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THE GIFT OF PROPHECY

For those of us familiar with the Bible, and particularly the Jewish testament, we can recall many prophets. The prophets were the "seers" of the future, the gifted ones who God had given insight of things to come. We can also recall the fates of those true prophets who were not the bearers of good news! Many were killed or had to run for their lives because they were not saying what the kings or rulers wanted to hear.

Many of the kings or rulers would be more than happy to take an audience with a false prophet--one who would tell them they would succeed in battles, successfully expand their kingdoms, live forever in the hearts and minds of mankind because of their heroic deeds, etc. But, of course, when those prophecies failed even the false prophets were sent heading for the hills!

So, why am I writing about prophets and prophecies? All of us are prophets when it comes to our own lives! We may not be able to discern the future of a nation or a race of people but we can certainly prophesy about our lives! How?

We have all heard someone say something like, "that always happens to me" when something negative comes about in their lives. And many of us have heard someone say "I'll never be able to afford a better place to live" or a "better car". Maybe we have heard someone say, "It seems like my friends always let me down" or "I have a way of always picking the wrong person for a relationship". All, unfortunately, are prophecies, not only for the occasion when those phrases were uttered but for the future as well! Negative thoughts and words will create for us exactly what we expect them to create!

Now, I'm not saying we should live our lives in a "Pollyanna" manner--i.e., sticking our heads in the sand and ignoring or denying that negative situations are occurring or will occur. What I am saying, though, is that when we try to see all situations in our lives from a positive perspective our lives cannot help but begin to get better. We can begin to do this by being thankful for all the good we really do have in our lives--NOW!

It may be true that "right now" someone can't afford the type of car or home they would like to have but by continually affirming God's prosperity and being thankful for the vehicle or apartment they have been blessed with, eventually they will create a prosperity consciousness that will allow them to have what they desire. They will have "prophesied" themselves into a better life!

So, the next time you are tempted to casually throw out an affirmation like, "I'll never be able to afford that" or "I always get sick when my vacation time comes around" just remember--you are prophesying your own future events! Why not prophecy positively?!

God bless--

All my best--

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