your satisfaction and according to My perfect will. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 3b #3310)

(Dad speaking:) Sometimes the Lord will lead us in one way to get us moving in a certain direction, but then He'll come along with a change of plans or a modification, and that's where our faith is really tested--whether we're willing to go along with the new direction or we'll remain stuck in what we want to do, or what to us seems more profitable or more reasonable, whatever the case may be.

That's the acid test--whether we can continue to follow the Lord, even when we don't understand it or we think we know better. Sometimes the changes in plans once we're already on a certain course are the hardest to take, the greatest test. We can be tempted to feel that if this is really the Lord, why didn't He tell us earlier, before we even got started? Well, He has different reasons in different situations.

Sometimes it's because He knows He has to get you moving with something before He can even show you the next step. Sometimes He hides part of the plan out of love for us, to make it easier for us to obey and say yes. Other times He uses it to test our yieldedness and get us desperate with Him for the answers and faith to continue obeying. There are all kinds of reasons, but one thing I've learned is that the Lord knows what He's doing! (Understanding Prophecy, Part 1 #3275)

If your word of prophecy brings forth a different answer, a different path, a new direction, then seek Me diligently, for I may be revealing unto you a whole new situation, a whole new set of circumstances that you may have overlooked in your zeal and your passion, in your desire, and even in your burdens. Therefore consider diligently and prayerfully all the steps that I have laid down in knowing My will. Cast not aside these steps, for they truly are still important in My eyes. But if My word of prophecy reveals a new direction, seek Me diligently and be renewed, and be yielded, and seek further confirmation. Bring your petitions to other prophets to confirm, to establish and cement My will and My answers to your questions. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 3 #3036)

If Something Isn't Clear Ask Me Again

It's important to confirm and reconfirm and check in with Me often. With prophecy, the more you ask Me, come back to Me, and listen to Me about something, the better your understanding of it will be, and the greater likelihood that you'll not misinterpret, jump to conclusions, or miss an important part of My instruction or counsel.

When you don't get things clear, or you don't fully understand, or something doesn't seem quite right, that's the

time to ask Me again, to come and get more details. (Teaching Children to Hear from the Lord #3360)

Ask Me, and seek Me again if you do not understand what I am saying, and if you are not fully persuaded in your heart. For I am not the author of confusion, but of peace and love and joy. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 2 #3035)

If you are not sure of the thing which has been spoken ... seek Me further for these things. ... You shall have peace in the things on which you shall decide if you have faith that that which I have given you is good, and that which has been received is sound. But if you do not have this peace, seek Me further. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 2 #3035)

You must simply believe that what you hear is My voice--a supernatural working of My hand--and that it is My Spirit which speaks unto you. It is a gift of My Spirit, and I am teaching and training My Family in the use of this gift. Do not fear if you do not understand it all, and if some of My Words are not clear to you. Do not doubt if things do not work out the way you thought they would. Do not doubt or worry if you feel you do not understand My full meaning, or if you wonder why I said something, or you feel you did not hear My voice but that it was your own. The things that are not clear to you, you can bring to Me again. Petition Me in prayer again, that I may speak to you and help you to understand. For not all situations can be made clear or be fully answered in one message, but in My love and wisdom I give unto you that which you need and that which you can receive. (Believing Prophecy! #3130)

(Jesus speaking:) I've promised that when you ask for bread, you will not receive a stone, and you can rest assured that what I give is the bread you asked for. However, sometimes you must ask and then keep on asking, in order to clarify and confirm the message you've received. For this reason I've instructed that when something is unclear, or when there's doubt or a question as to what one of My channels has received, in the mouth of two or more witnesses let everything be established. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 2! #3304)

When Something Didn't Work Out As You Expected

When you have questions about your prophecies and why things didn't work out as you expected, according to the instruction or plan I had revealed to you, ask Me about it. Ask Me why. I'm very happy to explain these things and to set your mind at ease that what you received was not a false prophecy, but either a misinterpreted prophecy, an incomplete prophecy, or one that was unable to be fulfilled as was originally intended because of a change in circumstances.

As you learn to come to Me again and again and check in with Me regularly about the same situations when needed, you'll receive more complete instruction and will be able to use the gift of prophecy to fine-tune the revelation of My will more effectively. Rarely do I give all the needed information the first time you pray about a situation, especially if the situation involves many people or has many variables.

I long to teamwork with you, to work hand in hand with you. I love to be involved in every detail of your life, and for this reason I often don't give you the full picture through one prophecy--especially if it's a complex problem or very important decision--because I want you to come back to Me. If I told you everything, every detail, the first time around, I'd really miss having that sweet fellowship with you, working with you and being involved in your life.

But this need to come back to Me should not be looked upon as the fault of the channel or some lack in the channel's ability to hear from Me. There's nothing to be embarrassed about if a prophecy is incomplete, or if more information is needed, or even if there are some reversals or surprises that come up as you continue to look to Me. That's the way I choose to work, and you need not worry about it or feel you've failed. The need to receive more information to complete the picture, or new information according to changes in the situation, does not make the initial prophecy false. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 1 #3275)

You say, "But what if something really doesn't happen, or the opposite happens? What if we pray and ask You about someone's health and You tell us that You're going to heal them here on Earth, but then they die? Or what if we ask You if we should rent a certain house and You tell us to go for it and that the owner is a good man, but then it turns out to be a closed door? Aren't these false prophecies?"

Prophecies are not false because of changes in My plan, or because of changes in circumstances or events, or because of new direction or factors that I'm injecting. These things do not make a prophecy false. There could be several

reasons for a change of plans and for My changing the direction of My will.

If you ask Me, I'll give you an answer as to why something happened the way it did. I'll help you to continue to have faith in prophecy and show you why it was good for you, and why and how this was part of My will.

The words of prophecy that I give are precious and valuable words of My Spirit, and you must treat them as the good treasure that they are, as the good instruction and good counsel that they're intended to be in your life, even if you think they're contradictory or something seems wrong. Don't just toss them aside, or dump them in the trash can, or put them on the shelf and ignore them. But look further, ask Me more questions, take them seriously, and try your best to obey and implement them. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 3a #3310)

I work in mysterious ways My wonders to perform! You will not always understand why I lead you the way I do or why I work the way I do, but I can promise you this: You'll never go wrong by looking to Me and asking Me for My counsel and direction in prophecy. Even if it seems to you that things worked out differently than you expected, or even differently than I led you to believe they would work out, you can still be sure that you did the right thing in coming to Me and asking for My help and guidance and direction in prophecy. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 3a #3310)

Take Care in the Wording of Your Questions

(Question:) How much does the wording of the question affect the answer received?

(Jesus speaking:) My precious ones, I delight to give you what you need the most--the clear, pure, complete answers from the stores of My wisdom and omniscience. But I must also teach you how to refine your gifts, your receptivity, your sensitivity to My Spirit, your yieldedness. Thus, for the most part, I limit Myself to answering the question which you ask.

Yes, there are times that I override even the question that you ask, if I know that you desperately need some additional counsel, or if in your heart you're crying out for a complete message and now is the time when you must receive it. But most of the time I limit Myself and will give you the answer which corresponds to the question you've asked. That's why it's important to bring even your questions before Me, to consider them prayerfully, to put within your question the different angles and aspects that you want Me to cover.

Taking the time to consider the question prayerfully and include the different aspects which must be covered, and ask the question from the right angle, also gives you the chance to evaluate the situation, to present your heart before Me in yieldedness, to become more avid and desirous of the specific answers.

I have limited Myself in this way for your benefit. Through creating the spiritual principles in the way that I have, it gives you the opportunity to learn more from Me and about My Spirit. It gives you a greater opportunity to commune with My Spirit. It makes you more desperate with Me. It makes you suck more fervently in the spirit. It helps you to understand better what the situation is, and even prepares your heart more for the answer that I will give, and gives you greater faith when you receive the answer that it's exactly what I want, because you've taken time to consider the different aspects and have brought it prayerfully and carefully before Me.

That's why sometimes it's helpful to discuss the question together, if the answer affects more than one person, or to ask for counsel about exactly what question you want to ask Me if it's on a matter of great importance. Because, yes, the question that you ask directly affects the answer that I will give, in most cases.

As I said earlier, there will be times that I will choose to make an exception and completely override the question to punch through with some information that I know you need, or that you would not receive any other way. But for the most part I confine Myself to answering the questions that you ask. Through this I teach you many things, our relationship is strengthened, you're forced to keep coming back to Me, we stay in closer communication, you learn more about how I work, how I see things, and you have greater receptivity and hunger for the answer.

So when there's something that you need My answers on, take time to consider the question carefully. Ask from different angles, or keep coming back to Me with further questions that you think of as you receive the answers. This will ensure that the messages you receive are complete, that you're seeing the picture as fully as possible, and that you will not be led astray. I fill the hungry soul with good things. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 3a #3310)

Reject the Enemy's Doubts and Believe in Prophecy

The greatest enemy to hearing from Me in prophecy is doubt and worry that you're not actually hearing from Me.

(Teaching Children to Hear from the Lord #3360)

(Jesus speaking:) Think it not strange concerning these fiery trials that try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you. This is part of My plan to keep you desperate with Me, looking up to Me and clinging to Me to stay on My channel and on the right path.

Yes, these are attacks of the Enemy, and he is the one who tries to feed your mind with worries and doubts and fears in the night. It is he that tries to get you to take your eyes off of Me and My power and ability to speak to you. He tries to get you to doubt that it's My voice you're hearing, but rather that it's your own leanings or carnal reasoning or understanding.

He knows that if he can succeed in diverting your attention from Me by getting you to dwell on his voice instead of Mine, and if he can strike a blow to your faith by persuading you to dwell on his seed of doubt, then he can seriously weaken your channel.

It's the voice of the Enemy who tries to tell you, "You're so small and insignificant and little. Who are you to speak in the Name of Jesus? Who are you to prophesy in His Name and give His Words?" That is the Enemy's voice, but I allow him to have access to you so that your faith may be tested and tried, and so that you may stand on your faith, and by faith cling to the truth and continue to reject his lies and his doubts and turn to Me and My Words and My voice. For everyone needs the prodding of My Spirit in their life, reminding them to stay lowly and humble in their own eyes, and reminding them to stay close to Me.

Therefore don't worry when these thoughts run through your mind that perhaps you didn't hear My voice clearly enough, or perhaps you were influenced by your own thoughts or reasoning. Don't worry about these thoughts, for as I have promised, if you desperately and sincerely pray and ask Me to remove any of your carnal thinking and reasoning before you enter into a prayer and prophecy time, then you can trust completely and fully in Me that I will do so. You can trust Me completely that what you hear is My voice leading and guiding you.

All those who hear My voice of prophecy, who receive My answers, encouragement, guidance and directions, must keep their eyes firmly fixed on Me by faith. They must not look at the waves or at the condition of their vessel. They must not look at the circumstances around them. They must not look at things in the flesh or with the eyes of their flesh, but they must continually keep their eyes focused firmly on Me and on My plan to use prophecy for My children in these Endtime days.

Focus on Me, fix your eyes and your mind on Me, and trust by faith. By faith I will use you, by faith I will speak through you, by faith I will lead your thoughts, and by faith I will cause your ears to hear the message that I have. By faith I will move My Spirit within your heart, that your mouth may repeat it. By faith I have the power and the ability to completely erase your carnal reasoning and thoughts, if you ask and you desperately want it. Trust Me that I am able to do so, and I will do so. So don't worry that your mind or common sense or reasoning will influence My message. For that which I give will be given when I want to give it.

But you must also understand that not everything that I have to give is poured out to you at one time. There is a time for every message. Some messages are given in part. Some are given in many parts, and those parts may come at different times.

So don't worry that you have failed by not receiving the complete message that I have. You worry that maybe you weren't yielded enough. But when you give your heart to Me and ask Me to speak and give whatever I wish, I will. All is in My hands, and what I give you is what I want to give you, and is what I pour through for that moment.

Just continue to lift your eyes to Heaven! Lift your eyes to the Spirit and keep them fixed upon Me. For it is always by faith and belief and dependence on Me that the victories will be won. Each time you come into My presence to have prayer and prophecy by faith, it's always a victory. It's always a victory of your faith which pulls down the answers. It's always a wonderful, beautiful, thrilling victory in the spirit.

So don't worry about how it works, but simply raise your beautiful spiritual antenna and receive the messages that I will send you. Yield to Me completely every day. Lay it all before Me and open yourself wide.

Open your heart and your mind and your thoughts to Me. Lay everything on the altar. Forsake everything when you come into My presence. Come before Me naked and ready and available and yielded--totally at My service, totally submitted to My voice and My Spirit. Lift up your arms in praise to Me. Tell Me you want Me and you need Me and that you're ready and willing to receive My seeds.

Then you have nothing to fear or worry about! For as you put yourself in that position to receive and humbly ask Me to wash and cleanse you, then you're in a position to receive, and I will pour forth without fail. For it's My work and they're My problems. Each situation, each circumstance, each question, each need is Mine, and Mine only, and I am the great God of the universe Who is concerned for each situation.

I want to be the One Who gives the answers. I want to be the One Who gives the directions. I want to be the One Who makes known the solutions. I want to be the One Who puts into action the plans and the answers. I want to be the One Who is leading and guiding and showing the way.

So just give it all to Me and trust Me. Acknowledge Me and need Me, and I will never fail you. I'm in control and teaching you and preparing you for future days. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 1 #3275)

Effects of System Influences

(Question:) What effect, if any, does it have on a person's channel if they're not minimizing unedifying and ungodly influences in their life?

(Jesus speaking:) Everything that you take into your mind and spirit affects you. There is no one who is not affected negatively in some way when they partake of System influence via movies, music, novels, worldly attitudes put forth in newspapers, magazines, or the Internet. All of that propaganda of the Enemy goes into your being and becomes part of you.

If you have a strong foundation of faith, you're less affected, and the propaganda doesn't gain a firm hold in your heart and mind, as long as you take the time to wash yourself regularly with the Word and My Spirit. But if you're weak in faith and you have bad Word and prayer habits, then the propaganda from the System has more effect. And it's a cumulative effect, growing more and more harmful with time. The more you take it in and the longer you allow it to remain in your heart and mind, the stronger the influence, especially if you don't wash it away with the Word. Don't just take things in and let them remain in your mind, but check out your input with Me. Ask Me about the information you are exposed to and hear from Me in prophecy about what My perspective is on the matter. I'll tell you what is true and what is false and what you should reject. Getting My viewpoint and My mind on the matter will help keep you cleansed of false information and wrong attitudes.

Those who have taken in much System influence over time subconsciously develop perverted reactions and thought patterns. That System influence can be in the form of such things as excessive movie watching, or the watching of bad movies, or listening to evil music, or playing violent computer games, or receiving the vain philosophies of man. Because of the System influence and their entertaining the wrong attitudes or ways of looking at things, even without their realizing it, they develop a mentality that is ungodly. That ungodly mentality wars against the spirit. It's in sharp contrast to the ways of My Kingdom, but the unsuspecting victim often doesn't realize that their first reactions and many of the conclusions they draw are not Word-based.

Because of this, the person is at a disadvantage when it comes to hearing from Me, because they're not in a position where they can easily discern the spirits and judge what voice is of Me and what is not. Their senses have become dulled because they've heard the voices of the Enemy's world for so long, so they don't recognize that it's wrong, and that those voices and attitudes and reactions have become a part of them.

When a person is in this state spiritually, their prophecies will likely be less pure. Therefore, until such a person gets cleaned up spiritually by taking in massive doses of My Word, having united prayer, and having his thought processes brought in line with My way of seeing things, then he will need to be very careful with his prophecies--careful to seek confirmations and counsel from those who are spiritually stronger.

As a person who has been contaminated by the world for a period of time seeks the cleansing power of My Word, prayer, and the spirit, they will become a more reliable channel, a clearer one. But it stands to reason that someone who has taken in from the System without limit, who has drunk deeply of the evil wells of the wisdom of man and his perversions, and who has built up a large "database" of stored System values and attitudes in their mind, will have to flush that out and be cleansed and strengthened in spirit.

I'm still able to speak to those who are contaminated by a long-term deep feeding of the System, but they must realize their handicap and be very desperate. They must also be aware that there could be some impurities from the Enemy and from their perverted mindsets that can slip into the prophecies because of their weak spiritual state. This can happen because they're not finely attuned to My voice and ways, so when they hear the voice of the Enemy, they don't recognize that it goes contrary to My Word and Spirit, and therefore they're not able to raise a standard against the

Enemy's voice on the spot.

This is another type of serious tainting of My messages that comes about as a result of the channel being dirtied through System influence, especially System influence that has been taken in over a long period of time. This type of tainted prophecy is often characterized by compromise and a general permissiveness that pushes the boundaries and guidelines of the Word and the Charter to the limit.

If someone wants to be a reliable channel, one who receives complete prophecies that are the result of great faith and yieldedness, then that person must seek to cleanse their mind and spirit of the ways of the world. If the influence of the world has been great, it will take more time and a conscientious effort to reprogram the channel's mind so that their first reactions and mindset are in line with My Word and the truth, rather than the perversions of the world, and so that they can recognize My voice and discern when the Enemy's voice tries to butt in. If someone has been contaminated by much input from the world, he should take more time in the Word and prayer, and even have a prayer of deliverance.

Even if people have good habits in the Word, if they have regular contact with the world through movies, the Internet, novels, etc., they must raise a standard against the influence of that contact through prayer and a plea to Me that I will wash them clean as they drink deeply of the things of the spirit. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 2! #3304)

(Jesus speaking:) Those of you who have clogged your channel or muddied the waters through prolonged System input can be even more desperate with Me through a realization of the dangers of such influence from the world. The knowledge that you need to tune in even more carefully and desperately, that you need to seek Me seriously and specifically for My protection, that you need to wash yourself with the truth, can be the best thing that ever happened to you.

A desire to hold on to your gift of prophecy, and not just to hold on to it but to hone it, cleanse it, purify it, and protect it, can be the impetus needed to cause you to resist the Enemy and his lies and filth and compromises in your life. If you will open your eyes and see as I do, you'll realize that as you let the trinkets and baubles of the System fall from your hands, I will put at your feet a massive, awesome treasure chest that you can dip into as you wish. You'll be giving up trash, garbage, fake junky stuff, and be receiving costly, expensive, priceless gifts in their place. Who wouldn't want to make such a trade?

The Enemy of your soul would try to entice you away from the treasure chest by luring you to other supposed riches. He's calling, tempting, offering with such enthusiasm and great packaging. But it's all a hoax. His promises are lies and his marketing is false. He's a shark, a mobster, and a racketeer. Whatever he offers looks good and seems like a great deal, but as soon as you're "in," then you realize you got ripped off!

So don't fall for his false advertising. Don't be a dope, getting sucked in by a con man! Chuck all that and take the real stuff, the treasures! As soon as you see their value, you'll be willing to do whatever you have to do to make sure you hold on to them. No one in his right mind leaves treasures unattended without protection and insurance. No! People pay out big bucks to make sure no one tampers with or steals or even scratches their valuables. How much more should you take care of something as precious as your direct link to Me!

When you look at it like that, what's the big deal if you have to lay off some of the movies you'd like to see, or cut down on reading man's stuff, and stay off the information highway? Is all of that really that important to you? Those are things millions and millions of people have access to. But your knowledge of how to hear from Me, your personal gift of prophecy, is something rare! So few people know what you know and have what you have!

So it's up to you to protect it like people do with their prized art collections, and keep it cleaned and polished like they would their new Mercedes. Worldly people who are sharp, educated and conscientious know the value of worldly things. Do you who are aware and educated in spiritual matters know the value of spiritual things?

If you're willing to admit that your gift of prophecy is worth keeping and protecting, then fight for it! Do what you've got to do! Get rid of all the grime and dirt of the System, clean up your life, be desperate, and ask for prayer! Who cares if it's embarrassing? It's worth it!

The good news is that it doesn't take as long to get cleansed as it did to get polluted. You could have taken in loads of man's wisdom and perversions for months and months, or even years, but when you cry out to Me with sincerity--because you want to be free, not because you're doing something that you think you have to--then My Spirit rushes through you and performs a spring cleaning of sorts. You get a special anointing and protection for your prophesying that is available to you as long as you stay very desperate and are open to counsel. It is a gift of My grace. I give you a special anointing and protection. You can rest assured that you will not be led astray by the messages you receive when you prophesy; I will keep you fruitful and in My will. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 2! #3304)

Noises and Distractions

Never wait for a more "ideal" time to hear from Me. Learn to hear from Me, to focus and tune your channel even under difficult conditions when there is noise and distraction. Of course, if it's noise or distraction that you can resolve, then by all means do so, or "enter into your closet" to escape it. But never put off hearing from Me just because the conditions are not ideal. Hearing from Me on the spot, under any conditions, is part of this gift. You must exercise it. (The Gift of Heavenly Thought Power #3377)

Situations and circumstances will not always be peaceful and quiet. My channels are learning now and going through times of testing and lessons to help them to learn to beseech Me and concentrate and suck and pull and receive My seeds and My answers regardless of the circumstances or the situations about them.

It takes faith--clear, simple, childlike faith. And although it's difficult to concentrate when the Enemy wishes to cause distraction and hinder My message from flowing through purely and unadulterated, all things are possible to them that believe, and greater am I within you than he that is in the world.

If there were no distractions, no difficulties and no struggles, then My channels would not feel the need to stir themselves up so strongly, desperately blocking out the hindrances and the static of the Enemy in order to tune in to My Spirit.

So the outside noises, although sent by the Enemy to be a source of irritation and hinder My channels, do work together for good, for it causes those who are seeking Me to seek Me all the more fervently. It causes them to be prayerful and desperate and to fight for all the pure waters from Heaven. It causes them to not stop prematurely, but to beg Me for clear, pure waters. It causes them to desire and thirst and hunger for My Spirit to punch through.

Even noises that you have no control over and cannot eliminate or minimize can strengthen you in your gift of learning to hear from Me. When there is noise but you have to receive a message anyway, I'm still able to punch through and give you what you need, even if you have to fight to concentrate harder, or seek Me for the ability to block out the distractions and noises. Being able to block out what's going on around you and receive clearly from Me is a skill you will desperately need in the days to come. So when there are distractions around you, see it as a time to exercise and strengthen your channel and your ability to hear from Me, even in the midst of noise and distractions.

Because My voice of prophecy is a powerful tool in the hands of little men and women, it is necessary that I keep them desperate and very close to Me, crying out to Me for the help and strength that they need. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 1 #3275)

Emotionally Involved

(Dad speaking:) You need to realize that it's not whether you're emotionally involved in a situation that makes the most difference in hearing from the Lord on a matter; it's whether your heart is right with the Lord and whether you're meeting all the conditions that He requires a good channel to have. For goodness sake, if your ability to hear clearly from the Lord on a matter was conditional on your not being emotionally involved in the matter, you'd all be sunk! I see that the Devil's trying to scare many of our good, reliable folks on this one, and I'd like to hit him head-on about this.

Now let's get this straight: Just because you are personally emotionally involved in a situation does not mean that you're not capable of hearing from the Lord for yourselves and getting the Lord's direction on a matter! On the contrary, that's when you need most of all to hear from the Lord for yourself, personally. How do you expect the Lord to be able to help point your emotions in the right direction if you're not hearing from Him on these matters?

The requisite for being able to hear from the Lord clearly on a matter has nothing to do with your emotions! I know the temptation is to fear that your own ideas and thoughts will get in the way, but if you're praying and committing your thoughts to the Lord, if you're sincerely and wholeheartedly asking Jesus to lead you and to have His way, and if your heart is in the right position, He's gonna answer!

It's important that you pray and ask the Lord to override your own thoughts on a matter and clear your mind of any distractions. It's important that you're desperate with the Lord for His will and His thoughts, and that you stay humble. But when you've met these requirements, then it's time to believe that what He's promised, He will perform.

Where's your faith, folks? Don't you think the Lord's more in control and on top of the situation than that? Do you think He's gonna let you--His child whom He loves and cares for and whom He knows is trying to serve Him with all

of his or her heart--go astray so easily if you're yielded to Him? Don't you think the Lord Himself is interested in seeing you get it right? Don't you think that He'll take care of that part, and point you in the right direction if you start to falter or slip up?

The Lord has a great interest in seeing that you get it right! He's not about to let His children who are sincerely seeking to do His will and are desperate with Him get too far off track. He'll reach down and place you on the correct path and help you to see things His way if He needs to, as you yield to Him.

If you are sincerely seeking and wanting His answers and are yielded to Him, even if you are emotionally involved, He's gonna answer and He's gonna see you get it right! He won't give you a stone if you ask for bread!

What I want you to see is that it's the Devil's business to get you to think you're not capable of receiving things from the Lord. Who else would want to tell you that? Satan sure as shootin' doesn't want any of you getting your answers from the Lord, no sirree! That's what he's most afraid of, because that would surely mean his defeat! What more subtle way could Satan use to try to hinder you than to stop you from hearing from the Lord on personal matters!

Why on earth would the Lord be putting this big emphasis on the need to listen to Him--to listen to the whispers and get your orders and direction from Him--if He didn't mean for you to hear from Him on personal matters? How else do you think the Lord's gonna be able to personally shepherd you? How can He be personally and intimately involved with you if you're not taking personal matters to Him? And what personal matters are you not in some way emotionally involved with? Of all the dirty blows of the Devil, to try to stop you before you even get started!

Most of the prophets of God were emotionally involved in some way or another concerning the things that God spoke to them about. Don't you think that Moses was emotionally involved in wanting to free his people from Egypt? After all, they were his people--his own flesh and blood! Don't kid yourselves, just because he was raised in Pharaoh's house does not mean he didn't have emotional ties to his own flesh and blood people! His own flesh mother nursed him when he was a babe. Don't you think his brother and sister were around at that time too? His own mother's prayers sustained him all those years, so he had plenty of emotional ties!

Moses was very emotionally involved when he was confronted with the burden and pain and exploitation of his people. What do you think drove him to kill that Egyptian? Emotions that ran deep were what drove him. Yet all this did not mean that he could not hear from the Lord and receive direction for Israel!

Emotions are not necessarily bad; it's when you let your emotions run wild, when they're not yielded to the Lord, that they cause you trouble. But you who sincerely want to please the Lord can yield your emotions to Him and let Him guide your emotions and have control in your life.

The sooner you get over this fear that just because you're emotionally involved in a matter this renders you useless in hearing from the Lord on that same matter, the better! Now granted, it is possible to receive a colored or incomplete message if you are emotionally involved, if you're not yielding your emotions and thoughts and desires to the Lord, and if you're not desperate with the Lord. The key is in the yielding. The key is in how yielded, desperate, humble and hungry you are to know the truth and sincerely want the Lord's answers regardless of the consequences.

When your emotions are strong, this is the time when you need to hear from the Lord and get His direction, simply due to the fact that as humans we can't always trust in our emotions. That's precisely why you need to go to the Lord and get direction from Him! How are you gonna know how to handle your emotions if you don't hear from the Lord on personal matters? That's the time you're gonna need that extra umph from the Lord, and His leading, direction, and guidance. Otherwise, you just might be led away by those same emotions that you fear might block your channel to the Lord, if you don't pray and yield them to the Lord.

What you need to ask yourselves is not whether you are emotionally involved in a situation, but whether all the other conditions are right for hearing from the Lord. If you're trying your best to serve the Lord and you want to do His will and to follow Him, He's not gonna fail you! As long as you're meeting all the requirements for being a reliable channel, the Lord's gonna come through loud and clear.

Moses had a lot to learn before He met the Lord's requirements of being a yielded channel. He had to be humbled, he had to be yielded, he had to start with a clean heart, he had to be desperate. All that time he spent in the desert helped him and prepared him to meet the conditions that God requires of a good channel. That doesn't mean, however, that he was any less emotionally involved by the time God called him to go before Pharaoh and deliver the Words of the Lord! Moses was plenty emotionally involved with his people; his heart was with them, he was burdened for them, he wept for them, and God spoke to him and poured out His direction, step by step, and gave clear guidance and counsel from Heaven!

You folks have been in training all along. You've been nurtured all these years, fed on the Word and groomed for

these days. You of the older generation have stood the test of time; you've been through thick and thin! The Lord has brought you along all these many years, and He'll not fail you now.

You of the younger generation have also been through thick and thin. You've been fed and nurtured in the ways of the Lord--most of you from the cradle. You've received a heritage of faith! You too have been tested time and again and have held on, and God's not gonna fail you when you call on Him with a pure heart, with your whole heart seeking His direction.

And those of you who are new disciples or who have joined the Family recently, well, you're just as able to hear from the Lord clearly and in full faith. God has put it within each of your grasps to live up to the requirements He's set forth for being a good, reliable channel. So don't feel like you're missing out. It's just that those who have had this heritage of faith their whole life should be able to trust more easily and place their worries in the Lord's hands. But the gift of prophecy and the conditions and blessings that go along with it have been made available to all, praise the Lord!

You can't let the Devil scare you out when it's time to hear personally from the Lord and you need it the most. It's true, there's a time and place to ask others to hear from the Lord for you--to go to your teamworkers, shepherds, and others, and ask if they might hear from the Lord concerning your personal situation. This is advisable for a variety of reasons--perhaps for confirmation or because circumstances and conditions warrant it. But most of the time you're gonna need to be hearing directly from the Lord yourselves. And even in these times when you're able to depend on others to hear from the Lord for you, you ought to still be asking Him and getting personal direction, confirmation, and Words from the Lord yourselves.

The key is not how emotionally involved you are; the key is whether you have yielded your emotions to the Lord! Hearing from the Lord is not something you work up. It has nothing to do with how good you feel or how talented you are. It's simply a matter of obedience, desperation, and yielding your all to Jesus. He will not fail as long as you're yielded, trusting, free of sin, and loving and following Him as closely as possible!

The Lord's answers are contingent on your openness, yieldedness, and desperation; on your obedience and humility; on your willingness to create a vacuum and let Him fill it; on your willingness, obedience, and faith to receive what He gives with no conditions attached; and on your obedience to believe it and put it into action.

If you love the Lord with all your heart, soul and mind, and you're desperate to hear His Words, He's not gonna fail to speak to you. If you're closely following the New Wine of His Spirit and doing your best to leave the past behind and all your own preconceived ideas and be what He wants you to be today, He'll not fail you! If you're willing to believe and receive and give what He says without fear of the outcome, He's not gonna let you down! If you're desperate with the Lord and sincerely calling out to Him, asking Him to clear your mind of any distractions and to not let any of your own thoughts or desires get in the way, the Lord will do it! If you're not holding back any unconfessed sins, the Lord will speak to you--even if you are emotionally involved in a situation!

His Word holds true--ask and ye shall receive, seek and ye shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you! So don't let the Devil trick you! Get desperate! Get down to business with the Lord. Be humble, yielded, and open to what He wants to tell you. Cry out to Him, expect an answer in Jesus' name, and in His name you'll get it! Don't be afraid that just because you're emotionally involved in a situation you can't hear from the Lord, but keep yielding everything you've got to Him--emotions and all. That's the time to take it to Jesus, to be sure you're yielding all your emotions to Him and letting Him direct and guide you! Just be sure you're meeting all His requirements to be a reliable channel, then ask! And He'll never let you down! (Mama's Memos! No.09 #3243)

Different Deliveries

(Question:) Some have an odd or strange style of delivery. Does this matter?

If their words bring forth good fruit, if their lips bring forth praise, if their words be sweet and seasoned with salt, gracious, loving, compassionate, kind and understanding, if they speak truth, if they bring peace, if it ministers righteousness unto the hearers, these are the ways to judge. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 2 #3035)

Others have a different delivery because I have made them different; nevertheless they are to be esteemed no less important. They are different, as the thumb is different from the fingers, for I give them a different perspective. Some have special talents made for special situations. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 2 #3035)

You do not speak all the languages, you are not able to put My Words into the perfect words, but you only use those that are within your repertoire.

Be not offended at the personality of the prophet. Be not offended at the inaccuracies of his speech, but rather ... look upon the message, whether it be true. Look upon the goal, look upon what I am saying. Look upon the point that I am trying to get across.

Though at times I can burst through and take further control through My Holy Spirit, and give you ... supernatural things, ... this also depends upon your yieldedness and upon the importance of the message. But I usually prefer to work through you the way you are. ... I do something supernatural when it is necessary and when the circumstances and the importance and the imminent necessity calls for this (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 2 #3035)

(Question:) Do our human frailties and weaknesses affect what the Lord gives through us? And if so, does that lessen the value of the prophecy?

As you hit the different rods of a set of chimes, each one gives forth its own tone. As My Spirit hits upon each of your hearts, each heart brings forth a different tone. I may at times override your individual personalities ... but I also ... flow through you and use you in the manner in which I have created you. ... I bestow upon each individual their own particular gift of prophecy. I am the one that perfects that gift within them as they yield step by step, as they practice, as they pour forth. So be not afraid, neither be condemned if you find your prophecies come forth in one manner while another's prophecies come forth in another manner. ... Do not compare, for it is still My Spirit that speaks through you. It is just your vessel that shapes the way I speak, but it is still My Words and My Spirit flowing through you. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 2 #3035)

The Enemy Attacks Prophecy

The Enemy of your soul seeks to weaken and ultimately destroy you. His greatest weapon, his secret weapon, his most hidden weapon of today is his outright attack on prophecy. He has at last found a way that he can subtly attack My Word and get you to doubt it and even doubt Me, without your even realizing it.

Some people put My Words of prophecy in a category by itself, and they feel that such Words of prophecy can afford to be criticized and scrutinized and weighed in the balances. They feel that they can choose to believe and receive them or not, and that disbelief and rejection are not such big offenses because they are "merely the words of prophecy." But to doubt them is to doubt Me and My heart and My voice and My way.

It is the Enemy who seeks to sow these seeds of doubt, for he knows that if he can do so, he can succeed in robbing you of great treasures--the instruction, guidance and Word from My mouth that you need for these Last Days. Therefore, take heed to the Enemy's attacks and be not ignorant of his devices. (Believing Prophecy! #3130)

Whenever the Enemy tempts you to feel discouraged, like you're not doing good enough, you're not receiving good messages or clear messages, or that it's too hard and takes too long, or whatever he tells you that discourages you--just remember that if it discourages you, it's not My voice; it's of the Enemy, and whatever he says is the opposite of the truth, because he is opposed to the truth. For he is a liar, and the father of lies.

If he tells you that it's too hard and takes too long, just remember that's not true and it doesn't matter how long it takes. It's not a competition and he has no business analyzing how long it takes for you to receive a message--it's none of his business! He's just trying to discourage you from receiving any messages at all! He wants to do all that he can to discourage you.

But you can't listen to the voice of discouragement, or to anything negative when it comes to prophecy and hearing from Me. You have to resist the lies of the Enemy, because his aim is to make you feel like it's not for you, you can't do it. But I say you can, and I will continue to help you each day, each time you sit down. I will speak and I will pour through you what I want. (Stay Humble! #3235)

Do not be fearful when you come before Me to hear My Words. Do not let the Enemy make you afraid. But come to Me in peace, and even with anticipation and eagerness, as you would look forward to something that you enjoy, something that brings you great pleasure.

This is the attitude that I want you to have when you come to hear from Me in prophecy, for fear would squelch the freedom of the Spirit. Fear is of the Enemy; it is one of the ways that he causes static, and hinders and jams our communication.

Fear and faith cannot occupy your mind at the same time. When you give place to the Enemy's fear, then you let go of your faith. So rebuke and resist his fears when he tries to make you afraid that you're going to say the wrong thing, or you're going to get a false prophecy, or you're going to make a mistake, be embarrassed or be led astray. Resist and rebuke and give no place to those fears, but instead come before Me in faith, knowing that I love you and I want to speak to you, and if you ask Me for bread I'm not going to give you a stone. (Mama's Surprise! Part 2 #3134)

Receive Instructiones on Blasting the Enemy

You can blast the Enemy by coming to Me and getting My definite word of instruction--explicit, direct guidance on how to fight these attacks on the spot when they happen, and then, most importantly, by following through on what I show you to do. Throughout the day I will give you quick, on-the-spot instruction, no matter where you are, on how to avoid these pitfalls and land mines and traps set by the Evil One. Ask Me right on the spot and get an instant answer of what to do right in that moment, and I will lead you.

You must not neglect to call on Me instantly when you need help, so that I can send down instructions on what to do. Oftentimes a quick solution will suffice as I quicken a verse or a song, or inspire a praise or prayer so that the Enemy will have to turn tail and run. There will be other times when it's necessary that I give you more detailed instruction, when it will be necessary to go into your closet and pray and receive a more thorough discourse and specifics.

But much is missed throughout the day in not receiving these short, quick directives on how to nip a potential problem in the bud, by cutting the Devil's nose off right when he first tries to poke it into your life to cause you trouble.

When the Devil flies overhead, you must not brush aside or neglect his seemingly small temptations. If allowed to go unattended, they will not go unnoticed, for they will become as festering sores if not nipped in the bud. Therefore at the first signs, when the Enemy flies overhead looking to make a nest in your hair, do not think that you can shoo him away on your own, but stop, praise Me, hear from Me right on the spot, and then take action.

This on-the-spot instruction is not meant to be a big ordeal. I will oftentimes speak to you in sound bites or a few short lines. The instruction I give will often be practical tips and advice or commands to help you in fighting back. As the Enemy tries to attack anywhere, anytime, so will I ring out instruction anywhere, anytime as you call on Me--as you're walking down the hall, going to a meal, hanging up the laundry, running an errand, sitting on the toilet, preparing a cup of tea, and so on. Yes, My love, if you would blast the Enemy continually, you must pay prayerful attention to all the little in-between times throughout the day and call on Me for help.

To keep blasting the Enemy you must come to Me on the spot in these times when he tries to raid you with his flood of lies and ill feelings or thoughts. So keep tuning in, My love, in the midst of the raid, and receive My explicit commands. The key to success is not only to hear My commands, but to follow through on My instructions, to take action, to obey orders instantly and explicitly. The only way to do this is to stay tuned in to My Heavenly hotline, the walkie-talkie of prayer and prophecy, and get My on-the-spot direction and orders on how to blast the Devil. (The Weakness Revolution Part 3 #3219)

Reasons Why Sometimes It's Difficult to Receive a Message

(Question:) Why are some messages more difficult to receive than others? What are the hindrances to receiving messages from Heaven, and what can we do to overcome them?

It is sometimes a struggle to hear from Me. Especially when the message is very important or the answers are very specific and imperative to the work, the Enemy fights very hard. Most of the time I shield you with My force field so that you don't even feel his attacks, but every now and then I allow you to taste of the battle to remind you how much he fights this precious gift, and how zealously you should guard it and be willing to fight for it.

But I want to remind you that no matter how difficult the struggle is, it's worth fighting through, and in the long run it makes your job so much easier, not more difficult. No matter how difficult it seems at the moment to receive a message, it's worth the struggle, the effort in the spirit, the perseverance.

So now, as I explain to you why it's sometimes difficult in the spirit to receive My messages and at times it feels like a very big struggle, remember that it's worth it! Don't let the struggle discourage you. Keep your eyes on the goal, and remember the wonderful miracle that you are blessed to receive in the form of My Words given specifically for you!

There are many different factors that come into play when you're receiving a message. There are many physical disturbances, many spiritual problems that the Enemy likes to throw in, and you're also limited by your faith.

Let's start with the physical: If you're feeling sick, drained, tired, or run-down, it will most likely be a little more difficult for you to receive a message from Me or from anyone else in the spirit world. The reason for this is that your physical body and spirit are connected, and one can't help but affect the other. If your physical body is feeling weak and out of steam, then it takes a lot more effort and fight to get your spirit moving, in tune, and receptive to the messages from Heaven.

There are also different factors in the spirit world that can hinder or make receiving messages difficult. For example, if the one you're receiving a message from--the spirit helper, departed saint, or someone who has recently passed on to this side--isn't used to passing on messages through the dimension of the spirit world, it will be a little more difficult to receive, or perhaps the message won't flow as easily as you're used to. This is not the fault of either you or the departed one giving the message. It's just that it takes practice to hone the art of spiritually communicating, and some of those in the spirit world aren't yet accustomed to using this method of transporting thoughts, words, pictures or messages. You shouldn't let this discourage you, but rather it should encourage you and give you the faith to keep fighting, even if the message is a little halting, disjointed, or difficult to receive.

It goes without saying that the Enemy is always walking about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour, seeking to destroy My children's faith in the gift of prophecy. He'll often fight you with all that's within him, to try to hinder and stop the flow of My Words. There's nothing he hates more than seeing My children tap into the divine resources of Heaven, and this is why he fights like a bear who has been robbed of her cubs.

Sometimes he'll throw in his static or cause the connection to be a little unclear or choppy, so that you'll get discouraged and give up. At other times he'll throw thoughts into your mind to pull you away from the source. At other times he'll bring along physical distractions like electricity cuts, thunderstorms, children yelling or other loud noises, visitors dropping by or emergencies arising, or even discomfort to get you to concentrate your thoughts on the things of this Earth rather than on the things of the spirit world. Don't give in to him, and in the end he'll turn tail and run!

There are times when you're hindered in receiving the message because you lack faith, and you lack faith because you're afraid of the consequences or ramifications of receiving counsel from Me. This lack of faith is often attached to questions that you view as "heavier questions," ones that will affect more people or have a bigger impact on your Home or your own life. If you ask a simple question, one that you don't think would be that big of a deal even if you were to "get it wrong," then you can more easily resist the temptation to fear and you can more easily relax and receive.

But when there is a question that affects more than some little decision, then you often worry or fear, which quenches the flow of the Spirit and the flow of the message. That fear is the opposite of faith, and it comes from feeling that you are responsible for the message, that you have to do something to ensure that it's right or it's good. You fear that you'll get something wrong and you'll be blamed or you'll hurt others, and this fear keeps you from opening up completely. It's a hindrance in the spirit, a blockage, and in some cases, if the fear is strong enough, it can cause the message to be incomplete or can prohibit the message from getting through altogether.

To overcome this fear, you must realize that to Me there are no "easy" and "difficult" questions. They're all the same to Me. I can answer a simple question as easily as a so-called difficult one, depending on your faith.

Receiving messages in prophecy and the ease with which they flow also has a lot to do with your receptivity, desperation, yieldedness and humility. A message may sometimes seem confusing simply because you aren't desperate enough and haven't asked Me to clear your own thoughts; therefore your thoughts are conflicting with My direct voice from Heaven. A message can also be incomplete if you're not yielded and willing to receive the truth.

If you're having a hard time receiving a message in prophecy, then it's a good idea to stop then and there, get desperate, and ask Me for an extra dose of faith, yieldedness, receptivity, and humility. Sometimes the Enemy gets in with doubts or tries to hinder your faith to receive My Words, so you've just got to hit him back right between the eyes with wholehearted prayer and claiming My Word! If he's the one hindering your receiving My Words, then you've got to rebuke him and give him no place. If he's the one throwing in the distractions and hindering you, then you've got to rebuke him and keep persevering, and you'll receive the promise.

If the problems stem from your own lack of faith, yieldedness, humility, or desperation, then you'd better get down on your hands and knees and pray for an extra dose of My Spirit of faith. Ask Me to clear your mind once again and give you the faith of a child.

If the problems are physical and you're feeling tired, sick, or under the weather, then ask for My healing touch and My power to override the human weakness that you feel, and I'll come through for you.

And last but not least, if the difficulty in receiving a certain message is because of the inexperience of the spirit helper or departed saint, don't get discouraged about it. Have patience and keep persevering, and you'll receive the message. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 1 #3275)

(Dad speaking:) When the going gets tough, the tough get going. When things are a little difficult, that's when you have to fight all the harder. That's what makes you a real fighter, when you have to struggle past opposition in order to reach the goal. Well, the goal here is to be able to hear clearly from Heaven. This is a goal that you must continually strive for. It's not a goal that you reach once and for all and then never have to struggle against opposition again. It's not that easy.

This gift of hearing from Heaven is something so priceless, something so wonderful, something of such inestimable value, that the Enemy continually fights the use of it. He throws in all of the static he can in order to make you think that you've lost the treasure, you've slipped back on the victories that you've gained, you've lost it forever. But don't listen to him.

You've still got it! You've just got to fight a little harder. Sometimes the Lord allows you to pass through a little dry spell so that you'll be touched with the feelings of others' infirmities. It's a struggle for everyone at some time or another. Hearing from the Lord is hard work and sometimes can be pretty daunting.

Whatever you do, don't give up! The victory is yours. The gift is already in your hand, and this time is just a test of your faith. All Heaven is cheering and rooting for you! Don't give up prematurely. Hold on! Keep fighting and trying and practicing and using your gift, even if it's a little difficult for a time. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 1 #3275)

Giving the King the Honor and Reverence that Is His Due

(Jesus speaking:) Sensitivity to the spirit world isn't in itself a guarantee that what is being received is of Me. I've designed and gifted some to be more sensitive to the things of the spirit than others. But even those who are sensitive channels must make sure that they stay close to Me, and that they empty themselves of their own ideas and their own feelings and thoughts, in order to receive My Words.

I've explained in many messages the prerequisites for making sure that what My children receive in the spirit is untainted and is from the spring of pure and living waters. Any time that any of My children stray from these guidelines, either through pride or through neglect of spending time with Me and My Word, then what they receive could easily be influenced, either by their own opinions or those of others.

You ask then, "How can I be sure that what I'm receiving is from the Lord?" My answer is very simple: In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence. As long as you're desperate to get My answers and to not lean to your own understanding, then you can rest assured that whenever you call unto Me for the answers you need, it will be Me Who is answering you.

As is written, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Whenever you're making decisions and hearing from Me, the very first thing you must do is stop everything else you're doing and come before Me. You must, in spirit, perform the salaam and bow low in reverence and in respect. It is necessary that My brides who desire to suck My seeds and receive My Words not only give Me the love that is My due as their Husband, but also give Me the reverence and the honor that is My due as their Lord and King.

I don't mean that I want you, My lovers, My friends, My brides, to have to come before Me in fear and in trembling, afraid that you'll make a mistake and get a wrong message, or afraid that I won't answer your requests and speak to you. I've promised that whenever you call unto Me, I will answer, and what you hear will be My voice. You don't have to fear or worry that you'll be on the wrong channel, as long as you're sincerely asking Me to lead and guide you and speak to you.

But for your own sake--so that your heart will not condemn you, and so that the Evil One will not be able to accuse and condemn you--you must set aside all familiarity and take time in reverence and adoration, giving your heart and your thoughts wholly to Me.

This isn't something that requires a great deal of time; it can be done anytime and anywhere. As your Father

David taught, prayer is something that you should be doing all the time, no matter what else you're doing or what else is going on. It's a matter of the heart. You must reverence the King and make sure that you've emptied yourselves of your own thoughts and your own wishes. This is for your own benefit as well as for the benefit of others. For when you've taken the time in heart and in spirit to come before My throne and to bow before Me in reverence, love, honor, and respect, then the Evil One will not be able to come in afterwards and accuse you--either to yourself or to others--that the message you received was not of Me or was just your own thoughts and ideas.

For this reason, I ask that you, My beloved channels, do everything you can to keep the connection with Me strong during your times of prayer and prophecy and listening to Me, and don't let it be interrupted or broken. Make it clear to others that you cannot be interrupted. Put out signs explaining that you can't be disturbed, and be faithful to take the phone off the hook. Let it be a witness to Me and to others and even to the Enemy that there's nothing that you count more important than your time in the temple and hearing from Me.

Don't take this time lightly, My loves. It's an awesome privilege and a blessing to be allowed into the very halls of Heaven and to be given audience with the King of kings. It's a wonderful honor to be chosen as My intimate Bride and to be called into My bed of love to receive My golden seeds. Please don't become so familiar with the privileges that you fail to give Me the honor and the respect that is My due.

Taking the time to make the connection strong and to give reverence to Me, your King, is a testimony--a testimony to those who are with you, as well as to yourself, that you're not leaning to your own understanding, but that you truly honor Me and love Me and are so desperate for My answers that you're willing to stop everything else and look to Me and listen to Me with all your heart and all your soul and all your mind. It's a witness even to the Enemy that you're giving yourself to Me completely--in total surrender, in spirit and in truth--and that you're not going to give place to anything that's not of Me. Again, as it is written, "You shall seek Me and find Me when you shall search for Me with all your heart." (Understanding Prophecy, Part 3b! #3310)

Retaining Our Respect For the Lord's Words When Seeking Clarification

(Jesus speaking:) Each person's gift of prophecy is so tender, so personal, so delicate. So if you, for whatever reason, need to ask someone about a prophecy they received, it's very important to do so with an attitude of respect for the words that I give.

These are precious words, holy words, priceless words. They are pearls without price, love without measure, My Spirit embodied in words. They are, as your David expressed, the wild wind of the Spirit, captured in words for you to embrace. They are mystical, special, magic; they have power. They give you My love in an anointing that they bestow on you when you receive and then follow them. They are My love gift to you. Therefore, someone who talks about these words, who discusses them, and who asks the receiver about them, must do so in an attitude of respect--not for the one who received them, but for Me, as they are, in truth, My words.

Sometimes it's easy to forget that prophecy is the divine Word. You now see it every day. You are close to it, you feel it, you look at it, you turn it over in your hands and examine it. But, it's so special and so wondrous and so marvelous that I can speak to you, that I can put My words in your mouth, that you can grasp them and reach out into the spirit and pull them into your heart and then voice the words so that they come out of your mouth. This is a miracle, an unending miracle.

I would that you remember this when you talk about them. When you ask each other about them, please do so remembering that I gave the message that way so that you could know Me in this way. Pray desperately that you will retain the wonder, the awe, the feeling of respect that My Words are due. Seek Me desperately that you will not become familiar with this precious gift, but that you will continually see My Words to you as the awesome, marvelous, tremendous miracle that they are. Remember that I gave My life so that I could be close to you, and this is one of the many ways I show My love to you.

Then when you discuss the words, you'll remember their majesty--even in the little answers that I give you--and you'll keep that joy, that tenderness, that fresh way of looking at them, with reverence. You'll keep the innocence of a child the first time he sees a wonder of nature. You'll keep the love for My Word that I wish you to have, and then your conversations about the Word will be loving and tender and delicate, easily entreated, as My Spirit is. I love you, and long to pour out more to you, which I will do as you stay open to Me. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 3b #3310)

Incomplete or Influenced Messages

Not every prophecy is perfect. Not every prophecy is complete. There are some ways in which the channel receiving the prophecy can influence the prophecy. If the channel is desperate for My will and keeps coming back to Me for more information, and checks in with Me for further clarification and confirmation each step of the way, then most influences from the channel that occur in prophecies are not dangerous and will not cause serious harm to the work or the channel.

When I talk about a prophecy being "influenced" by the channel, I'm not referring to the style of its delivery or the choice of words I use to get the point across, which I refer to as "coloring." An influenced prophecy is where some of the spirit or mind of the channel affects the message and causes a change either in the intensity of the presentation, the completeness or fullness of the message, or the details or direction of the message itself.

A prophecy can also be influenced by the channel's lack of focus or concentration. If the channel is distracted either by noise, exhaustion, or personal battles, then there can be a lapse in the communication and there can be wrong words received, or an incomplete message can be received. Sometimes when the channel is not focused, the various points of the message in the prophecy can be received out of order, or there can be much repetition, as the channel goes in and out of full concentration. This is usually not a serious problem, because if you have any questions or doubts about something, you can just ask Me and I'll clarify it.

A common cause contributing to incomplete prophecies is lack of time to receive My full answer. There could be many reasons for lack of time to hear a complete message, but whatever the surrounding circumstances, should you feel rushed or that you did not have enough time to receive My full answer, it is important to come back to Me later and ask if there is any more I want to say on the subject, to check whether you got it all, or to fill in any gaps if necessary.

Also, if a channel is not fully yielded, then the message received will often be an incomplete message. When there is unyieldedness in the channel's heart and I know they would not have the faith to receive the full message, then I'm unable to give it, because I know they would resist it. So I give as much of the message as I can, as much as I know they're able to bear and receive, according to their faith and yieldedness. A message of this type that is adapted to the person's faith and yieldedness is an influenced prophecy. It's an imperfect or incomplete prophecy, but that doesn't make it wrong or false.

Sometimes when a channel is not aware of the full situation or is basing their assumptions on wrong information, then the prophecy can be influenced. The result could be a message that is not taking all things into consideration, or is perhaps even considering the wrong things. I am teaching you to ask Me everything. As you ask Me about a wide range of subjects and situations, the channel will find that with some questions it is beneficial, when possible, to counsel about whatever issue you're praying about, to make sure you have as much accurate information and as clear an understanding of the situation as possible. The purpose of this is not to have a discussion that leads to forming your own opinions or drawing your own conclusions.

This counseling should be bathed in desperate prayer beforehand, asking Me to establish your thoughts and lead you. It should be with the purpose of seeking a fuller understanding of the situation. This helps the channel formulate their questions properly and in more detail, if necessary, covering different angles to the equation. If the channel begins by basing their question on wrong information and/or preconceived ideas of what they perceive the situation to be, it could influence their ability or faith to receive a clear or complete message.

Naturally, there are limitations involved and times when you cannot be apprised of all sides of the situation and all the details. This is common, in fact. For this reason, you should pray that you will not allow any preconceived ideas that you have formed, as a result of your knowledge of the situation, to affect your faith to receive My Words. If you desperately ask Me to help you not to be moved even by what you feel you know to be the situation, then I will give you more faith to give My message without question, even if it goes contrary to the physical circumstances or what your knowledge of the situation would indicate.

Of course, if you are basing your question to Me on wrong information, I could choose to ignore the wrong information, to override it, and give the message that would apply to the true information as I know it to be. But I often don't do that, especially if the channel has not consciously asked Me to override wrong assumptions or information. Without making this conscious request, most people don't have the faith to receive a message that is completely contrary to their expectations and how they see the situation. I use such situations as lessons for My children on the importance of coming back to Me again and again, and through such situations I keep in close touch with you. In this way you learn to truly work hand in hand and in teamwork with Me and your Heavenly helpers.

All of these types of circumstances that cause a prophecy to be influenced by the channel do not make it false,

and these little problems or imperfections can be overcome and clarified easily as you come to Me for further information and answers to questions that come up. You don't need to worry about or overreact to influenced prophecies, but trust Me. Know that I will give you discernment as you pray about the messages you receive. I'll show you when there's a need to seek confirmation from other channels, or to seek Me for more clarifications. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 2! #3304)

Anything More?

You need to learn to keep listening until I sign off. That gives Me time to give you a better or more complete picture. Now that's not to say I will always have a lot more to say to you; sometimes I won't. But it is very important that you learn to pause and keep listening a moment more past hearing the answer you want to hear, just in case I have a few conditions to add. Often the conditions, or the "ifs," "ands," "buts," or a P.S., could prove to be as important, or even more important, than the actual answer itself. I know it takes faith to pause and pray, "Lord, do You have more to add or say?" but that moment more can save the day--or your life. (Teaching Children to Hear from the Lord #3360)

If you're to avoid incomplete messages, the best thing would be to stop and check in with Me each time. Ask Me or the spirit helper giving the message if the message is complete or if there is any more to be said, any clarifications that need to be made, if you've received all there is.

I work through you, weak women and men. I understand and sympathize with the weakness of the flesh, the drawbacks of the human frame. I know it's all too easy to become weary, tired, or to be pressed by time. This is why this all-important step is to your advantage, and you'd do well to make it a habit.

This is wisdom. You not only need to pray in earnest before receiving a message, giving Me praise and asking Me to clear your channel and override your own thoughts, but I would have you also pray at the end of each message. Check in with Me, ask Me if this is all, or if there is any more I want to give. This will help you to guard against incomplete messages. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 2! #3304)

Interpreting Prophecies

Complications and questions are why many orthodox, traditional church Christians don't like to use prophecy. Some close the door on it completely and even deny that I speak today. In times past, some were even persecuted and ostracized because of their use of and belief in prophecy. Many lose faith because of the differences in interpretation, differences in opinion as to what the message means, or what seem like contradictions. If a prophecy didn't come to pass or it wasn't fulfilled as expected, some wrongly conclude that it must be a false prophecy.

But you need not lose faith because of these seeming contradictions or difficulties in interpretation or understanding, or even if a prophecy seems not to come to pass as you expected or believed. Even if the opposite happens sometimes, you need not lose faith or feel that prophecy is not a good way to find My will.

These things are spiritually discerned, and you must apply the spirit of truth to the message in order to see with the eyes of the Spirit. How do you discern My word of prophecy?--By reading it, studying it, and applying it--not with your carnal understanding and reasoning, but by asking Me for My Spirit of interpretation and My understanding and way of thinking; by not doubting, criticizing or assuming, but by having faith that I have a reason for what I'm doing, even if you don't understand; by coming back to Me for more information and explanation.

If you've received a prophecy that said to go and meet your bread contact and follow up on him and minister further to him this week, and when you go to see him you find that he's not there, but is out of town, does this mean that it was a false prophecy because it didn't come to pass? Does this mean that I told you to do the wrong thing, and that you can't depend on prophecy as a means of finding My will? No, these things are not necessarily so, even if it looks like it on the surface.

If you look further and explore further, you'll find the real reason I sent you on this mission. If you look further and ask Me again about it, you may find that I only used the bread contact as a means to get you to go where I wanted you to go, but I really have someone else, or something else, or some other mission in mind for you for that day. Now that I have you in position, in the right place, I can show you the next step.

But you must seek Me about it and ask Me again, not just assume there was something wrong with the channel. Seek and ask and receive further instructions. Be open to what I want to show you, and have no plan of your own. Simply be open to My plan for you at the moment, and you'll be given the answers you seek.

You will at times receive answers that even seem to contradict, but I will show you the right answer, the right way, and why it happened as such, but you must ask. And you must ask the right questions. You must really think and pray about the question that you ask Me, asking specific questions so that I can give you specific answers. In the case where you are not sure of what to ask, stop and ask Me to help you formulate your questions and I will. If you will acknowledge Me and ask Me what the questions should be to start with, I will give you the questions, and then give you the answers. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 3a (#3310))

The easiest and surest way to find out what I mean in a prophecy, or to remove any question in your mind about a possible contradiction, is to bring the question to Me again and ask Me about it. I will answer your question. I may even tell you that you didn't hear correctly the first time you received My message. I may want you to change a word or two that will make the concept and My message clearer.

It's important that anyone responsible for going over prophecy for the purposes of interpretation or seeking guidance should keep an open mind. You need to prayerfully read the prophecies you are to interpret, and ask Me to make all things clear. I can do much to clear your mind, help you understand the prophecy, and give you the wisdom needed to perceive what I'm saying.

But even more important than those aspects of interpretation, I can show you when to ask Me to give you further details and explanation in prophecy. This is a key element that is crucial if you are to wisely and properly interpret and apply the Words that I give: You must be willing to ask Me to speak to you further in prophecy about anything that is not clear. If you feel the slightest hesitation that you do not fully understand, or if there is any concern that you might be misreading My Words, you can simply ask Me to tell you again in prophecy what the meaning is.

The gift of interpretation of My word of prophecy is not just a gift of wisdom and understanding and faith, but also a gift of patience and asking. Those who are the best at understanding and interpreting the mysteries of prophecy are those who are the most willing to ask again and again if need be! Asking Me is much wiser than leaning to your own wisdom or thoughts, or assuming you understand. It's always safer and better and smarter to ask, to make sure, to get My word of confirmation in prophecy if there is any doubt or wonder as to the full meaning of a message.

Sometimes people don't understand a prophecy because they have their minds already made up about a situation. Other times they may simply wish for the issues to be more clear-cut--black and white instead of gray. Other times there may be a genuine openness and desire for My will, yet the matter is obscured from their understanding because I'm speaking in mysteries.

Remember that interpretation is a gift, and you should pray for this gift, and ask Me for the wisdom needed to implement and follow the Words that I give. Ask Me to help you understand the nuances, the leadings, the faint shades of meaning, the little subtleties of My voice and My will. Because I can say, "Do it!" and I can say, "Do it," and it can be said in two different ways, depending on My tone of voice, My intensity, whether I'm giving a command or giving permission. There's so much to understanding My voice, so you should pray for the gift of interpretation.

I would that all My children ask for the gift of interpretation. It's extremely important, and I'm willing to give it to all who ask. There will be those who hone this gift more than others, due to necessity and their responsibility or ministry, and their personal hunger and desire to improve in understanding prophecy, so not everyone will have the same level or quality of the gift. But anyone who asks can and will receive the gift.

When you're praying to come to the correct interpretation of prophecy, if there's a portion, a sentence, a paragraph, or even a few words that are unclear to you, I know that the temptation would be to just delete or disregard those parts of the message. But by doing so, you might be losing the most important part of the message. You may be losing the punch line, or the balance, or the explanation that is needed. Don't let the mysteries of My Spirit and My Words intimidate you, but ask Me again and I will explain all these things to you. I love to answer your questions. I love to be at your beck and call. I am even your servant, guiding you into all truth, for I love you, and I want to teach you.

(Understanding Prophecy, Part 3b #3310)

(Question:) What are the guidelines for interpreting prophecies?

Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom, and with all thy getting, get understanding and discernment, for without these three there can be great confusion.

For as I make some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, so I have given some the gift of discernment and of wisdom, the gift of knowledge. Some have greater understanding of My Words than others.

This is of great importance. You must pray, ... look unto Me for answers from the Heavens and I will give them to you. It is a precious gift to rightly divide God's Word to be treasured as greatly as prophecy.

My light shines through each person with a slightly different color, with a slightly different hue, but all together you can get the complete picture. It is My will to give understanding of some things to some, and other things to others, so that you will be dependent on one another and you will seek one another for confirmation, for understanding; else could one say, 'I am the oracle of God. I have the direct line. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 2 #3035)

(Question:) How much should be left up to the individual when interpreting prophecies that are given for him personally?

According to the individual's faith be it unto him. But I caution you, the receiver of the prophecy, to seek counsel. For in the multitude of counselors there is safety. My prophecies are often a mystery, and you do err if you look to your own interpretation. You do err if you look not for the counsel of those about you, if you look not to the elders for their counsel and their interpretation.

Perhaps you are so close to the forest that all you can see is this one individual tree. You cannot see the overall picture because this matter is so personal and weighs so heavily upon your heart. I chide you to seek the counsel of those who are withdrawn; who are able to step back and see the overall; who are not so personally involved; who are able to more clearly hear from Me and decipher the Words that I have given. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 2 #3035)

Great is the awesome power and responsibility that rests upon you as you counsel, as you interpret. Let it be by My Spirit. Let it be according to My wisdom, and not the wisdom that is from below; not according to your own will; not according to your own understanding; not according to what is best for you, even what is best for those about you in your Homes. ... What a great responsibility, even what a great condemnation rests upon you if you discern unwisely, if you interpret in your own understanding or according to your will, or what seems good to you. ... You must have a giving and truly sacrificial spirit of love, desiring My will above all else. You, My counselors, must be devoid of any will of your own as you counsel and advise, as you interpret. You also bear equal responsibility to be completely yielded, to have no will of your own, so that you may rightly divide the Word of Truth. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 2 #3035)

Unyieldedness

(Question:) Does unyieldedness have a different effect on your channel, depending on whether the unyieldedness is isolated to a particular battle and something you're working to overcome, or it's prolonged and widespread?

A large percentage of My children have something that they're battling with at all times, some kind of test of yieldedness, something that costs them and tries their faith. This narrow battle with unyieldedness, in which they're fighting and striving to overcome, will not affect their channel negatively as long as they cry out to Me to override that unyieldedness, and they try with whatever strength they have to be yielded and to accept My will. That is one type of unyieldedness, which is fairly common and relatively safe, because the people who battle in that way are usually still strong in their fear of Me, and they usually come to Me with desperation. They recognize that they are struggling to yield, and at times that makes them even more desperate and causes them to pray even more fervently.

There is another kind of unyieldedness, which is more dangerous and which will affect a person's channel more. That is prolonged, unchecked unyieldedness, which is allowed to go on and on in a person's life, and they either refuse to see it or don't get militant to try to progress in yieldedness, even a little. When someone is stubborn, rebellious, and holds on to their unyieldedness, then it grows. When the unyieldedness becomes widespread, affecting many areas of someone's life, then it is more dangerous.

When unyieldedness is allowed to flourish in a person's life, especially after they have been made aware of the problem and understand it and have been warned or corrected, then their channel in general can be clouded and can result in influenced prophecies, or in tainted prophecies if the unyieldedness is extreme.

There is a difference between a specific battle with unyieldedness where the person is on the attack, and general or prolonged, unchecked unyieldedness, which the person allows to go on and on without making any effort to overcome. The latter is much more dangerous and can have a seriously negative effect on the person's channel; it can become stubbornness or bitterness, which results in long-term sin in their life. This does not provide the foundation for

a clear, reliable channel.

My dear brides, there is no need to worry about your channel, even if you are battling, as long as you are fighting and wanting to yield. But if you are not fighting, if you're not even trying and are not serious about making progress in the area in which you're unyielded, and if you allow the sin in your life to continue and even grow, then there are grounds for concern! If you're in that state, then you need to get in the fear of Me about your problems, for though you can continue to seek Me and hear from Me in prophecy, and though I will try to speak to you as much as I can, there is the chance of influenced prophecies--to varying degrees--because of your unchecked, general or prolonged unyieldedness. A channel's prophecies can eventually become so influenced by their lack of yieldedness that they become tainted. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 2! #3304)

Letting Go of The Burdens By Asking the Lord About Them

There are many who refuse to come to Me to find My answers because they feel it's their duty somehow to carry the load, to pay for their sins through suffering. So many give up the peace they could have because they don't ask, they don't listen, they aren't willing to be weak; instead they try to be strong in themselves.

People understand the principle of hearing from Me and letting Me shepherd them; they believe it and desire it. But they need to be retrained so that they let go of their self-righteous reactions and tendencies to carry the burden themselves and suffer. They need to accept the truth and let Me change their mindset so they realize that by asking Me and allowing Me to make things easier for them, they are doing the right thing, not the wrong thing. It is not wrong to want Me to make life's battles lighter and easier, and thereby enable you to sail along more smoothly. Oh, if My children could understand that the quicker they come to Me, the easier life is! Asking Me everything and receiving and following My counsel is the key to experiencing the reality of My promise that My yoke is easy and My burden is light. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 3b #3310)

A Humble and Contrite Spirit

I shall give My Words to the lowly, to the meek, to the humble and pure in heart, to the seemingly insignificant to the world. My Words are precious, and you are precious in My sight. Therefore I give you this responsibility, to be givers of My Words in all humility, in all submissiveness, which brings receptivity. Think not that you are great, for he that thinks that he is shall be humbled and abased, and My Words shall not be given unto him. But a humble and a contrite spirit I will not despise. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 3 #3036)

Take Personal Prophecy Time

I want you to take personal prayer and prophecy time right when you wake up. You can read a little something first to help you prime the pump; you can praise Me and love Me and glorify My Name, then dive right in to hearing from Me. I want to speak to you about many things. Sometimes it'll just be a two-liner for the day. Other times it may be much more in-depth and enlightening. I want to pour out My Spirit upon you first thing in the day so you can face every obstacle with My spin on things. I want you to take that time first before the day starts, before you even exit your room. First thing take time to hear from Me. Don't let your mind start ticking; don't let it get started on the day. Hear from Me and let Me give you the instruction you'll need for the day. (You Can Make It, Part 2 #3292)

I ask you to please promise to take some time each day to hear from Me in personal prophecy. I know you hear from Me often regarding your work and the ministry you have, but it's not the same thing. When you're working and you ask Me questions and hear from Me in prophecy, it's as if we are in a teamwork meeting and we're counseling about the work at hand. But when you sit down to hear My voice personally, then it's like we're talking heart to heart in the bed of love, and instead of just being a source of answers and direction, your hearing from Me under those conditions is a source of encouragement and inspiration, which renews your spirit, increases your vision, and gives you the strength you need to carry on in spite of the pressure, workload or deadlines. (Cast Your Cares on Him! #3242)

Keep a Daily Prophecy Log and Review It

Your time of hearing from Me will be much more consistent if you keep a daily prophecy log. I've told you to do this before, but it's been hard for you to pull it off, and you've felt that it's just too much to do a big prophecy each and every day. Maybe the trouble is that you've been setting your standard too high; you feel that you have to get several paragraphs and that it has to be very deep and heavy. It doesn't. It can be very short. It can just be one paragraph if that's all you get. It can be very simple. The point is to do it and be consistent. In time you will see that you're getting fed by these daily times with Me, and that the messages are really helpful. (Quality Word Time, Part 3 #3568)

You can keep a Word-time personal prophecy log, where you write down the questions that come to mind as you read a Letter, and then you can take time either at the end of Word time or some other time to get answers for these questions. I guarantee that it will help your Word time to come alive. It will bring out the Word in living color and in all dimensions of your life, because you'll be seeing how it applies to you personally, and how you should be putting it into action. (Quality Word Time, Part 4 #3582)

Keep the personal Words I gave to you handy, and mark them and review them. Don't let them drift from your mind and heart, but keep following the road to progress and victory that I have placed you upon. I have given you all the counsel that you need, and I will continue to give you what you need as you ask Me. But unless you review it and work on it each day, it won't do you any good. Make the most of this wonderful gift of personal instruction that I've given you by reviewing it and putting it into action! (Prophecy Vitamins, Part 1 #3587)

I have added My voice of prophecy to My written Word. Cling to it and absorb it! Hold on to My voice. Carry it with you. Keep it close by your side. Review My voice of prophecy; read it over and over and over. Let it sink in to your very being. Let it become a part of you. Absorb it. Pray desperately that it becomes alive to you, real, meaningful and fruitful in your lives. Pray and ask Me for a sincere hunger for My voice. Let My voice guide you and sustain you and keep YOU. (Problems and Solutions! Part 5 #3073)

Ask the Lord to Override Your Opinions

Even if you feel your opinions are right on and probably within My will, it's better to ask Me to override them, to get them out of the way, to overwrite them with My Words, because then you can be sure to not only get a confirmation on your general leading or opinion, but you put yourself in a place to receive My smaller fine-tunings on your thoughts. I often lead your thoughts, so your opinions are in line with My will; but if you let them go completely when you come to Me, I can help bring all the details in line and fill in the blanks of points you had not thought out. So it's better, even if you're pretty sure your opinions are right, to come before Me empty of your own thoughts. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 3b #3310)

Confirmations

When one is confronted with a prophecy and they say, 'Thus saith the Lord,' test it. If it is of Me, there will be signs following. It will be confirmed. It will be confirmed in your own heart, and you will feel the full assurance of God. But if it be not of Me, it shall not come with My blessing. It will not come with the full reassurance of God. It will not fill your life with the gifts of the Spirit, the peace, the love, the understanding, the tranquillity that comes in knowing that this is My will. You will not have that blessing, that comfort, that assurance. You will have confusion and doubt. You will have uncertainty, you will feel intimidated, you will feel pressured, you will feel made to do something against your will. If this exists, then keep testing the prophecy. Be as Gideon. He did not accept My first sign. Test the Word of God! I can take it! Test Me, and it will come to pass, I assure you, if it is My Word. If it is real, it will come with signs following and assurances from My Spirit. And if it be not of Me, it will come to naught. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 3 #3036)

(Jesus speaking:) Hearing from Me in prophecy is an integral part of prayerfulness. Even when you've communed with Me and prayed about something and made your plans in communication with Me, still, a key is to take this a step further and hear from Me in prophecy about those plans. It's usually best to hear from Me before you finalize your plans, but if you don't do that, then you should at least hear from Me as a final check, to get My "okay," My "nod" of approval. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 3b #3310)

Leave yourself open for My Spirit, for the new things that I will say to you, the new directions that I will give to you. However, you must be fully persuaded in your own heart that this is the way, and it may take time. But I am patient and I will confirm it over and over. Therefore ask for confirmation and I will give it. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 2 #3035)

Open up the safeguard of many voices about you, whom shall seek to confirm. ... Not only the pastors among you shall judge ... there are humble ones among your congregation who will be a help and strength unto you. Give respect and honor and due deference unto every voice from among you, that you might have the confirmation. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 2 #3035)

Prophecy can be matched with prophecy, and further counsel sought through further prophecies and further confirmations. For I am trying to show you the good balance of seeking My will through all means to know My will. Yes, there is an emphasis on prophecy, but prophecy is not the all in all. It walks hand in hand as a mate with the other ways to know My will--through My Word, through Godly counselors, through other means, including the faith of the individual. So seek a good, Godly balance, and seek not to make decisions quickly, for time is the great tester as well. My Word shall be confirmed in the mouth of two or more witnesses, and established through other ways to know My will. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 3 #3036)

Exercise Your Prophecy Muscles

You know well how people get strong. They get strong from pushing themselves to lift more and heavier weights. Well, that's pretty similar to how your prophecy muscles work too. You don't really progress much if you don't "push" yourself--you can maintain, but you won't really be strengthened. So, I'm asking you to push yourselves more in the area of prophecy, by encouraging you to take more time to do so. when you're faced with a new challenge, remind yourself of the reason for it. You're strengthening your gift of prophecy because it's essential not just for today, but it will be even more so in the future. (Training Winning Teams, Part 4 #3554)

I want you to expect more of Me. I want you to have more faith in My ability to speak. I want you to be willing to work a little harder to receive My answers, to keep at it a little longer in order to receive My full counsel. I want you to be willing to stretch your faith and tackle things you haven't done before, be willing to jump off the diving board of prophecy, even if it's a little scary. (Training Winning Teams, Part 4 #3554)

There will be times also that there is no one else, and you must learn to rely on hearing from Me. It is a muscle to be exercised. When you are used to exercising it, then at times in the future, when you have no others to confirm My Word with, you will know what it is that I say unto you, and that it is I Who say it unto you, and you will have confidence in Me. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 3 #3036)

Do you want to grow? Do you want your prophecy channel to continue to get better and more precise and accurate? Then I challenge you to ask more questions, hard questions that seem to be out of your reach, questions of the future and what is to specifically come, questions on the Keys and what more they can do. Find out what their intricacies are and what secrets they hold. Faith cometh by hearing the Word of God: the living, breathing, brand new Word of the New Wine fresh from Heaven. I know you all have questions, so come to Me, for these promises are for you, My dears. I am drawn by the vacuum you create when you desire to delve deeper into Me and My secrets. I then want to show you new things; I want to fill that desire. (Mystical Bible)

Desperation of Heart

I look for desperation in the heart, for the desire to know My will and to know My Truth, for the fervency, for those hearts that are longing for Me, that create a vacuum in their spirits that I may fill. For these are as the flowers that long for the dew. They are as the streams that long to be filled after a great drought. ... Therefore, seek this desperation, seek this desire. If you do not feel this desire, ask Me for it and I will give it to you. ... If you will search for Me with all

your heart, you will find Me. You must believe that I am, and that I am a rewarder and a giver unto those who diligently seek. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 3 #3036)

Prophecy Requires Faith, Get It from the Word

While prophecy is wonderful and I'm pushing it more than ever in these End times, new Christians need to reverence My written Word above their personal gift of prophecy, because it is through the written Word that they will grow in faith and that they will also have the right check and balance system with which to judge their own prophecies. You cannot have prophecy without a foundation and daily feeding of My written Word. (Prophecy Vitamins, Part 2 #3588)

You have the gift of prophecy, which is My fresh, living Word, and that is of vital importance to your life. However, in order for your channel to stay clear and for you to receive true messages from Me, you need My written Word to give you that foundation of faith and to keep it strong. Memorizing is a great help in that respect. Hiding the Word in your heart gives you instant access to My faith-building Word, and keeps the lines of communication with Me strong and true. (Quality Word Time, Part 4 #3582)

You've got to keep your level of faith high. Anyone can be affected by listening to the many questions and the various wonderings of others, which can wear away at your faith, especially in prophecy. If you don't keep your faith strong through regularly receiving the Word, then it will weaken, and you will find yourself having to battle to regain that childlike faith that you once possessed. You do this through reading and believing the Word, putting the Word into practice in your life, meditating on it, giving yourself wholly to it and to Me. (The Weakness Revolution Part 1 #3218A)

What About Mistakes?

Be not afraid, for I will not let you be deceived if you will come unto Me wholly and in desperation, with respect, with great fear of God, as you seek to know My will. I will give you the gift of discernment. ... Are you not My sheep? Are you not born of Me and of My Spirit? Do you not hear My voice and recognize My voice, and the voice of a stranger you will not follow? Even so will I place within you a greater anointing. If you will follow closely, I will protect you from the voices of strangers.

If you seek Me with all your heart, will you not recognize the voices of the Enemy, will you not recognize that which is not sound ... by the witness of the Spirit?"

I have ordained this time for you to practice. You need to practice, you need to learn to hear clearly and specifically from Me so that in the future you can hear Me and you will know that it is My voice and not another. You need to learn to be able to hear My voice and to discern between My voice and the voice of the Enemy. So fear not to practice and fear not to make mistakes. ... I will not let you go astray. There are safeguards. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 2 #3035)

To make mistakes and to repent of them ... is part of your training and of your learning. ... I have used this word 'to practice.' Does it not signify trial and error? Yet I will not let you harm yourselves and those that hear you if you will cling unto Me, and live close by Me. Your errors shall be small compared to the great glories which I shall reveal to you and help you with in your decision-making, in your encouragement, and in your joy. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 2 #3035)

Praise

Praise is very important and very needed to keep your channel well lubricated and free-flowing. Praise lifts your spirit and fills you with faith. It helps to pull down My seeds, because I love to rush through an open, thankful channel, one who is loving My seeds, rejoicing over their entrance and happy for them. So the more you praise and thank Me for it all, the more I pump them into you and the more effortless it becomes.

Having a praiseful spirit is what counts. It's not that you must spend X number of minutes praising Me before a prophecy, but that you are genuinely thankful and express your thanks before, during and after the message is given. It's not the length of time you spend praising Me that I look at during a prayer and prophecy session, it's the sincerity of heart. Praise counteracts the fears and worries of the Enemy. That's why it's important to praise when receiving a

prophecy. And since many people are tempted to worry about what they received from Me after they're done, praise is important afterwards, too. (Hearing From the Lord Step By Step #3149)

What if What I Receive is a Hard Saying?

These are My Words, not your words. It's My reputation at stake, not yours. I give what I give, and I say what I say, and I do what I do.

My Words will not always please all. Even when I walked upon the face of the Earth, My Words offended many. My hard sayings even caused some of those that followed close to depart. Nevertheless, they were My Words and I spoke them. Some who followed left because they didn't understand; they saw things with their natural eyes and understanding, rather than in the spirit. They didn't understand with the understanding of God, but they looked and they listened and they comprehended with the sight and the hearing and the mind of man. But those who had faith and who believed, even though they understood not, were rewarded, and were My truest and closest followers.

My Words are not always easy words, and My Words are not always understandable words. The things of the Spirit are not always understandable to the mind of man. But this is not your concern or worry. You must only be faithful to ask and seek and knock, and I will be faithful to pour forth and answer and to give that which I will give unto you.

(Understanding Prophecy, Part 3b #3310)

Receiving Unexpected Answers

Sometimes you'll get a message when you're praying that you didn't even ask for; in fact, sometimes you'll ask for one thing, but a completely different message will come! But this doesn't mean that you missed it or failed, or that you're a poor channel; in fact, it means you're a good, open channel who is willing to receive whatever Heaven wants to send!

Sometimes when your channel is open, there will be other spirit helpers who want to speak and get their message across for some reason. They see their opportunity and they have something important that they want to say, so they jump in and seize the opportunity to speak through you. This is good and I allow this, because I see their desire to speak, and I see that your channel is open and you're willing to receive whatever comes.

So when that happens, don't think that something is wrong or that you somehow missed it. You might not always get the answer you asked for the first time you pray, but when that happens, just pray again, or as many times as it takes for you to receive the answers you're seeking. Heaven is full of spirit helpers and they're eager to jump in and speak through your open channel, so don't be too surprised if you receive something completely different from what you were expecting. It all works together for good, and I use your open channel as an opportunity to give a timely message that I know is needed. So just keep coming back and asking, and you'll receive the answers and instructions you need for your situation. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 3b #3310)

Personal Battles and Prophecy

The Enemy will keep hitting you. He'll keep lying to you and doing his damndest to weaken you and stop you altogether, and coming to Me to hear My voice in prophecy is your only truly effective weapon against these attacks. You can talk to others, you can read the printed Word, you can even ask for prayer, but until you hear from Me and gain access to the specific custom-given wisdom and insight that I will give you, you cannot fully defeat the Enemy.

You might think that's unfair of Me, and you might even think that's pretty dumb of Me, pretty inefficient, because how can people be asking Me about every battle? But I have allowed these rules of warfare because I knew it would drive My children to hear from Me. It would make it nearly impossible for them to get by without using the new weapon of prophecy. It would force them to practice and hone their skills, so they'll be well prepared for the battles ahead.

These personal battles are light compared with the battles that are to come when the Enemy is let loose in full force upon the Earth. So it behooves you to begin your most fervent training ever, lest that day come upon you and you be found wanting. That is not My desire for any of My children of David, so I allow intense battles of all kinds, because I know that the very intensity of the battles and the knowledge that you can't get out of them or win them on your own will propel you into My arms to hear My voice.

The gift of prophecy is the weapon of choice in this day and age. All the weapons have their place, and all will be used in the war, but the gift of prophecy is one that you must exercise and become skilled in your use of, for your life will depend upon it in the days to come. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 1 #3275)

The primary purpose of the weapon of prophecy is to make it possible for you to defeat the Devil on this Earth in the battles you face. If you don't use it, you're giving him an advantage over you in the spiritual warfare. (The X Factor: Prophecy #3728)

The New Wine and Prophecy

Through reading the New Wine you will know where the emphasis is. Through the New Wine you'll read of new revelations of truth that I give to the children of David. Through the New Wine you will receive general guidance, instruction and correction, as well as much encouragement. You will also be kept abreast of the latest news from Heaven regarding the state of the world and current events.

I've also given you another opportunity for spiritual strengthening, and that's through hearing My voice of prophecy. If you only follow the New Wine and the older Words of David, you will survive spiritually, but you will not grow as much as you could, and you'll not be sufficiently prepared for the coming difficult days. My written Word is the general guidance that I pour forth, and My voice of prophecy is to help you apply it personally. If you not only follow the New Wine and the older Word, but also let Me give you additional, specific instruction and answers to the questions that come up in your unique situation, then you'll be able to make your decisions more easily, you'll stay right in the center of My will for you personally, and you'll avoid many mishaps, lost time, and problems which come from moving in the general right direction but without a detailed map.

The written Word will show you the broad tunnel of My will, and I expect that all the children of David will use the written Word as the primary way of knowing My will. They are the main indicator of where I'm leading them. The New Wine provides the up-to-date primary counsel about where to go and what to do. But within that broad tunnel of My will, I wish to point you personally to a more narrow path that I've carved out especially for you. It's up to you to seek Me for My answers for you, which I'm happy to give, in addition to the primary counsel you receive in the New Wine.

If you receive a message in prophecy that appears to be contrary to the counsel from the written Word, then it's imperative that you seek Me for further information and clarification, for I will not give My children answers that contradict the Words of David for this new day. The additional answers and details that I will give the children of David in prophecy will be in line with the New Wine, they will complement the New Wine and enhance the message contained therein, but they will not be blatantly contradictory. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 1 #3275)

What About the Other Ways to Know God's Will?

(Question:) I want to use prophecy more in my life, but I'm afraid I'll get tripped off. Shouldn't I depend more on the other ways to know God's will instead of just prophecy?

(Jesus speaking:) The use of the gift of prophecy does not negate the use of the other six ways to know My will. Of course I expect you to still respect and use those ways. If you're sincere about staying in the center of My will, which I know you are, then you will wisely utilize any and all means to find My will and to know that you're doing exactly what I want you to do, when I want you to do it.

I don't mean to minimize the importance of the printed Word, Godly counsel, revelations (such as dreams and visions), burdens, open and closed doors, and fleeces, but with this new day and preparation for the future, there is new emphasis on hearing My direction through prophecy. This is one of the new weapons. That doesn't mean that the other means to know My will are old, useless, and not needed, but I'm simply saying that the gift of prophecy is one of the weapons of choice when fighting today's battles.

Times have changed; they're not what they were when the Revolution began. You are entering the days of the End. I know what you'll need to stay alive and be fruitful. I know what you'll need to make you the witnesses you need to be. I've already explained what you can expect in the days to come in such messages as "Endtime Prophecy Power," so the need for you to practice and train with this important new weapon should be clear.

But when a soldier receives a specialized weapon, he doesn't throw away all the other weapons and depend

only on the one. A wise and well-trained soldier uses everything he can to ensure the safety of his fellow soldiers and himself and also win the victory. Likewise, I never intended for the children of David to disregard the other ways to know My will, but rather to make sure that this way, the gift of prophecy, is used as extensively, wisely, and effectively as I know is needed. (Understanding Prophecy, Part 1 #3275)

What if I Don't Understand Something in a Prophecy?

That which you don't understand, let it rest in your heart and I will unfold it to you in My time. For even your Father David did not always understand the Words of the prophecies that I gave to him, yet he still treasured every Word and had great respect unto Me for the Words I gave to him. ... You must not feel discouraged or distraught if you cannot understand every Word that I speak unto you. ... My Words are hidden jewels that are opened up to you in My time. Therefore do not fear if there are things in My Word or My prophecies that you do not understand (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 2 #3035)

What About Conflicting Prophecies?

Some of these prophecies are fulfilled in different ways than you imagine. Some are fulfilled in part now and some later. You can ask Me one question and receive different answers because there are different answers for different times. One person may come here now and go somewhere else later. Or one person may have two burdens in their heart. You may ask Me about a person and I will speak through two different people to explain the different burdens of that person's heart. All these are a mosaic which fits together. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 2 #3035)

A Prophecy With Different Starting Phrases or Words

I speak to different people in different ways. Sometimes they feel My message coming through immediately. Almost before they have finished asking the question or praising Me or praying, they feel My Spirit pressing and urging them to deliver the message, for it is already coming down the pipeline. It's rushing in, and all they have to do is open their mouth and their channel and the message will pour forth. They may not have any previous thoughts or ideas or nudging of My Spirit as to which way to go, because sometimes My Spirit will pour through with great force, with a great rush, and the message can be delivered almost effortlessly. All the channel needs to do is open up and let it rush out and pour forth.

Sometimes it is like that. It depends on the position of the channel and their readiness to receive the message. There may be some physical factors involved. If you're very tired or preoccupied or feeling pressed with other ideas or work or situations, it may be more of a struggle and more of an effort to clear all of those things from your mind so that you can be totally single-minded and suck and pull and receive the message.

There are spiritual factors involved as well. Sometimes when all the factors are just right in perfect synchronization and harmony in the spirit, the message can shoot through very clearly and almost with effortless ease. Other times the Enemy jams and hinders and tries to cause static in our spiritual communications, and therefore you may see different phrases or words or beginnings of sentences, and you do not know which one to choose, which one I want you to speak, which one is My direction, My will, My voice.

But all you have to do is just ask Me. Clear your mind and your thoughts and pray desperately. Just yield all to Me. Just tell Me, "Lord, I'm Your channel. I'm here for Your use. I'm Your yielded, empty, open vessel, ready and willing and receptive to receive Your Word." Just open up completely to My Spirit and let Me wash you and cleanse you--your mind, your thoughts, your heart--from any of your own carnal thoughts and from any of the Enemy's interference.

The more you yield and listen and suck and pull and create that vacuum, the more the power of My Spirit and My voice can rush through. You just have to step out by faith and be prayerful and desperate, asking Me which phrase to repeat, and you will not fail, for I will show you. I will make it clear. I will give you the spiritual nudges and leading and direction and pull to know which phrase is the one that I want you to begin with.

But you don't have to worry too much about that, because many times I give you the choice; I give you an option. I may give you a couple of beginning phrases, the beginning of what you feel is My message, because I know that you're struggling; I know that you're desperately seeking Me and I'm trying to make it as easy as possible for you and help you

as much as possible to receive My message. So I may give you more than one phrase, and you can choose. In either case, whatever you choose, I can still deliver My message clearly, completely and fully.

Whichever one you choose, just go for it in full faith. Open wide, abandon everything, and let My Words pour through your mouth. Don't worry about anything. Don't worry about what it sounds like, or even if it sounds a little funny or unclear. Just use your channel and let Me polish it and use it the way I want to the fullest. Never worry about what will come, where the message will go, whether you will get the whole thing or whether you will be able to finish it, or how it's going to come out. Just trust Me completely. Just grab that phrase that you hear or see with your eyes and mind of My Spirit and repeat it by faith.

Trust, and let Me fill your mouth. Trust, and let Me fill your mind, and I will not fail you. Sometimes I may want you to go with one phrase above the other, and you will know if you stop and pray, yield again, and commit it to Me in prayer. One will be predominant over the other because that is the one that I want you to go with. One will lead you more clearly than the other, and you will know because I will make it so. I will make it clear and I will make it happen.

(Mama's Surprise! Part 2 #3134)

When My channels come before Me in faith, when they stir themselves up and create a vacuum to receive My Word, My instruction, My seeds for their edification, encouragement, and direction, I sometimes send various phrases that they can choose from. I do this to make it easier for them. If one phrase feels more comfortable or gives them more faith to open their mouth and speak, then that is the one that I wish for them to choose. When I put a multiple choice before them, they can choose whichever they wish, whichever gives them faith and confidence to step out, and I will take it from there. I will build upon that choice and I will adapt the message that I wish to give according to the phrase that they choose to be the beginning of the message. I am not limited by which beginning phrase they choose. I know what I want to say and I can work with whatever phrase of the multiple choices My channel chooses.

My Spirit is flexible. It flows and is moving and changing. When I have a message to give, I don't have it locked in a strongbox so that every word is structured and pre-prepared and limited, but I work with and through My channels. I work according to their faith, according to their vacuum, according to their freedom in the spirit. That's why many of the messages I give have such variety, because I adapt the delivery of the message according to the channel. But the content of the message is the same, because as I said, I know what I want to say. But sometimes I am able to add more detail or give a more complete message or include more word pictures, depending on the faith, vacuum and desperation of the channel.

If you come before Me and pray desperately, and want with all your heart to hear My Words, know that I will not give you a stone. I will not give you a false prophecy. I will not lead you astray or give you a bum steer, but I will give you the truth, the direction that you need, and the encouragement that you seek. I am trying to make it as easy as possible for you to have faith to step out by giving you various options, various beginnings, hoping that you will feel more comfortable or more full of faith with one of them, and that it will make it easier for you to get started.

I know very well that the Enemy fights very hard in the beginning. He tries to stop you from stepping out by faith and attempts to close your mouth. He'll do anything to get you to not say those first words, because he knows that once you start, the battle is nearly won. Once you get going, then you gather momentum, your faith grows, and you continue to push ahead and suck and receive My message. But the Enemy knows that if He can keep you from giving those first words, then He can keep you from receiving My message.

When I said, "Other times the Enemy jams, hinders, and tries to cause static in our spiritual communication, and therefore you may see different phrases or words or beginnings of sentences, and you don't know which one to choose, which one I want you to speak, which one is My direction, My will, My voice," I did not mean that the Enemy jams and hinders and tries to cause static by giving the different phrases. I meant that when you receive the different phrases, he will try to cause static and hinder by causing confusion, and by trying to get you to doubt, or to stop, or to not give My message.

When you come before Me to hear My Word, as a channel to receive My seeds in prophecy, it's not like I and the Enemy are on equal footing and we're both vying for your attention and speaking to you, screaming different words in your ear. When you come to Me, I speak to you. The phrases that you hear are from Me, and the Enemy's power to give you words is limited. But he does have power to try to confuse you, or to try to get you to waver or doubt or delay, and his ultimate goal is to get you to stop altogether and not receive the message.

So when you hear various phrases when you're trying to hear from Me, those phrases are not a mixture of words from Me and words from the Enemy, because I protect you and I grant you the desires of your heart. I honor your prayer. When you ask Me to make you a clear channel, and to wipe your own thoughts from your mind and your heart,

then I do that. It's not a work of your mind or your flesh or your strength; it's a work of My Spirit. You have to believe by faith that when you pray those prayers, then I do that. I take away your own thoughts, your own ideas, your opinions, and in their place I give you My Words.

I often give you various starting points or beginning phrases to make it easy for you, and I protect you from false phrases or wrong beginnings. But the Enemy does have power to try to get you to doubt, or to delay, or to stop altogether. The way he hinders and jams and causes static is through confusion and trying to make you feel mixed-up, unsettled, and therefore lacking in faith.

But you must believe these words that I speak to you, and when you hear the beginning words, whether it be one phrase or several phrases, resist, rebuke, and refuse to listen to the confusion and doubts of the Enemy. Choose to speak whichever one of the various phrases you feel most comfortable with. Go ahead, step out by faith and speak, and I will honor it. In doing so you will defeat the Enemy's attacks, and you will render him powerless to jam, hinder, and cause static in our spiritual communication. As long as you are continuing by faith and giving the message by faith, without stopping to analyze it or criticize it or run it through the sieve of your own mind, preconceived ideas, and carnal thoughts, then you can rest assured and have faith that the words that you speak are from Me, and they are the message that I want you to receive.

Certain things can hinder a person's connection with Me and their being a reliable channel: If someone comes before Me to hear My Words, but they are unyielded, and their life is full of unconfessed sins; if their motivation is not right; if they have for an ongoing period of time been entertaining doubts or criticizing the New Wine of My Spirit; or if they bear in their heart oughts or bitterness against their brethren. In such cases, when a person is not right with Me, then there is the possibility that they will lose the protection of My Spirit, and in such a case, they could receive phrases from the Enemy, as he would not only tempt them to doubt or to be confused, but he would actually tempt them to speak his words, which are critical, doubtful, unloving, condemning, and away from the truth. It is not impossible for someone to hear phrases from the Enemy, but it would be a rare exception, because in most cases, those who come to Me to hear My Words in prophecy are desperate and hungry and in a prayerful spirit. In most cases they come in faith--faith in My promises, faith in My New Wine, and faith in the direction that I am moving.

Of course, all of My children of David have their weaknesses, their shortcomings, their besetting sins. No one is perfect, and I do not expect perfection. But I do expect and require--if you wish to be a reliable, full-of-faith channel--that you be yielded, trusting, loving, free of unconfessed sin. (Mama's Surprise! Part 2 #3134)

Sometimes with more experienced channels, those who are more exercised, I give them one beginning phrase because they sometimes have more faith to give the first thing that comes. But if an experienced channel does not give that first phrase, then I sometimes give various other options, or present them with a multiple choice. But this can sometimes be unsettling to an experienced channel, because they may not be used to having many phrases in their mind, and they may be a little bit in wonderment. But as I said, if they will "stop and pray, yield again and commit it to Me in prayer," then one will be predominant over the other, and that one will usually be the first one that I gave them.

The reason that I say it makes it easier, that one will lead you more clearly than the others, is because when I have given you a phrase, if you open your mouth and receive it readily, and give without allowing the Enemy to try to get you to doubt or analyze or delay, then you can oftentimes more freely flow with the freedom of My Spirit. A delay, in which case the Enemy comes in, often causes some static, and so you have to fight harder and concentrate more fully to be able to pull down the message.

Especially in the case of an experienced channel, sometimes hesitation or delay is a lack of faith. And such a lack of faith gives place to the Enemy to come in with confusion and his attacks to try to get you to delay or hesitate, or, if possible, even not give the message at all. I expect more of experienced, exercised channels because such channels often receive messages that are fuller or more complete. So, also, sometimes the attacks of the Enemy are more vicious on such channels, and a delay or hesitation or double-mindedness in a young or inexperienced channel will not bring about the same negative repercussions as the same hesitations or lack of faith or double-mindedness in a mature, more exercised channel.

If I give one phrase, it's best to step out and give that one phrase and so avoid the opportunity for the Enemy to come in, thus making the delivery of the message more difficult. The reason one phrase leads you more clearly than the others is not necessarily because of the wording of the phrase, but instead, if the one phrase is the first phrase you receive, if you step out by faith and give it without hesitation, without My having to present to you other, multiple-choice phrases, you avoid the possibility of the Enemy taking advantage of your hesitation or your lack of faith and

bringing in his static. Delivering My Words is always easiest if you receive and give, receive and give, and flow with the Spirit without hesitation, analyzing or waiting.

What do you do during those times of waiting or hesitation? If you are praying, that is fine. If you are seeking to hear, and if you are waiting for Me to speak, that is fine. But if I have spoken, and you hear My Words but you continue to wait, then it gives way for the Enemy's temptation to analyze and criticize and wonder about the message--where it's going, how it's going to turn out, what it's going to say, and if it's going to be right--which leads to doubt and lack of faith.

So the key is to give whatever you receive. If you receive one phrase, give it. If you receive more than one phrase, pick the one you feel most comfortable with, the one that gives you the most faith, and give it. Give without hesitation, and so you close the door to potential attacks of the Enemy. You cut him off at the pass and limit his ability to come in with confusion. (Mama's Surprise! Part 2 #3134)

Love Me More

This is why it is important to get closer to Me in this day, to love Me more, to know Me more, to praise Me, that we may have a close relationship, so that there will be no interference, no static. We will walk closer than ever before and you will be able to hear the whispers without the distractions that are all about you. Therefore stay close to Me, and understand the importance of loving Me more and more. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 2 #3035)

Those who spend time with Me in the bed of love, receiving and sucking My seeds, are strengthened, and the seeds that they absorb are manifested again through prophecy. The strength and beauty that comes from loving Me is made manifest through a clear and yielded channel, which I give you when you love Me intimately. (Our Patient Lover #3559)

Heavenly Treasure Hunting

For as you move ahead and continue going upward and higher and higher in the spirit, more things will be given to you, more truths—deeper and greater truths that no man has seen before. Come; enter My secret places, My hidden treasures reserved only for those brides who have the access keys to these Worlds of Mystery. Seek and you will find these treasure rooms filled with spiritual gold and jewels and gems. So many secrets I have that I wish to make you privy to, if you'll only come to Me in faith and be My channel, My vessel to receive the gifts that are to come. Heaven is a big place by itself, not counting the entire Spirit Realm. How many secrets do you think I have? Are you interested? Well then, come! Don't wait around for others to find out everything there is to know, come to Me and come to the spirits I have given you. I have poured out My spirit upon all flesh, all you must do is tap in and practice. Hone the skill of Heavenly treasure hunting and find these things that I have laid out for you. (Mystical Bible)

The key of prospecting will aid you in digging, seeking, exploring, and garnering, as you read My written Word and as you receive My Words in prophecy. A prospector doesn't just take things at face value, but he digs deeper, always anticipating the jewels and gold and precious metals he will find. He has a keen eye for things of value, and this is a spiritual gift I wish to give you in greater measure. You can call on the key of prospecting as you read My Word, and it will guide you to new truths and revelations and discoveries you wouldn't otherwise find; it will open your eyes to the gems and jewels and precious stones of the spirit. Call also on this key when hearing from Me, and it will cleanse your channel and give you a keener sensitivity and open your eyes more fully to the realm of the spirit world. (Training Winning Teams, Part 1 #3551)

For I, the Lord, do reveal secrets unto man, but sometimes it takes desperation and seeking Me, and the knowledge of My ways, and a deep desire to understand My truths that are even contrary to your own thinking and your own ways of being. At times I make it plain to you, other times I would make it veiled so that you must seek Me and find Me. (Prophecy Questions You May Have Always Wanted to Ask! Part 2 #3035)

