

DESPISING PROPHECY

The Bible is clear that we must be careful in our handling the gift of prophecy.

1 Thessalonians 5:19-20

“Do not quench the Spirit; do not despise prophetic utterances.”

The reason we must be careful is that prophecy is the Word of God just as the Bible is – and we know that God and His Word are one. In fact, Revelations 19:10 says that “the spirit of prophecy is the testimony of Jesus.” This being the case, the devil will go to extremes to get it out of the church - or abuse or pervert it so it will not have the impact it should have. This mishandling or despising of His Word also quenches the Spirit moving as indicated in the verse above.

Remember: to despise means to lightly esteem, set at naught, have contempt for, have no reverence or respect for. How then can we despise prophesy?

- (1) Not pay attention / ignore it.
- (2) Fail to judge it
- (3) Not believe or receive it
- (4) Fail to give all the prophetic word the Spirit gave us to give
- (5) Add to what the Spirit gave us to prophecy
- (6) Make yourself seen, detracting from the prophetic word
- (7) Withhold a word God gave for someone
- (8) Try to force someone to receive a prophetic word
- (9) Prophecy to what we see in the natural on people
- (10) Receive a prophetic word based on who the person is delivering it.
- (11) Not recognize all modes / vehicles of prophecy
- (12) Not interpret prophetic words, songs, dance, etc
- (13) Merchandize prophecy
- (14) Prophecy out of order / out of control
- (15) Control people through what you prophesy to them.