
PRO205 Prophetic Ministry I

3 credits

Description:

Now that you have become confident in your ability to recognize the Lord's voice speaking to you personally through your two-way journaling, and He has had a chance to minister healing and wholeness to your heart, it is only natural that you would want to become His mouthpiece to share His love and life with those around you. Prophecy is that simple; it is you hearing from God for someone else and sharing His heart with them.

In this foundational course, you will gain a solid understanding of the purpose of the prophetic ministry and how it differs from that of the Old Covenant prophets. You will learn who is authorized to judge New Covenant prophecy, and how they are to do so, as well as what makes someone a false prophet. You will gain Scriptural knowledge so that you can lovingly respond to some of the myths held even in the Church concerning spiritual gifts. Finally, you will explore the proper procedure for delivering a prophetic word in a public service and some principles that should guide your delivery of a prophecy.

Course Objectives

- You will quote the following Scriptures:

Acts 3:25

I Corinthians 14:31 NKJV

John 10:27

I Thessalonians 5:19-21

I Timothy 4:14-15 NAS

I Corinthians 14:39-40

I John 4:1

2 Timothy 1:6-7 NKJV

Proverbs 14:4

I Corinthians 13:2

I Corinthians 13:9 Aramaic Bible in Plain English version

- You will discuss the differences between Old Testament and New Testament definitions and uses of the prophetic.
- You will define and discuss the main purpose of New Testament prophetic ministry.
- You will discuss the two aspects of prophecy.
- You will discuss and contrast the gift of prophecy and the office of a prophet.
- You will discuss the three parts of prophecy.
- You will discuss at least ten ways God speaks.
- You will discuss why it is possible to have a prophetic word from God that may have parts that are inaccurate.
- You will discuss who is to judge prophecy and how they are to do so.
- You will discuss the difference between biblical, extra-biblical and anti-biblical.
- You will discuss the three possible responses we may have to a prophetic word, and how to know which is the right response.
- You will discuss at least two reasons why it would be inappropriate to prophesy and why.
- You will discuss at least four principles guiding your delivery of a prophetic word.
- You will discuss the proper procedure for delivering a prophetic word in a public service.
- You will describe a false prophet.

- You will discuss what it means to “practice the gifts of the Holy Spirit,” and what it does not mean.
- You will discuss the greatest obstacle that we must overcome to see our gifts grow.
- You will discuss how you can tell if you are growing in your gifts.
- You will discuss at least three ways that you can practice your spiritual gifts.
- You will state and biblically respond to five myths concerning spiritual gifts and especially prophecy.
- You will discuss the two important elements of our foundation for interpreting prophecy.
- You will discuss what determines your level of authority in someone’s life.
- You will discuss the dangers of seeking a word from God when you have an idol in your heart.
- You will discuss the danger to the prophet of seeking the approval of man above the approval of God.

Course Texts:

Basic Training for the Prophetic Ministry book, study guide and DVDs by Kris Vallotton

You May All Prophesy by Steve Thompson

Course Requirements:

1. Completely and prayerfully read *Basic Training for the Prophetic Ministry* by Kris Vallotton as assigned. Answer the related questions and exercises as instructed in each lesson.
NOTE: These answers will be submitted to your instructor so prepare them in a way that is conducive to do so.
2. Watch the video sessions as assigned, following along and filling

in the blanks in your *Study Guide to Basic Training for the Prophetic Ministry*.

3. Complete the Discussion Questions in the *Study Guide* as assigned in each lesson. NOTE: These will also be submitted to your instructor.
4. Complete the daily exercises from the *Study Guide*. Do them daily as assigned – not all at once! There is a design and purpose to them that will help you grow into the prophetic ministry that the Lord has ordained for you. NOTE: These answers will not be submitted to your instructor.
5. Prayerfully read *You May All Prophesy* by Steve Thompson as assigned. Complete the related Exercises found here in your Student Notebook. NOTE: These exercises WILL be submitted to your instructor.
6. Earn at least a B on Test One and the Final Test.
7. Submit a Final Paper discussing the most important facts and principles you learned through the course, and any ways in which the Lord changed you through it. This paper is due in the final lesson and is to be a minimum of three (3) pages long.

Standards for Grading Assignments

As indicated below, “C” or 2.0 level work is considered average. **Leaders are not average people.** You are therefore expected (required) to put forth the effort necessary to demonstrate at least “B” (3.0) level work or higher on all assignments which you submit. Any which do not will be returned to you with input from your instructor on how you can raise your grade to the expected level. **A course grade will not be given until your assignments demonstrate that you have understood the material presented in the course and allowed your life to be transformed by the Spirit and the Word studied** — the requirements for attaining a “B”.

Your individual assignments (notebooks, tests, reports) will be graded according to the following standards. These grades will be averaged together to determine your course grade. Remember, we are training leaders and leaders are above-average people. Your work will reflect that.

- “D”
 - Indicates barely passing work that is inferior to the average both in quantity and in quality.
 - Manifests a lack of initiative or sense of responsibility or both.
- “C”
 - Average work; either steady work of an acceptable quality, or work of a high quality which is uneven, irregular or fragmentary.
 - May be mechanically or outwardly correct but shows little reflection upon or personal assimilation of the material.
- “B”
 - Intelligently has fulfilled the requirements of this course.
 - Understands the subject matter presented and has applied it to his life in a limited manner but has not really made the truths his own.
- “A”
 - Grasped the material with thoroughness, industry and correctness of detail.
 - Made the material his own by thinking about it and integrating it, using originality, natural ability, and insight.

Lesson One

Assignment to be completed:

Read the Foreword, Preface, Introduction and Chapter 1 of *Basic Training for the Prophetic Ministry* (the larger, 8 ½ x 11 book). Answer the “Questions to Ponder,” “Questions for Group Discussion” and complete the “Life Application.”

Watch Video Session 1, filling in the blanks in your Study Guide (the smaller book) as you watch.

Complete the Discussion Questions in Chapter One of the Study Guide. (Note: the following questions have already been answered in the other text so there is no need to answer them again: 2, 3 and 5. Also, don't just rely on your own wisdom and understanding to answer these questions. Use two-way journaling whenever appropriate.)

Study Guide Activation Exercise: If you have a friend or acquaintance with you can share your prophetic journey, follow the instructions for the Exercise with them in mind. If you have no one to share with, ask the Lord to speak to you about yourself – what treasure within you does He want you to see more clearly?

Complete the daily exercises from the Study Guide. Do them *daily* as assigned – not all at once! There is a design and purpose to them that will help you grow into the prophetic ministry that the Lord has ordained for you.

Memorize Acts 3:25 – It is you who are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘AND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED.’

Complete and correct Self-Test.

Subjects to be explored:

The Purpose of Prophetic Ministry

Related objectives:

- You will quote Acts 3:25.
 - You will discuss the differences between Old Testament and New Testament definitions and uses of the prophetic.
 - You will discuss the main purpose of New Testament prophetic ministry.
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Self-Test

NOTE: *These Self-Tests are designed to clarify and reinforce the lesson objectives. They may be done with open book, if necessary.*

1. Quote Acts 3:25.
2. Indicate whether each of the following phrases applies more to Old Testament (OT) or New Testament (NT) definitions and uses of the prophetic.
 - ___ speaks to the high value and divine potential God has given people
 - ___ the mandate was to judge cities and nations
 - ___ generally release words of condemnation and judgment
 - ___ mandate is edification, exhortation and comfort
 - ___ goal is to find and release the treasure in the dirt of people's lives
 - ___ ultimate goal is to remind the people of God that they need a Savior
 - ___ ultimate goal is reconciliation
 - ___ rooted in love, immersed in hope and motivated by faith
 - ___ the moral is that we can't be good enough to get to heaven
3. True _____ is not demeaning yourself; it is exalting our God.
4. When you were created, you were modeled after _____.

Answers to Self-Test

1. Quote Acts 3:25

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2. Indicate whether each of the following phrases applies more to Old Testament (OT) or New Testament (NT) definitions and uses of the prophetic.

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OT the mandate was to judge cities and nations

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NT rooted in love, immersed in hope and motivated by faith

OT the moral is that we can't be good enough to get to heaven

3. True humility is not demeaning yourself; it is exalting our God.

4. When you were created, you were modeled after Jesus.