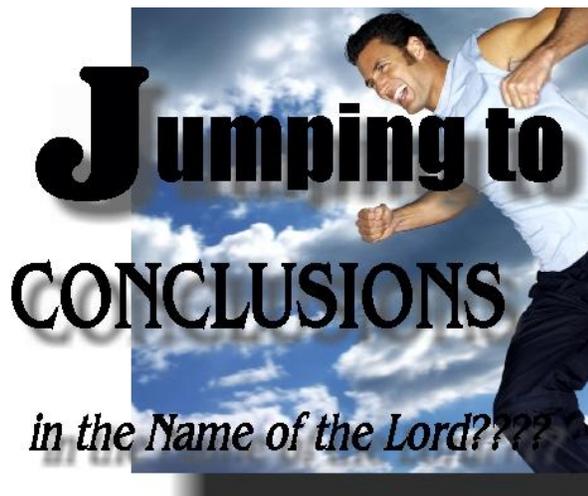




Regretfully mourning their previous disobedience, hoping to reverse the fatal consequences, the large gathering met with Moses early in the morning. Genuinely sorry and thinking they could undo their sin the despondent lot told Moses that to make things right they would do as God had originally commanded them and go into the Promised land. Reasonably it seemed as this was the best solution. In reality, however they were still disobeying God. Warned by Moses and made aware that God wouldn't prosper their well-meaning intentions, they presumptuously ignored the admonition and went up against a sword-bearing foe only to experience great defeat. Lives were lost and vision crushed all because they jumped to conclusions and judged the situation from a carnally minded viewpoint. (Num 14:20-45)

Scripture is loaded with examples of how God's people presumptuously spoke, acted, and judged. Regrettably because there is so little teaching about this dilemma, countless, confused saints are wounded needlessly. What's worse is that in all too many cases, when Christians do so, it's done in the Lord's Name. This ought not to be and can be avoided. However, questions are many. Hopefully this article will address this issue to some degree and thereby provide some valuable solutions. Let's look at another but modern example of this dilemma.

The prayer line was long. The various ministers praying for the people who'd come forward were taking their time. A young woman experientially accustomed to yielding to the Spirit, patiently stood, waiting her turn. She trusted the ministers to be mature and was looking forward to some prayerful input. As they prayed she quietly began



to pray in tongues, but found she was so stirred in her spirit she could barely restrain speaking. Agitated those praying for her repeatedly demanded that she restrain her speaking. Feeling overwhelmed by the power of God's Spirit upon and within her, she struggled to comply. The ministers were insistent. According to the doctrine of their particular Christian circle they believed that whoever is being prayed for must be silent, passive and yielding. Therefore in their mind her speaking in tongues meant she wasn't submissively yielded. Their limited understanding of the types, stages and purposes of tongues blocked them from doing anything else but jump to conclusions. Dogmatic they accused her of being rebelliously resistant, and rebuked her. They didn't bother to ask her what was going on in her spirit and judged her situation based on their belief system. Refusing to pray further, they scooted her down the prayer line where other ministers were supposed to continue praying. The others ignorant to the previous conflict prayed unaware anything was wrong. They didn't

discern her hurt confusion. Uncertain of what had happened, the young woman wrestled with the rebuke, the perplexity and related emotions for several weeks. Had she not had a developed devotional life the event might have crippled her for a much longer time. However, this type of thing occurs all too often in various Christian circles all because we don't know how to NOT JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS!

“Jumping to conclusions” is a phrase used to describe presumptuous or prematurely spoken words or actions, judged, or acted out before actual facts and conditions have been determined to be true. It's the epitome of a lack of self-control: a direct manifestation of pride. If one compares the Hebrew and Greek words translated as “presumption” one would see that all definitions describe this type of behavior as originating from pride, arrogance, insolence and lifting one's self up in an authority one doesn't have. When someone “jumps to conclusions” that person expresses premature opinions, attitudes, and deductions without having filtered them through humble, loving consideration for those affected by it.

It's more important to be wise or careful in how you hear than it is what you hear.

BE CAREFUL LITTLE EARS HOW YOU HEAR!

Luke 8:18 Take heed therefore **how ye hear**: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have. KJV
James 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath.

In Luke 8:18 Jesus warned his disciples to pay attention to how they heard or specifically how they understood what they heard. His 12 disciples all heard and witnessed the identical events. Individually, however, they responded to what they'd heard differently because how they heard or perceived those things affected how they interpreted them. The types and conditions of one's ears affect how one hears. One person may hear a painful story describing someone's loss and feel sorrow. On the contrary another person hearing the same account may become

angry, or critical, assuming something should have been done differently because of pre-conceived ideas or judgments. James 1:19 expressly warns that the believer should be swift to hear, *practically translated*- swift to understand, slow to speak and slow to wrath. The person who jumps to conclusions prematurely reacts to what's heard without understanding, lacking necessary facts and consequently expressing inappropriate emotion. Biblical protocols are meant to enable righteous hearing. For example, in Acts 17:11, the Bereans were described as people who readily listened to the Gospel message. Rather than blindly accept what was preached, they virtually dissected or scrutinized the Scriptures testing what Paul had taught them. As a result their faith wasn't based on emotional hype. They didn't jump to conclusions. Their belief developed through a thorough understanding and righteous testing of Biblical truths.

Acts 17:11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. KJV

There are numerous Biblically based checks and balances necessary for hearing rightly. Right hearing is a direct result

of personal stability, discernment in character, godly lifestyle, and closely controlled speech and attitude. Furthermore, the Gospel's parable of the sower offers tremendous insight into how people can hear or interpret what they hear. Some gladly received what they heard but had no intentions for obedience. Others heard but their ability to appropriate what they'd heard was hindered by offenses and personal problems. Obviously the heart condition and manner of reception determine whether one hears rightly.

James 1:19 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath:**20** For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

The Naïve or Simple jump to conclusions.

Naivety or what the Bible translates as simplicity or foolishness dramatically affects how one hears and produces presumptuous jumping to conclusions. Both the Hebrew and the Greek words

translated as simple and foolish are also defined as “seducible”. This character flaw describes someone who is open-minded to a fault and consequently easily led astray. A naïve person lacks the basic parameters of wisdom or discernment. Proverbs 14:15 specifically addressed this, warning that the simple believes everything they hear. Romans 16:18 goes on to say that the simple are easily deceived by good words and fair speech. The simple individual, saint or sinner alike, easily jumps to conclusions, unquestionably believing everything heard as truth. The naïve Christian unsuspectingly believes what another Christian says that God told them even if it’s totally off. They accept every vision, dream, prophecy, revelation, words of knowledge or wisdom, and picture as absolute truth. They don’t test it, nor do they know how to test spiritual things. Regrettably, anyone who shows the semblance of gifting or leadership, they yield to without question believing that this is true submission. As a result ungodly false leaders easily take advantage of them. They’re gullible to Christian trends, spiritual fads and doctrinal error.

Proverbs 14:15 The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going. KJV

Romans 16:18 For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.KJV

Pride makes one jump to conclusions

A proud person despises others. They exalt themselves, feeling superior to anyone. Characteristically pride assumes an un-earned, un-designated rightful authority. Consequently it speaks, comments and judges, the conditions and life of others, without thought to consequence, jumping to conclusions based on haughty ideas, religious philosophies and accumulated knowledge. God hates it!

How people are led to “jump to conclusions”

When a person’s hearing isn’t filtered by understanding, being slow to speak and slow to react, her or his accuracy in hearing, interpreting, judging and manner of addressing things will be questionable and inevitably result in disrespectful behavior. Subtly proud, the commentator judges

or speaks about something that he or she has no authority to speak into or judge. In Christian circles this type of behavior produces false prophecy, false words of knowledge and wisdom, unrighteous judgments, ungodly counsel or advice and immature unbalanced teaching. In many cases these things are couched in religious jargon, such as “God told me” or “In the name of the Lord’ often accompanied by Scripture and generally fostered by generalized doctrines or spiritual opinion. As a result it’s very difficult to confront or correct because spiritual pride is at its root.

THE SEVEN BIBLICAL REASONS PEOPLE JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS

A. BECAUSE OF FALSE WITNESSES

1. Persons with personal agendas
2. Persons with unresolved frequent and previous conflicts with leaders or persons in authority
3. Persons influenced by a spirit of Belial, AKA the spirit of worthlessness (anti-Christ)
4. Persons influenced by religious zeal, pet doctrines, generalized interpretations of doctrine and Scripture

B. BECAUSE OF BECAUSE OF WHAT ONE SEES

C. BECAUSE OF THE DELIVERY & RECEPTION OF SPIRITUAL GIFTS

D. BECAUSE OF THE INFLUENCE OF SPIRITUAL & NATURAL CULTURES

E. BECAUSE OF DANGEROUS GENERALIZATIONS & PARTIAL KNOWLEDGE

F. BECAUSE OF PREMATURELY SHARING THE PROPHETIC REVELATIONS YOU’VE RECEIVED

G. BECAUSE OF GOOD INTENTIONS & WANTING TO HELP

As the reader can see, there are numerous Biblical reasons why people jump to conclusions. In this article we’ll examine how false witnesses and what one sees produce presumptuous reactions. A second forthcoming article will examine the remaining reasons.

[1 Tim 5:19](#) Listen to no accusation [presented before a judge] against an elder unless it is confirmed by the testimony of two or three witnesses. [Deut 19:15.] AMP

[Matt 18:16](#) But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. KJV

Deut 5:20; 17:6-8; 19:15-20; Heb. 10:28-29; 2 Cor. 13:1; Ex 23:1-2; Ps 27:12; Prov 12:17; 14:5; 14:25; 19:28; 21:28; 24:28; Jer 32:10-12; Matt 15:19; 18:16; 26:59-64; 27:13-14; Mark 14:55-63; Acts 6:11-15

FALSE WITNESSES

Currently one of the most destructive influences causing unguarded and naïve people to jump to conclusions are the sway of incompetent and untrustworthy witnesses. The reason for this is increasing problem is surprising. Christian leaders, ministries and in general, everyday saints are being overtaken by an inaccurate generalization and misinterpretation of an important Biblical principle. Originating in the Old Testament with Deuteronomy 17:6-9 and 19:15-20, before anyone could be accused of a crime or judged, two to three witnesses of agreeing testimony had to be found to bring the accusation. Many a leader and saint have been abused by the abusive misappropriation of this truth. Judgments have been naively pronounced against innocent leaders and saints all because the testimony of the witnesses agreed but the character, background and motive of the witnesses was never examined prior to the verdict.

The Ten Commandments state, you shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. (Ex. 20:6) That standard remains true. In fact God condemns a false witness as an abomination. (Prov 6:16-19) Several types of witnesses are identified Biblically. Significantly not all are godly. Godly witnesses are identified as faithful and true, which has to do with the qualities of stable character and personality. A godly witness demonstrates emotional, spiritual, mental and relational stability. These character attributes must be proven before a testimony can even begin to be considered. Believers hearing the testimony of persons slandering or speaking badly about leaders or other Christians are too quick to assume the testimony is accurate simply because it comes from another believer. We unwittingly enable offense in the name of sympathy or being



“understanding”. Furthermore honor is ignored in favor of “listening to everyone’s side of a story.” Character assassination occurs when hearers jump to conclusions and believe untested testimony. An untrustworthy witness whose testimony is unreliable is described as a false, unrighteous, witness also identified as men or sons of Belial, ungodly, and spiteful. These evil characterizations, as defined from the Hebrew words translated for such, establish the basis by which a witness, report or testimony can be tested as true or false.

The truthfulness of a witness’s testimony is determined by the following Biblical criteria.

1. PERSONAL AGENDAS

A true witness will not have a personal agenda or reason to destroy the person or persons accused. Personal agendas generally develop when the accuser is jealous, competitive, greedy, lustful, fearful of personal sin being exposed, guilty, ashamed, protecting someone else’s guilt and or vengeful.

Most importantly jealousy and competitive jealous of the accused in a testimony will be typically riddled with wrong motives distorting the truth. In some cases, undiscovered false witnesses may be vengeful, plotting to sabotage the accused person’s reputation in order to gain advantage over them or take their post of authority. Such testimonies may be well worded, even partially true, but they’re peppered with manipulation. Vengeful, vindictiveness never produces righteous testimony. On rare occasions, in hopes of protecting someone else’s exposure a false witness will lie to cover them. In all cases, these things must be considered before a testimony can be heard. Hearing a testimony without examining for potential agendas inadvertently spreads unnecessary suspicion.

2. UNRESOLVED FREQUENT & PREVIOUS CONFLICTS WITH LEADERS OR PERSONS IN AUTHORITY.

Numerous false testimonies develop when a witness has had past problems with proper authority structure. False witnesses of this sort despise

leaders or anyone who demonstrates godly leadership skills. Generalized bitterness is at the root of this type of false witness accompanied by a festering, often unjustified un-forgiveness. Persons who collect un-forgiveness, whether there was or wasn't genuine offense, generally accumulate resentment and build a delusional type of testimony. Their testimony is entirely faulty and must be willfully ignored. Offense must never be validated. Listening to sob stories and wiping tears fuels lies and destroys innocent leaders. It is easy to jump the gun, moved by the emotion of their accusation and ignore the root of their agenda. Don't do it!!!



3. INDIVIDUALS INFLUENCED BY A SPIRIT OF BELIAL, AKA THE SPIRIT OF WORTHLESSNESS, & ANTI-CHRIST

Jezebel the pagan wife of King Ahab hired individuals known as a sons or children of Belial to witness against Naboth. (1 Kings 21:7-16) Ahab, Jezebel's husband, had attempted to purchase Naboth's vineyard and was refused. Depressed, Ahab related his distressing letdown to Jezebel who promptly and strategically took the matter in her own hands. She hired false witnesses who manufactured lies against Naboth. Their combined efforts produced enough false testimony to condemn Naboth to death.

Stronger willed persons, like Jezebel, easily manipulate people who struggle with rejection, poor self-esteem and worthlessness. Jezebelic character types influence weak-hearted persons for selfish gain and with hidden agendas. Furthermore, ungodly witnesses travel in packs. They seldom work alone and gain their strength in multiplied lies and offenses. This means the principle of "an accusation can't be received against an elder except by the testimony of two or three witnesses" won't work unless the character and motive of the witness is exposed. These types of witnesses bounce lies and stories off of one another and gradually build a case through gossip. In some cases they thrive in unique spiritual and natural cultures and subcultures. If that is the

situation and the persons hearing the false testimony are from the same culture or subculture, the hearers will not generally discern the false testimony. However though there be these types of complicating factors, God will eventually bring out the truth. False witnesses of this sort compare their stories until any possible loopholes are closed to make their testimony seem consistent, even when it's despicably designed by the Spirit of Antichrist determined to come against the anointing or calling of another Christian or minister.

The Psalmist describes these witnesses as dissemblers. (Ps. 26:4) Proverbs 26:24 goes on to say that dissemblers project their hate with words because they're hiding deceitful agendas. Depending on the corporate preparation of these false witnesses, their testimony is difficult to dispute and requires a miraculous intervention that will expose the deceit and overturn the false testimony.

Deut 19:18 And the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, if the witness be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother;**19** Then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to have done unto his brother: so shalt thou put the evil away from among you. KJV

Characteristically false witnesses lie and purposely sow discord amongst brethren. They bring un-founded charges against the innocent with the intention of proudly destroying them. Their words are compared to a war club, sharp arrow and sword inflicting great damage to the soul lied against. There are serious consequences for false witnesses. If time is taken to examine the truth of the testimony and the character or motives of the witnesses, and the testimony is proven false, then whatever sentence or opinion was originally determined against the accused will be done to the accuser. This may take time, in fact in some cases years, but God will eventually vindicate the accused and punish the false accuser. In extreme instances the false accuser will perish. What is most disconcerting is that Christians listen to and believe false reports far too quickly without considering that there might be something awry in the testimony. The simple,

naïve saint believes everything she or he hears. God help us.

[Proverbs 19:9](#) A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall perish. KJV

4. RELIGIOUS ZEAL, PET DOCTRINES, GENERALIZED INTERPRETATIONS OF DOCTRINE & SCRIPTURE CAUSES PEOPLE TO JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS-

Religious and doctrinal zeal contributes to the manufacture of false testimony. It is a primary instigator of why people jump to conclusions and believe the testimony of ungodly witnesses. At the time when the frustrated Jewish religious leadership was seeking for a way to silence the early Church and various Christian leaders, and when young leaders like Stephen were taking daring stands for Christ, false witnesses were sought and then purposely placed to falsely testify. Zealous to protect the Jewish faith, hearers of the accusations listened to false testimony and martyred Stephen. Traditional zeal empowered presumptuous action and martyred an innocent man. (Acts 6:11-15)

The Pharisees and scribes jumped to conclusions judging Jesus after he'd ministered deliverance to a man possessed of blind and dumb spirits. Jesus didn't fit their religious mold so they accused him of casting out devils by Satan's power instead of God. (Matt. 12:22-28; Mark 3:22-26) Dogmatic legalists are threatened by what's different and often jump to conclusions accusing genuine ministry of error.

JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS BECAUSE OF WHAT ONE SEES

How many times have physical appearance, beauty, ugliness, size, and stature affected how a person is judged? Does name-brand clothing, type of car, size of business and location of house cause you to jump to conclusions about someone? Appearances are more often than not deceptive. In some circles the cost of the suit, size of the jewels or size of ministry staff determine whether a minister is judged as anointed. God doesn't see things that way.

Samuel the prophet nearly made a mistake. Upon seeing Eliab, the eldest good-looking son of Jesse the elderly prophet almost jumped to a conclusion and presumed because of the young

man's striking looks, he had to be the Lord's anointed. But just before he could anoint him, God prevented the mistake. God doesn't see as humankind sees. Human beings look at the outward appearance and miss what's in the heart. Though physically acceptable, God refused what looked good.

I once knew of a handsome, energetic young man, from a well-known ministry family who excelled in music. Unbeknownst to the majority of believers around him he secretly lived a double life of churchy ministry, while at the same time actively involved in immorality. A few people attempted to talk to him, risking the scorn of his prominent family and failed to accomplish any-

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thing that would help him. Deaf to correction, he became increasingly involved in prominent ministry. Very few people suspected anything. Then one night, after he'd sung, a famous prophet jumped to conclusions. This un-discerning prophet, impressed with the young man's gift, looks and ministry erringly prophesied. The prophet told him that he was the cream of God's crop and was going to be famous. He would go straight to the top in ministry. Knowing the young man's problems, upon hearing about this misap-

propriated word, my heart grieved. Where was the discernment of that prophet? The young man felt affirmed and reasoned that if God had told him such wonderful things then his double life was inconsequential. Regrettably, anyone who challenged the word was deemed as a discourager. Sadly, several years later everything was exposed. The young man, who loved human accolades more than living righteously, walked away from God, his family and fell into his double life entirely. Someone jumped to conclusions and reinforced sinful behaviors all because the appearances of excellence overruled the discernment that sees the heart for what is really going on. Physical appearances are deceptive. The spiritually minded person takes the time to weigh everything with God's Spirit and Word.

It's so easy to jump to conclusions. We assume a person is wealthy simply because they drive a nice car, wear name-brand clothes or own an expensive house. The trappings of wealth and success largely affect opinion. The Bible warns that partiality is contrary to God's character and smacks of the fear of man. (Deut. 1:17) God doesn't look at the outward appearance as people do. His judgment is righteous. Even so, Jesus encouraged us in John 7:24 to judge with righteous judgment. In other words, don't be too quick to make an opinion about anything or anyone. We're told to test the fruit of a life but we haven't been given an ax to chop it down presumptuously. Jumping to conclusions occurs when you judge things from a momentary carnal point of view. Natural appearances can be very deceptive and won't always tell the whole story.

King Saul epitomized visual greatness. He was tall, good looking and carried himself well. However, there is no record in Scripture to say that he was a man who loved God. In crisis, he feared the people. He was more concerned with their opinions than obeying God. Even though he looked good, he fell far short of God's highest and heart.

Jumping to conclusions is a serious problem needlessly occurring in modern society and the Church. The first two reasons already examined are avoidable and yet due to a combination of a lack of knowledge and the numbing passivity draping over unwise saints who yield to carnal

influences these reasons must be addressed for the threat they are to every human being. In our next issue we'll consider the remaining five reasons people jump to conclusions followed by a strategic instruction of how to avoid this destructive behavior. Thank God a hopeful help can be found in His word. We'll look at more of these things in the next issue.

THOUGHT FOR THE TIMES

**We're called to
be seekers of
Truth.**

**Knowledge is
not always
truth.**

**Which are you
seeking?**

MINISTRY REPORT FRANCE

In the past 14 months many exciting new and old doors have opened into France amongst the French believers of the Charismatic Catholic community as well as the Protestant believers. Words cannot begin to describe the amazing events and the move of God that occurred in the recent conferences I had the tremendous privilege to speak to and to minister praise, worship and prophetic

song in during my November ministry tour there. Organized and translated by a long-time and trusted friend, Mauri Coetzee, in



Conference participants in Lille at the Deborah conference

her own right and reputation a beloved and respected Christian conference speaker in France, I was stunned at how well prepared the conference participants were because of the many years of Mauri's instruction and prep of the people. Mauri Coetzee is the founder of a type of conference that provides uniquely designed in-depth teaching and prophetic worshipful atmospheres with opportunities for the participants to receive deliver-

ance, healing and personal ministry.

These conferences shouldn't be considered an "organization" and are simply advertised

as "Awake Deborah" conferences. Mauri and her mature, supportive and skilled team have been

Some of the aggressive praise dance in the Deborah conference



speaking into affect the needs of the women and men of France, and increasingly in and outside of Europe releasing sincere hungry believers into the ge-

nuine freedoms the New Birth affords all believers regardless of gender. The fruit of Mauri's work is ob-



Mauri Coetzee translating Dr. Winslow in Lille

vious and is supported, sanctioned and respected by some of the top Christian leaders of France inside both the Catholic and Protestant churches. There are simply no words to describe the INTENSE spiritual hunger I witnessed there accompanied by the dynamic, explosive expressions of praise, faith and genuine unity. I lost track of all the times I unsuccessfully fought back tears as I watched God work in and through the people.

The first conference held in Lille, France was an "Awake Deborah" conference attended by 200 plus women mostly from France, but also with representatives from other European nations. Many of the women attending were leaders. What's more, significant Christian male specifically requested of Ms. Coetzee asking if they could serve the women attending the conference and support us. These gifted men were some of the most

amazing servant leaders

I've ever witnessed. For example the God's Spirit fell so frequently and mightily

upon the group that when it happened and there were extreme demonstrations of God's

Some of the aggressive praise in the Deborah conference



power and glory, these men would join arms, corporately raise their hands and pray for the glory to keep falling on the group of women in front of them. It was awesome. God was awesome.



Mikael & Vieni, the musicians

Mauri's praise leader/ psalmist, Mikael had spent countless hours translating all the praise and worship songs I've composed so that when I or he led praise and worship the people could sing the songs in French and or English. His gift and assistance enabled me to eventually learn a great majority of the songs in French so I could lead them in French as well. Mikael spontaneously translated and sang the prophetic songs I would sing while another young man, Vieni, an incredibly gifted, anointed violinist accompanied me whenever I played. On numerous occasions whenever one of the hymns I'd composed for women entitled "Bear the Word" was sung, the entire group would explode in unrestrained praise repeating the song over and over again with dramatic war-like dances, praise and shouting. On one occasion the dancing was so intense that two women, spontaneously dancing in the most amazing aggressive war type dance I've ever seen united and began to dance as if they were one unit, having never planned to do so. The double anointing of God was literally manifested.



Olivier the Chalon Catholic Community leader

Please bear in mind that both Protestant and Catholics attended this Deborah conference. I couldn't have asked

for a more wonderful unified group. Furthermore the teachings were well received and then applied through prayer. I spoke in depth about the prophetic song and how to release it into the foundations of Europe. Some of the most dynamic corporate sung prayer I've ever heard united as we began to sing for the release of the songs of the Lord to affect the conscience, the identity and the vision of the European nations and to be affected by the songs of the Lord.

My reason for being invited to speak in France actually came from the Catholic Community located in Chalon, led by a sweet anointed



Dr. Winslow & Mauri in Chalon

young man, Olivier. It was a great honor to be asked to speak to this precious group. The topic for the seminar was "Understanding the Generations" and was warmly received and embraced by the wonderful cross-section of generational groupings participating in the meetings. It is hard



to express what I witnessed as persons from each generational grouping attentively

listened and bore witness to how Satan has entrapped each sociological grouping with mindsets and spiritual, social, behavioral and relational strongholds. The faces of the young and the seniors alike gradually transformed as the revelation and understanding was communicated to such a point that when it came time to pray for and stand with each other sincere prayerful response came with tears and genuine repentance. Elderly saints embraced the younger generations as the younger representatives honored them. There are no words to explain the deep miracles that occurred. Relationships were healed, bridges were built and honor found a home as

each generational group realized how much they needed each other. How can you describe such healing? Furthermore, this group of sincerely hungry believers worshipped in a way I seldom see. In addition to the teachings, aptly translated by Mauri Coetzee, I sang prophetic songs, spontaneously translated by Mikael and led praise in both French and English accompanied by Olivier and his

praise team, and Vieni the violinist. God is so good and His presence was sooooo

sweet. All in all, I was in and am still in awe at what God allowed me to participate in during these meetings. I felt received and cared for and in many ways left a big piece of my heart there.



Olivier and the musicians backing me in prophetic song at Chalon

them nearly 4 years ago. In addition to doing various sessions of extended praise and worship for the women I spoke on the subject of the Fear of the Lord. This message calls us back to what we have lost. Mauri Coetzee also shared testimony about what God is doing for and with women in France. Her encouragement brought great hope to these women. As is normal with Mauri, there was lots of laughter. The joy of the Lord is our strength. David Hathaway, a well-known evangelist working predominantly in the former Soviet block nations, also spoke to the women. He challenged them to pray like they need to pray for the UK. England will be won by the praying women! God equip them for the times ahead.

Margaret Watt has since communicated to me that she's received numerous encouraging testimonies and reports about how helpful the conference was. I am so thankful that God knows where we need to be. He is faithful!!

MINISTRY REPORT ENGLAND

Following these tremendous meetings I flew to England, accompanied by Mauri Coetzee for the National Lydia Leadership Conference for England. The scheduling of this meeting was divinely arranged and undeniably His will. It was Margaret Watts first conference as the new England Lydia National leader and God had sovereignly arranged that I could be there at the conference to support her and the Lydias of England. God met us in a marvelous and encouraging manner through praise, teaching and fellowship. Prior to the arrival of the conference participants I was able to lead the regional and district leaders in a time of praise and worship where God's presence ministered to the women tangibly. I was touched how that so many of the women remembered the song "Above and Not Beneath" that I'd taught



Shirley & Margaret Lydia England Leaders

I'm also extremely cognizant of how much we need each other in the Body of Christ. I'm so thankful for people like Mauri who prepared the people in France so when the time was right I could go back and speak there once again. I am

thankful for people like Christine Snelson who have faithfully prayed for nearly 20 years so that God would use me in the UK. We need one another, like small cogs in a lock, that can't be unlocked unless we all do our part. Thank God for His people.

MINISTRY REPORT SCOTLAND

Following the meeting in England Mauri and I took a train to Glasgow Scotland where Yolanda Ooestheussen, one of the pastoral team of the church I would be speaking at, and Mariette Louw, a long time friend met us. The meetings began on Friday evening to a packed house. People had flown in from as far as Dublin Ireland for the meeting.

I spoke on subjects specifically related to the fullness of what Salvation means; the affects of the New Birth on the believer; the Fear of the Lord in relationship to Salvation and finally, how speaking in tongues enables us to walk out our salvation and releases God's highest for our lives. The response was significant. Many of the saints present stated that they hadn't understood what really belonged to them in salvation and the new birth until these messages explained it. I am



still receiving testimony responses from this time. Once again, similar to what we saw in France, the waves of God's Spirit rolled repetitively over the people who responded without instruction from me by extreme shouting, dances, falling to the floor in worship, with travailing cries and deep heartfelt worship. Honestly God's presence was extremely intense. It was an encounter with heaven that I haven't seen for many years. These meetings were of special significance to me as it has been many years since I'd been back to Scotland and once again I was touched by a love for this people and land.

One particular message in these meetings stands out to me probably more than the rest and that was the message on tongues. I have been

feeling extremely impressed in the past few months how that this spiritual gift, this unique God-breathed vocabulary is not understood and even less practiced with diligence and understanding. I was able to teach on this subject for nearly 2 hours to a depth I have longed to speak for many years. I truly believe we don't speak in tongues enough. In fact we neglect this most important gift to our shame and loss.

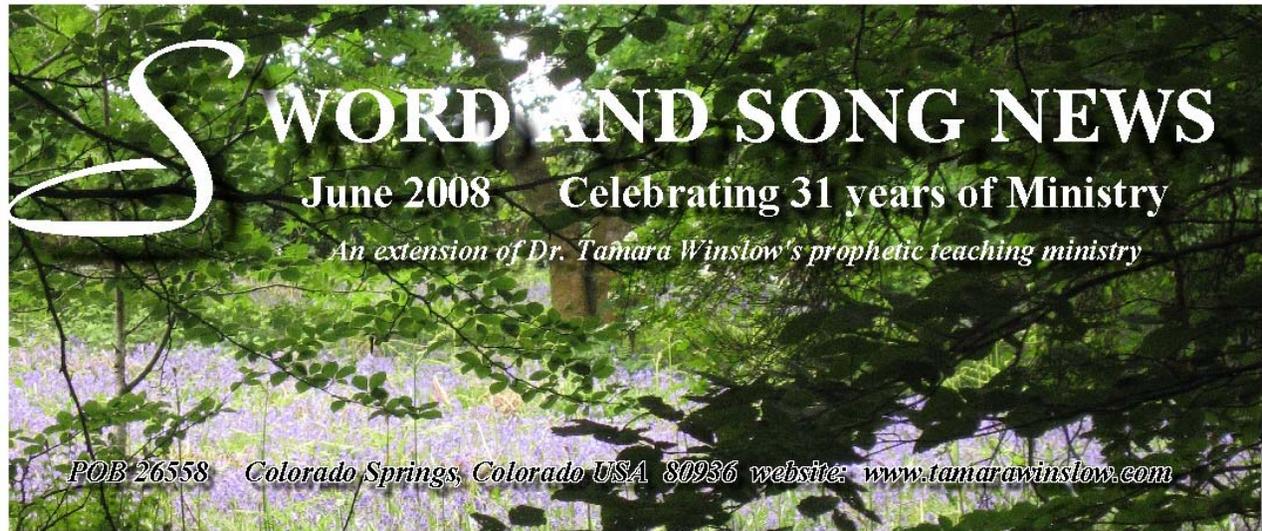
It was an extreme blessing that these meetings were professionally digitally recorded and videoed. Once the editing is completed these messages will be available for purchase by order.



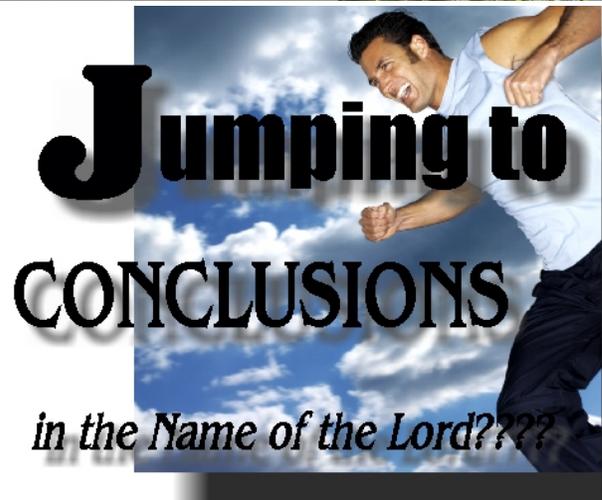
L-R My dear friends Mariette Louw, Mauri Coetzee, Me and Yolanda Ooestheussen at our celebration meal!!!

I feel so grateful to the Lord for allowing me to return to these places and be with people I love. God reunited me with friends like Mauri Coetzee, Mariette Louw and Yolanda. When God leads I hope to return again. Who knows what He has in store!!!

The ministry tour concluded in Scotland and I returned home to the United States on November 19th. I'm already scheduled to return to France & England 3 times in 2008, as well as Singapore & potentially Switzerland. Please keep these international arms of the ministry in prayer. I'd felt deeply impressed I was to be in Israel for the January Prayer conference but at this point unless a miracle occurs that trip won't be possible. Nonetheless a trip for Israel is being planned as a teaching tour emphasizing Institute teachings and praise and worship. God willing this will be sooner than later.



A well-known minister stood in front of a long line of people. Everyone was waiting for him to pray for and give each a prophetic word. After all, everyone got a prophecy when he prayed. Standing midway down the line, a former minister, waiting hopefully, a man who'd been deceived by the get-rich-quick mentality and who was also in dire financial straits because of his delusions. He'd yielded to grandiose delusions and dreamed of building a multi-million dollar business that would make him so wealthy that he could give away masses of money to anyone who needed it. It sounded great, but in reality it was a spiritual farce in which he was totally deceived. Fantastically he'd "prophetically" persuaded many gullible Christians asking them to loan him large amounts of money eventually totally hundreds of thousands of dollars. Everyone trusted him not discerning that this dream was vain. Now standing in the prayer line, wanting a word, and surrounded by several people who knew of his questionable past, he waited. It came his turn for prayer and prophecy. To the shock of those standing around him the man at the front prophesied a prophecy that seemed to validate the man's sin and delusions. The discouraged man walked away feeling justified and prodded to continue in his error. Those around him were puzzled. Were they wrong in not trusting the former pastor, or did the "prophet" miss it in his prophecy? No one knew how to test the prophecy and challenge its error. What's worse is that no one felt they had the right to disagree with it because after all, the prophet had said it in "the Name of the Lord? How would you have reacted if you would have known the situation and questioned the prophecy's validity? Do you know how to test the



PART TWO

By Dr. Tamara Winslow

delivery and reception of a prophetic word, word of knowledge or word of wisdom?

Naively God's people generally don't understand that it's acceptable to question spiritual manifestations. However in many instances they don't know what questions to ask. For some reason Christians are afraid to ask the very questions that could bring clarification and accuracy of spiritual manifestations. Furthermore, if a word is from God it can stand to be tested!

Some time back a well-known minister prophesied a word to me that contradicted everything God had called me to do since childhood. Respecting the minister's seniority the word shook me deeply and I began to seriously examine my heart. I rationalized. I could miss it. Not unlike other believers who tend to believe what other people say God is saying to us, rather than trusting what

God has already woven into our lives, I began to doubt what I already knew in my heart. Self-deprecation keeps you from testing what you hear and opens you up to discouragement. It did me! I wrestled and prayerfully wept through the word finding myself spinning downward into despair, doubting my calling and vision until I broke through that the word was wrong. Out of respect for the minister I hesitated to test the word according to Biblical principle. Proper Biblically based questions enable us to discern whether something is right or wrong, no matter who ministers. Furthermore, sometimes a revelation can be partially correct. Therefore each aspect of the word must be Biblical challenged. Later, still being slightly affected by the destructive nature of the word I sought the counsel of several ministers, all who knew me well. When I shared the prophecy with them, one minister said I shouldn't be bothered about what had been said or concerned about the person who delivered it. The advisor went on to say that this particular minister's accuracy in prophecy was minimal. I couldn't believe my ears and it really bothered me. This specific person's prophetic ministry was highly regarded. Regrettably few persons ever questioned, challenged or confronted the repetitive errors, probably because of the fear of man. Disappointingly, many souls believed the minister's words and have been confused, misled, and in some cases, like myself, wounded. This ought not to be!!

If there were space in this article we'd study the topics of prophecy, revelation, perception, word of knowledge and word of wisdom. The Spirit's revelation gifts are vital to Christian development and eventual maturity. Misappropriated and improperly received, these gifts can make saints jump to conclusions producing disaster and hurt. Let's examine the giving and receiving of revelation gifts!!!

Personally, I don't like what happens, all too often in prayer lines and the corporate ministry of laying on of hands!!! I've witnessed more lives destroyed through casual comments made in the Lord's name during the laying on of hands, prayer times and untested

counseling sessions than I can count. On the other hand a few minutes of a well-managed and wisely worded ministry can accomplish more by the Spirit in an individual's life than lengthy counseling sessions could ever do. In that respect such times are important. People do need an encounter with God that comes through anointed prayer ministry. Thank God for that. However, regrettably, prayer lines are often the cause of deep problems. In one moment a saint can be receiving accurate ministry and then suddenly without warning the minister makes a casual comment, opinion or observation that originates entirely out of his or her soul and Whammo!!! The saint is unwittingly zinged with something off the wall and often never recovers. What's worse the minister goes on without thought to what happened. We must be responsible!!!

There are numerous Bible protections by which wounding can be avoided and confusion confronted without at the same time fearfully alienating our selves from the Body of Christ and the ministry of spiritual revelation gifts. We'll look at this from both sides of delivery and reception.

FILTERS TO JUDGE SPIRITUAL MANIFESTATIONS

The delivery of revelation words and gifts filters through a variety of good and bad, internal and external factors. Some of these are good and some aren't.

[1 Corinthians 14:32](#) And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets. KJV

[1 Cor 14:32](#) The spirits of prophets are subject to the control of prophets. 33 For God is not a God of disorder but of peace. NIV

One must always remember that the spirit of the prophets is subject to the prophets. In simpler language, that means that the revelation a prophet receives is influenced, shaped and virtually controlled by whatever impacts the prophet, both good and bad. A good deal of what modern believers consider prophecy is actually a glorified opinion or an idea with a "thus says the Lord" tagged on. I call this prophe-lying or pathetic, not prophetic ministry. The reason for this is because individuals desiring to prophesy and speak out revelation do so because they haven't yet learned to differentiate between what's the personal witness of their human spirit, their soul and the genuine Word of the Lord. There are a variety of difficulties faced by believers who do so and who haven't matured in how to distinguish what's an

The Problem and Privilege of Interpretation



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actual word from God's Spirit to be spoken out to someone else. The words that come out of the undiscerned human heart, especially the mind and emotions, are extremely vulnerable to a wide variety of carnal and worldly influences. Let's look at a few of these briefly.

THE INFLUENCE OF SPIRITUAL & NATURAL CULTURE

The reception and delivery of revelation is widely affected by the natural and spiritual cultures of the persons involved. Because of culture, where one lives or where one grew up, including church culture, people jump to "cultural" conclusions. A revelation can be innocently slanted because of what's deemed acceptable, or considered to be truth in that culture. Spiritual cultures are extremely guilty of this. This must be considered when judging how a revelation is delivered and tested. Such influences affect how sickness and disease are dealt with, how callings are revealed or shut down, and how finances are dealt with etc.

Family culture and background can also radically affect the delivery & reception of a revelation.

A newly married late middle-aged woman, an experienced minister, went to minister with her husband in a developing nation shortly after their honeymoon. Because of their age they'd agreed that they wouldn't have children. While they were ministering in a church a woman of the church began to prophesy to the newlywed woman and said that she and her husband was supposed to have 5 children. The new wife was especially distressed by the word, even though the husband dismissed it as nonsense. Afraid she was disobedient to God, she asked me what I thought. I asked her if she'd tested the word against what God had already laid in their hearts. She said "No", asking, "Can I do that?" I then asked her, "How many children did the woman have who prophesied to you?" The wife groaned and said, "Ten children". I laughed and said "Don't you see it? The woman was prophesying to you out of her own culture, desire or... misery". We both laughed. But she didn't know she could test the word.

ASK THE RIGHT QUESTIONS WITH THE RIGHT HEART

There are innumerable questions that can be asked when testing revelations. However, let me qualify this. If

someone you know well, who is in a legitimate place of authority in your life, delivers you a word of genuine correction and you're trying to dodge its truth, be wise and listen. Don't rationalize something away just because you dislike it.

WHAT THINGS AFFECT THE DELIVERY & RECEPTION OF REVELATIONS & RESULT IN JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS? WHAT SHOULD YOU LOOK FOR?

Prayerful preparation is fundamentally crucial for accurate revelation. Inaccurate words and imagined pictures cause confusion and may even paint pictures promising false hope all because intercession isn't their basis. The false prophets spoken of in Ezekiel 13 prophesied out of their own hearts because they hadn't stood in the gap prayerfully for the ones they prophesied to. New Testament prophecy and revelation develops out of a healthy prayer life and is tested for accuracy based on this. Spontaneous words and revelations without prayer aren't necessarily spiritual or accurate!



Is the revelation Biblically based and solid doctrinally? Sometimes it's difficult to test revelations because they may not be connected directly with chapter and verse. Consequently one has to consider if Biblical principle is adhered to. I know of instances where a so-called prophet prophesied to a pastor saying that God would allow the pastor to fall into adultery to help him identify with the people. I know it sounds ridiculous, but the pastor didn't test the word and willfully, in obedience to the "word" fell into adultery. Can you imagine the heartbreak of the wife who felt betrayed by both God and her husband all because "God said??" Awful but it's happened.

Another snag in testing revelations for Biblical doctrine is when Christians deliver or interpret revelations based on what they consider to be doctrinally correct because of the influence of their traditional beliefs or cultural views and then they test those words because of those beliefs. Tradition and cultural bias are seldom accurate and contribute to the development of false revelation. This can be especially painful. It's virtually impossible to confront such an erroneous word during its delivery when it originates from an incorrect Scriptural interpretation influenced by inaccurate traditional and cultural views. The sad recipients who refute such incorrect revelations are almost always misjudged and accused of being

rebellious to the Word. For example, women in ministry suffer from this all too frequently. I can't begin to tell you how many times I've heard stories of women who've been rebuked with so-called prophetic words influenced by faulty traditional or cultural bias, simply because they were women answering the call of God. In such cases, self-justified but doctrinally ignorant persons build their words on incorrect translations or Fallen perspectives of interpretations of doctrine and destroy the woman through the false words. It's amazing to me how women in ministry even survive. Various types of cultures are more likely to contribute to these dilemmas and sadly agriculturally based economies are especially vulnerable to the cultural delivery of these types of words. This isn't to say all agri-cultures will always do so, but the tendency is there because of the social structures and working order expectations. No matter what and where, test the revelations, being mindful of cultural influences!!!

SAMPLE QUESTIONS AND TESTS

IS THE WORD DELIVERED & MOTIVATED BY GENUINE LOVE?

We need to ask: Am I delivering this word because it's inspired by a love for God and the person? If you're receiving a word, ask yourself does this word come in love? Does the person speaking to you really care about how it affects you? (1 Cor 13:8) Love is always a good test!!! Persons said to be supposedly prophetic have excused away personality flaws saying that harsh behavior confirms them as prophetic. No, no, no!!! That idea is contrary to God's character into which every believer, prophetic or not, is born again and is to exemplify. There is no excuse for harshness, rudeness and attitudes contrary to the character of God in love!!!

RACISM, CULTURE, AGE, GENDER & FINANCIAL BIAS?

Do you struggle with prejudice of race, culture, age, gender or financial status? Are you delivering your word tainted by these attitudes? These things must also be considered.

TONE OF VOICE, TYPES OF WORD, WHAT THE WORDS ARE AND HOW THEY'RE SPOKEN?

Examine the tone of the voice, types of and how the words are spoken.

Once while supervising and listening to someone minister a prophetic word I heard the person repeatedly prophesy to the recipient.... "And YOU will be THE

VOICE to your generation..." Honestly the recipient's scared expression said it all. I interrupted the minister while they were prophesying and said, "Listen to what you just said to them". *Yes! You can stop a prophecy if someone's life is in danger of damage.* God's anointing isn't the fragile. The person prophesying didn't even realize what they'd said. Just the one word "the" changed the emphasis of the prophecy. At the moment of confrontation, the young recipient sighed with great relief. He could very probably be "a" voice to his generation, but not "the" voice. In the zeal of the moment one single word changed the whole emphasis of the word and made it error.

Listen to the tone of the voice and how the words were spoken. Many years ago, I was scheduled to minister to a small Pentecostal church, and observed the finest display of wisdom in managing corporate prophecy. The praise and worship service had concluded and the presence of the Lord was sweet. Suddenly a woman stood up and began to shriek, "Thus says the Lord, you backslidden people. I am judging you this moment". She went on and on in an abusive tirade that pierced the once sweet atmosphere. The congregation sat stunned. I was sitting there thinking, "How am I going to minister after this?" To my relief the pastor, a very wise and gentle man stood up. He addressed the woman and said something like this. "Sister "so and so". You just had a fight with your husband didn't you? And you just took out all your anger on us, didn't you " The woman quietly replied, " Yes. I did. I'm sorry. Please forgive me." A sigh of relief swept through the sanctuary. The service went on and the tone of her delivered word was corrected. Wow. I was stunned at the wisdom of this pastor. But it bears noting. The tone of voice often exposes the lack of integrity or vice versa of a prophecy. Listen carefully and test it.

FREQUENCY OF DELIVERY?

How frequently do you prophesy? Frequency doesn't generally foster accuracy, in fact, quite the contrary. If the person giving you a revelation is known to prophesy frequently test it. It may be that they do so because they need attention or want a place of significance in speaking into people's lives. All too often pride subtly develops when a person prophesies frequently. One correct prophecy can ignite proud attitudes that then produce presumptuous and wrong revelations. Test these.

If it's a revelation from God it can stand to be

At a conference a number of years ago I watched a young man who considered himself a prophet tactically move amongst the crowd of well-known ministers gathered behind the ministry platform. I observed the power with which he seemed to move the people as he prophesied. In one case I heard him prophesy pure error to a fully yielded, needy couple. Truthfully it angered me. I knew that at some time during the conference, because of my visibility in the meeting he would target me. I sought God on how to deal with him. Sure enough he came and said he had a word from the Lord for me. Nearby I noticed a friend of mine who I considered to be spiritually astute and I asked her to stand by me as he started in. Only about 20% of what he said was accurate. I let him finish and then said, "Now, since I have a friend of mine here with me we're going to test the word you've just given." He was shocked and angry. I could tell by the look on his face that he thought, "How dare she question my word?" No one had made him accountable for his words and his proud attitude needed adjustment. Everyone else just let him go on. In some cases they believed lies. We don't deal with these things because we're too afraid.

PERSONALITY, AGE, GENERATION, HIDDEN AGENDA. GREED, PERSONAL DREAMS AND UNFULFILLED DESIRES POLLUTE REVELATION

One's personality, age, generation, hidden agendas, greed for money and power, personal dreams and unfulfilled desires, can pollute revelation. On occasion people will prophesy what they in reality want for themselves. Questions can be asked to test if these things affect the delivery and reception of all words, pictures, Scriptures and prophecy. Ask yourself. Do I have a good relationship with the person I'm speaking to or receiving from? Relationship is extremely important. How do I feel when I'm delivering this or receiving? Do I feel manipulated or controlled? How do they respond if I ask questions about their words? Do they react angrily or are they open to discussion? Do you feel defiled? Does it confirm what you already have in your heart? Does it promote holiness and other aspects of the character of God?

PRAYERLINE PROTOCOLS

If you're ministering to someone in a prayer line and the person you're praying for is demonstrating behaviors that you don't like, uncomfortable with, think may be doctrinally off or emotionally driven, don't jump to conclusions and rebuke them. *Talk to them.* Ask them what they're feeling or why they're doing what they're

doing. Don't be rude and presumptuously jump to conclusions that they're being rebellious or resisting your ministry. Wounds result when a minister insensitively rebukes people because of generalized doctrinal issues. Ask them!!!! This is especially important if the person can't stop praying in tongues or is withdrawn and un-participative. Don't generalize!! Your doctrine may be wrong. Generalizations can kill!!

EDIFICATION PRINCIPLES

Who will this revelation edify: the minister, or the person receiving it? Seeking self-edification, needy ministers use prophesying, words of wisdom, spiritual pictures and revelations sometimes for selfish purposes. Desiring to feel spiritually important and needed, false prophecy emerges causing great pain for innocent souls. Examine your motives. Does the revelation edify, comfort and exhort others? If not, stop it!!

TEST THE TIMING AND PREDICTIVE ELEMENTS

The interpretation of timing and the timing of delivery radically affect how revelation is handled. One of the most dangerous forms of revelation is the type that contains a predictive element. Countless saints have been devastated because they jumped to conclusions when they received a predictive word and they misinterpreted the timing of its fulfillment. The use of prophetic words such as "soon, suddenly and now" can mean a lot of different things when discerning Biblical timetables. Misinterpreting them by jumping to conclusions can produce false hope and eventual great disappointment. New Testament prophecy is very different in purpose when compared to the Old Testament forms. In fact the predictive nature of prophecy is EXTREMELY rare in New Testament applications. Nonetheless irresponsible persons predict events, promising the release of finances or marriages and more, all the while not considering the devastating discouragement that can result when the words aren't fulfilled.

The timing of the delivery of revelations is also extremely volatile. Timed wrongly, a word out of season is equally destructive. Zealous speakers seldom consider the most important factors necessary to wise ministry. Readiness, faith, emotional stability and knowing how to communicate the revelation are just a few of the conditions that need to be considered when delivering a revelation. Otherwise the purpose and integrity of the revelation can be forfeited.

JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS BECAUSE OF DANGEROUS GENERALIZATIONS & PARTIAL KNOWLEDGE

Generalizations are the result of partial knowledge and proud assumptions. They normally produce unfounded judgments, stereotyping people and situations. Believers jump to conclusions when they read into things that look suspicious, are over-spiritualized or different from what they're accustomed to. One common example is how people interpret symbols or artwork that resemble occult symbols, but in reality aren't, and are presumed or judged to be something they aren't. For example there was huge hype over the Morton salt logo for many years. Generalists jumped to conclusions and stated unequivocally that it was an occult symbol even though it wasn't. Others react to pictures of stars calling them all occult. So then is the star of Texas, the Star of David or other unusually shaped stars all satanic? No! Generalization born often out of religiosity or an attempt to be spiritual makes people jump to ridiculous conclusions. For example if a person is extremely emotional an observer who jumps to conclusions may judge them insecure. On the other hand, when another person seldom displays emotion others jump to conclusions and call that person insecure. Who is right? Generalizations of this sort damage people and break down healthy relationship.

JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS & PREMATURELY SHARING THE PROPHETIC REVELATIONS YOU'VE RECEIVED

Many a prophetic word has lost its integrity and regrettably is sometimes nullified all because the receiver shared it too quickly with others. Spiritual revelations tend to be fragile when treated casually. Learn to be like Mary who held the revelations in her heart until they were fulfilled.

2 Peter 1:5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; **6** And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; **7** And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity.

Rom 15:14 And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. KJV

Romans 15:14 and 2 Peter 1:5-7 offer helpful instructions to all who would deliver words of revelation. The same Greek word translated as word of "knowledge" in 1 Cor. 12:8 is the knowledge referred to in Romans and 2 Peter. There is a practical sequence of development identified in 2 Peter 1:5-7. One condition of spirituality leads into the next. Therefore

diligence instigates the right condition for faith to grow and as faith grows, virtue or better understood moral excellence and purity is added. Sequentially, moral excellence then primes the atmosphere so "knowledge", the same type of knowledge mentioned in the spiritual gift identified as the word of knowledge, can be added. Moving on, knowledge is then monitored by self-control, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness and charity. If these gauges were properly embraced and understood as important, revelation knowledge would be radically different than what we see when zealous, unwise saints jump to conclusions. Imagine if everyone who received revelation words of knowledge weighed their delivery by purity of heart, self-control and patience. What a difference it would make. Furthermore, Rom 15:4 confirms the importance of the same sequence. Goodness, like virtue, once again means moral purity. Romans 15:4 reads on to state that the person has been filled with all knowledge, meaning that the knowledge is complete and not scattered or partial. Finally Paul wrote that those who were morally upright, and possessed the full understanding also had the ability to minister in a manner that was productive. Just think of how greatly these conditions could change how the ministry of revelation. Confusion wouldn't have a chance!!!

JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS BECAUSE OF GOOD INTENTIONS & WANTING TO HELP

Nothing is more difficult than confronting someone who with good intentions and genuine kindness has tried to help and then the helper caused problems for the one being helped. Ugh! Good intentions without the Holy Spirit's leading, the wisdom and skill necessary to do it, and the understanding of timing, cost, and authority, no matter how heartfelt, may actually cause great complications. Incapable, un-informed and un-timely help isn't help at all. Ask how, if and what you can do before you assume to do something. Kindness isn't without boundaries of wisdom.

A FINAL STATEMENT

We don't have to fall prey to this. Jumping to conclusions is evidence of a lack of genuine spiritual-mindedness and can be avoided when there is the will to do so.

Firstly we need to guard how you hear. Unless you have a genuine bigger picture there is too much room for error. Be swift to "understand". Secondly don't be naïve or undiscerning. Set boundaries for what you hear. Test those things. Third, test who and what you hear. Don't be afraid to ask questions about the motive, character and possible hidden agendas of those who speak or serve.

Examine the influencing natural and spiritual cultures and determine whether those stimuli will taint the truth for the persons involved. These factors corrupt the greatest truths and forcibly produce false judgments. Fourth, beware of religious zeal and pet doctrines. Fifth, don't be impressed with what you see and physical appearances. Develop spiritual-mindedness in how you view people, place and things. Sixth, learn to ask the right kinds of questions with the right heart attitude when you test the spiritual manifestations of revelation. If you need to question someone in a prayer line make sure your questions are lovingly intoned. Make sure you don't have a preconceived idea of what you think is going on. Genuinely listen to the answers of the people you pray for. God may teach you something about how He operates. Seventh, don't be a generalist. Get God's bigger picture and until you have it keep your mouth shut. Finally, practice self-control and guard the things God has told you as precious jewels. These principles can help you avoid jumping to conclusions. Let God work and develop His ways and love in you.

UPCOMING SECOND DOCTORATE PRESENTATION



The Minnesota Graduate School of Theology will be presenting Dr. Tamara Winslow with her second doctorate in a special ceremony on July 13th, at 1 p.m. in Minneapolis, Minnesota by Dr. David L. Sigvertsen and Drs. Rufus and Diane Thibodeaux at Holding Forth the Word Church. Dr. Winslow will be receiving her doctoral degree in Christian Education in this service.

Friends are welcome to attend.

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

Ps 127:1 Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.
KJV

Are you letting God build your life, your house, your family, your ministry and calling? Or are you building your life, your house, your family, your ministry and calling?

When God is in charge of the building peace dominates all you do because you're never afraid of losing what is built because He is building it and making the way for it.
If you're take charge of the building fear dominates what you do because you'll always be afraid to lose what you've built and worked hard to establish.

THINK ABOUT IT!

Are you giving people what they want or are you giving them what they need as God has spoken it to you? When we give people what they want rather than what they need we become people pleasers instead of pleasing God!

Agape love responds to need. God so loved (agape) the world that He gave the world His only begotten Son. The world didn't want Jesus. It needs Jesus!

Are you motivated by genuine love or by what people want from you?

THINK ABOUT IT!

MINISTRY UPDATES

SINGAPORE- MARCH 2008

Dr. Winslow had the privilege of ministering in numerous venues during her 3 weeks ministry time in Singapore in March. She was welcomed again by Paya Lebar Methodist church where she spoke on the combination of worship and prayer. Then Tanglin Fellowship hosted her ministry in a time of worship and teaching where she presented the message on The Simple Person. This message is one that desperately needs to be heard by the Body of Christ. It's always a pleasure to speak to this precious group of saints. Church of Our Savior Anglican church, pastored by Derek Hong hosted 3 meetings with Dr. Winslow teaching on God as Judge. Dr. Winslow also enjoyed speaking to the youth of the church that Saturday where the Spirit of God broke forth on the hundreds of youth. Many of the young people came forth answering a call of God on their lives, weeping and trembling as His Hand was upon them. The youth leader stated that they had been waiting for the breakthrough that happened that night. All in all people were deeply touched with the messages.

The primary purpose for the meetings in Singapore was to



teach a 5-day Institute "Wisdom in the Workplace" Seminar. Nineteen hungry students, from Singapore, Malaysia, China and Hong Kong attended and were deeply encouraged and instructed on the subject. Over 50 people have participated in this Level one Business Seminar and due to the interest and leading of the Holy Spirit, Dr. Winslow will be returning to Singapore in August to conduct a Level two "Wisdom in the Workplace" Seminar.

At the conclusion of these meetings Dr. Winslow met with a representative from Armour Publishing to discuss publications for her upcoming books. In addition to this Dr. Winslow met with an orchestrator to discuss orchestral arrangements for her long awaited Broadway style musical, Daughters of Eve.

FRANCE & ENGLAND- MAY 2008

Once again Dr. Winslow ministered in Chalon France to a very hungry and precious Charismatic Community. She was accompanied on this trip by one



of the IGSC students, Brooke Hudgens. Dr. Winslow spoke for 3 days on Prophetic Worship and also led the majority of the worship in French. The Saturday evening worship service proved to be one of the most intense and holy experiences in the presence of God most had ever experienced. At one point in the worship Dr. Winslow sang out in tongues with such strength that following the service, many of the seminar participants commented on the power of God manifested in the room. It was extremely intense and unique. The following week Dr. Winslow led worship in a prophetic song concert near



Lille, France. It was well attended and accompanied by the presence of God.

At the completion of

the ministry time in France Dr. Winslow and Brooke Hudgens flew to Solihull England where Dr. Winslow spoke to several hundred women at the Blessed 2008 Women's Conference hosted by Pastor Molly Carr, the women's leader of Renewal Christian Center. The teachings went exceptionally well and many women were deeply encouraged and instructed on the subjects of the Affects of the Fall, How to be A Women Who Can Bring Revolution, and the Calling of Deborah. An altar call was given for women called into Deborah type of anointings and without the laying on of hands; the power of God fell on those women standing with power. It was a precious, holy time. The sincere hunger of these women who attended was very precious and is a reminder how women need to solid Biblical teaching to be released into their life changing destinies.