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# PRO307 Prophetic Ministry II

*3 credits*

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## **Description:**

In this course you will explore foundational truths and advanced training in the prophetic, including how to: discern your calling, define your appointed sphere of influence, navigate potential relational difficulties as you step into your gifting, and see what true prophetic ministry looks like. You will practice and experiment, taking pains with the spiritual gifts within you, being absorbed in them so that your progress will be evident to all (I Timothy 14, 15).

(Prerequisites: REN103/503, PRO205/525 and PRO207/527)

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## **Course Objectives**

- You will quote the following Scriptures:
  - ✓ I Corinthians 14:1-4
  - ✓ Joel 2:28, 29
  - ✓ I Timothy 1:18
  - ✓ I Corinthians 13:12
  - ✓ II Corinthians 5:17-19
  - ✓ I Timothy 4:14, 15 NAS
  - ✓ I Corinthians 14:29-33, 39, 40
  
- You will state the definitions of the following terms:
  - ✓ prophecy (Randolph's definition)
  - ✓ edify
  - ✓ exhort
  - ✓ comfort

✓ mantle

- You will discuss the differences between Old Testament and New Testament prophets and prophecy.
- You will discuss, with biblical support, the qualifications for being used in the gift of prophecy; that is, who may prophecy.
- You will discuss the four levels of prophecy suggested by Randolph.
- You will discuss the meaning and significance of the statement, “All prophecy is conditional.”
- You will discuss what is necessary to operate in the office of prophet in a local church or ministry.
- You will discuss possible effects of “prophets of doom” to unbelievers.
- You will discuss how prophets can use their gifts to find the gold buried in the dirt of people’s lives rather than on exposing the dirt.
- You will discuss the effects your core values and the condition of your heart have on your spiritual perceptions.
- You will discuss at least four ways in which an angry heart will manifest in a prophet’s ministry.
- You will name at least four ways in which Kingdom core values will manifest in a prophet’s ministry.
- You will state and briefly discuss at least five Kingdom core values that you have embraced for your life and ministry.
- You will allow the Holy Spirit to reveal any ways in which your own insecurities or preconceptions are getting in the way of His pure word that He wants to say to His church.
- You will allow the Holy Spirit to reveal ways He wants to work within you to increase your prophetic maturity in the areas of character, timing and compassion.
- You will state and discuss at least three roles of prophets.
- You will discuss Ezekiel’s experience with the dry bones as a metaphor for New Testament prophetic ministry.

- You will discuss why prophets should ask God for permission before sharing what He reveals to them.
- You will discuss the benefits and drawbacks of having “prophetic superstars or superheroes” in your church or prophetic community.
- You will discuss why prophetic ministry grows best in an “R&D” culture.
- You will discuss the importance of learning the language, culture and values of a nation to which you are called to speak prophetically.
- You will state nine ground rules for ministering to high-level leaders.

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## **Course Texts:**

*User Friendly Prophecy* – Larry Randolph

*School of the Prophets* book – Kris Vallotton

*School of the Prophets* workbook – Kris Vallotton

School of the Prophets DVDs – Kris Vallotton

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## **Course Requirements:**

1. Prayerfully read *User Friendly Prophecy*, completing the related exercises found here in your Student Notebook. NOTE: These exercises will be submitted to your instructor so prepare them in the best way to facilitate this.
2. Follow the instructions given in *School of the Prophets Workbook* by Kris Vallotton. You will find instructions for daily Scripture reading, reading of the text, thought, application and journaling questions, and weekly viewing of the video teaching series. Exercises are given for five days each week for each lesson. Following the instructions will take about 30 minutes per day. To

receive the most benefit from the course, do it the way Vallotton has created it. Since Scripture reading and journaling are part of each day's assignment, you can easily incorporate them into your daily quiet times if you'd like.

- a. Questions to Consider: These questions will help you focus in on the daily teaching, clarify your understanding of it and apply it to your own life and experience. Some questions are appropriate for two-way journaling. Don't just fill your head with information. Take the time to allow it to become flesh in you. These answers will be submitted to your instructor for grading in completeness.
  - b. Life Application: These Applications are usually designed as two-way journaling questions. Use them as such so the Lord can speak to you and shape you into the prophetic person He wants you to be. This journaling will be submitted to your instructor.
3. The texts used in this course do not include prophetic activation exercises, but it is important that you continue to practice, experiment and sharpen your discernment and prophetic skills. Therefore, in each lesson (1-11) you are to choose any one of the Prophetic Assignments found here in your course syllabus/Student Notebook to complete as follows:
- a. Complete at least one assignment during each lesson.
  - b. Do not use any one of the assignments in more than three lessons.
  - c. Keep a journal dedicated to these assignments. Each week, record what you do. Be specific. Include the person (in a generic, non-identifying way) for whom you received the word, the words you received, and how you delivered them. What kind of feedback did you receive?
  - d. After completing each assignment, ask the Lord what He wants to say to you or teach you about the experience. Use two-way

journaling!

- e. In Lesson Twelve, read through this prophetic journal, asking the Lord to show you things you've learned, ways you've grown, and anything else He wants to highlight to you. Write a short summary of what you see. Include two-way journaling about the Lord's response to your stepping out in faith in these ways.
  - f. Submit your complete prophetic journal detailing your weekly assignments and journaling about them along with your final summary and journaling. This is your Final Project.
4. Earn at least a B on the two tests.

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## 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.

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# Lesson One

**Reminder: Save your answers into a digital document** to be emailed to your instructor. Use Microsoft Word, Google Docs, any other word processor or even just save it as an email draft or in the Notes application of your mobile device. Handwritten work will not be accepted without prior approval from your instructor.

## **Assignment to be completed:**

Prayerfully read the Foreword, Introduction and Chapters 1-6 of *User Friendly Prophecy*, completing the related exercises found here in the Student Notebook.

Complete at least one Prophetic Assignment. See Course Requirement #3 for instructions.

Memorize I Corinthians 14:1, 2 – Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual *gifts*, but especially that you may prophesy. For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God; for no one understands, but in *his* spirit he speaks mysteries.

Complete and correct Self-Test.

## **Subjects to be explored:**

Establishing the Scriptural Validity of Prophecy

## **Related objectives:**

- You will quote I Corinthians 14:1, 2.
- You will state Randolph's simple definition of prophecy.
- You will discuss the differences between Old Testament and New Testament prophecy.
- You will discuss, with biblical support, the qualifications for being used in the gift of prophecy; that is, who may prophecy.

- You will discuss the meaning of the Greek word *oikadome* and how it relates to the use of the prophetic gift.
  - You will discuss the biblical definition of “exhortation” and its relationship to the gift of prophecy.
  - You will discuss the biblical meaning of “comfort” and how it relates to the gift of prophecy.
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## *User Friendly Prophecy* **Exercises**

1. Discuss the apparent purpose of the Old Testament prophets.
2. Do your own study of the phrases “school of the prophets” and “sons of the prophets” to find out everything the Bible says about them.
3. In your own words, as if answering the question of a sincere seeker, discuss the biblical support for the gift of prophecy.
4. What is the Hebrew word used most often in the Old Testament to describe prophesy? What is its root meaning? What is its more contemporary connotation?
5. What is Randolph’s simple definition of prophecy?
6. In your own words, as if explaining to a sincere seeker, discuss the contrast between the spirit of prophecy seen in the Old and New Covenants.
7. In your own words, and with biblical support, discuss the relationship between speaking in tongues and prophesying.
8. In your own words, and with biblical support, discuss the possibility of laymen being used in the gift of prophecy.

9. In your own words and with biblical support, discuss your beliefs concerning the Scriptural ability of women to operate in the gift of prophecy.
10. In your own words and with biblical support, discuss your beliefs concerning the Scriptural ability of children to operate in the gift of prophecy.
11. If you are a parent and you believe that children can legitimately prophesy, ask the Lord what He would have you specifically do to stimulate and encourage the gift of prophecy in your child. Record what He tells you, and how you are obedient to Him.
12. What are the guidelines your church has established for the use of the gift of prophecy?
13. Discuss the meaning of the Greek word *oikadome* and how it relates to the use of the prophetic gift. Ask the Holy Spirit to remind you of times you have rightly used your prophetic gift to edify, and convict you of any times you have been more harsh than He desired. Seek to experience and express only His heart and love for His Bride.
14. Give a biblical definition of “exhortation” and its relationship to the gift of prophecy.
15. Discuss the biblical meaning of “comfort” and how it relates to our study of the gift of prophecy.

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# Prophetic Assignments

These exercises are taken from *God Secrets Workbook* by Shawn Bolz and *Basic Training for the Prophetic Ministry* by Kris Vallotton.

- Complete at least one assignment during each lesson.
- Do not use any one of the assignments in more than three lessons.
- Keep a record of what you do, the words you receive, and the results you see.
- Refer to Course Requirement #3 for complete instructions.

1. Ask God to highlight someone you haven't talked to in a long time. Pray for them and ask God how they are doing (their basic mood in life). Then text or call them with a life encouragement based on how you feel. See how they respond.
2. Talk to two people you aren't that close to and purpose to get to know them. As you engage in conversation with each one, ask God how He feels about them. After your conversation, reflect on what you heard. Could you hear God clearly? How did what He revealed to you affect your conversation and how you saw the other person?
3. Ask the Lord to highlight a specific person in your life and ask Him to share with you His thoughts toward them. Imagine the God of the universe dreaming of this person before the beginning of time. What were His dreams for him or her? What does He love about them? What inspires His heart about them? The goal of this exercise isn't to get a word necessarily but to let God reveal how to honor and value someone you're praying about as you're gaining intimacy with Him. Did you hear Him? What do you feel that He said? How did this exercise affect you?
4. Ask the Lord for three personal (for yourself) words of knowledge, being intentional to ask Him for specific details for each

word. Write down these words and the details in a journal or safe place. Date them. As the Lord continues to speak to you about each one, add these words to ones you initially heard. As fulfillment of these words begins to happen, check back on your original words to see how clearly you hear the Lord speaking to you.

5. Pick one of the following categories: healing, the world around you, justice, or transformational word. Ask the Lord for a specific word of knowledge. If you receive a word, ask Him what your next step is with that word. Then take action on what you hear.
6. Ask God for a word of knowledge or prophetic word either for yourself or for people you already know. Take a risk and share it. Write down the outcome.
7. If you have given a prophetic word of knowledge before, write down two of those occasions. Contact the people and ask the following questions:

How has the word impacted your life? Do you feel the word was accurate? Do you feel like you've had any fulfillment of this word? How can I help steward this word I shared?
8. If you have received a prophecy of any type, describe the feedback you would have given the person if you had the chance. How impactful was the word? How accurate was the word? (Use percentages) Was there any fulfillment of the word? If not, do you still have hope for fulfillment? How have you stewarded the word you received? Did it help you connect to God more deeply or think about something differently?
9. Pick one of your Christian friends on social media whom you don't know well and write them a prayer. Try to use something that God showed you with words of knowledge. At the end of the letter, ask for feedback: "Does this make sense? Is this helpful?" Then send it with love.
10. Step out of your comfort zone. If you are an extrovert, challenge yourself to spend time with just the Lord, asking Him for words of

knowledge about someone specific. Then ask Him how you are to deliver the word. If you're an introvert, take a risk and go out and talk to people. As you're talking to them, ask the Lord what He has to say to them and about them.

11. Identify and write down how you hear or receive from God. Make a list of other ways you want to hear the Lord. Take time to talk to the Lord about those desires and ask Him to begin speaking to you in those new ways.
12. Pick a person you are around and ask God about them using Shawn Bolz's four-step model (below). Write down any words of knowledge you feel you're getting. Then take the risk and ask them if any of it is correct. You can always qualify why you're doing this: "I'm doing a class on hearing God's voice and I had some spiritual impressions I would like to share with you. Can I have two minutes?"  
**The Four-Step Model:** (1) Ask God about their heart and life and what He loves about them. Why did He make them? (2) Ask God about their family and friends and the relationships that are most precious to them. (3) Ask God about their occupation or what they spend the most time doing. (4) Ask God about their spiritual calling and what God made them to do.
13. Spend some time in prayer and ask God for a word for a friend or family member. Call that person or deliver it face to face (not text or email, so pick someone with whom you can speak directly. Invite that friend or family member to give you feedback on your deliver of the word of knowledge: Did he/she feel that God loved him/her based on the word? Did you use easy-to understand terminology? Did you overshare or share inappropriately? Was the person to you ministered able to relate to what you were saying? Was the word believable and delivered with confidence?
14. Choose a person outside your Christian experience (either unsaved or non-charismatic or in a church where they don't practice the prophetic). Call and ask him if you can pray for him and for what he needs specific prayer. Then tell him that you are going to

ask God to do it for him right there, and that in the days ahead, you'll also share anything you feel like God shows you. Pray and share.

15. Think of one person in your life with whom you have the most problems. Spend some time praying for that person. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you one aspect of the glory of God that is assigned to that person. Then go tell the person what you see and observe how this affects your relationship.
16. Go to someone who is gifted in the area of the prophetic or words of knowledge and have that person lay hands on you and pray for you to receive this gift.
17. Go on a Holy Spirit adventure! You can do this by simply taking a few minutes to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you where to go and who to talk to. He is eager to accompany you on this exploit!
18. Team up with a couple of other prophetic people who are willing to follow the ground rules below. Prophesy and give words of knowledge to each other. Ask those who received the words to judge them for accuracy. This is not the time to extend mercy to each other! Honesty is very important as we learn to hear the Holy Spirit's voice. We learn just as much from being wrong as we do from being right. So if the word we received was not accurate, it is right and proper to tell the person who prophesied. We should also include the reason why we do not believe the word, or portions of it, are from God.
19. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you a prophetic word during a church service. Practice the prophetic protocol of your assembly in delivering the word. If there are gatekeepers, give them the word you believe the Lord gave you. Allow them to determine the authenticity and timing of the word. If you are given permission to deliver the word, be conscious of not just what to say but how to say it.

20. *(Do not do this exercise until you have completed Lesson Eleven.)*  
Write down a prophetic word for a leader in your church or community. It can be your pastor, a policeman, a city council member, a teacher, etc. Try to get at least one word of knowledge for him or her. Then email, text, or mail it. Try to get feedback.
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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. According to Joel 2:28, 29, upon what six categories of people does the Lord promise to pour out His Spirit?
  - a.
  - b.
  - c.
  - d.
  - e.
  - f.
2. A simple definition of \_\_\_\_\_ is God speaking through man.
3. The Greek word for \_\_\_\_\_ means to build up, construct, confirm, establish.
4. To \_\_\_\_\_ means to urge, appeal, admonish earnestly; to cry out, woo and call near; to prompt and urge the Church to draw near to God.

5. Biblically speaking, to \_\_\_\_\_ is to give consolation or to come alongside; to strengthen and to reinforce. It denotes giving physical, mental and spiritual refreshment.
6. Select those who are disqualified from being used in the gift of prophecy, biblically speaking:
- Men
  - Women
  - Children
  - The uneducated
  - The unavailable
  - The immature
  - The un-ordained
7. Write OT or NT on the lines to indicate if it is a characteristic of Old Testament or New Testament prophecy.
- \_\_\_ The Spirit comes upon the prophet for the purpose of prophesying
- \_\_\_ The prophecy is possibly audibly dictated
- \_\_\_ The Spirit dwells within
- \_\_\_ Prophecy is the ability to perceive God's heart
- \_\_\_ Prophecy operates as a result of an inward witness and prompting
- \_\_\_ Prophecy comes as a result of outward stimulation
8. Quote I Corinthians 14:1, 2.

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# Answers to Self-Test

1. According to Joel 2:28, 29, upon what six categories of people does the Lord promise to pour out His Spirit?
  - a) sons
  - b) daughters
  - c) old men
  - d) young men
  - e) male servants
  - f) female servants
2. A simple definition of prophecy is God speaking through man. (UFP p 28)
3. The Greek word for edify means to build up, construct, confirm, establish. (UFP p 70-73)
4. To exhort means to urge, appeal, admonish earnestly; to cry out, woo and call near; to prompt and urge the Church to draw near to God. (UFP p 73, 74)
5. Biblically speaking, to comfort is to give consolation or to come alongside; to strengthen and to reinforce. It denotes giving physical, mental and spiritual refreshment. (UFP p 74-76)
6. Select those who are disqualified from being used in the gift of prophecy, biblically speaking: (UFP p 49-55)
  - Men
  - Women
  - Children
  - The uneducated
  - The unavailable
  - The immature
  - The un-ordained

7. Write OT or NT on the lines to indicate if it is a characteristic of Old Testament or New Testament prophecy. (UFP p 29-31)

OT The Spirit comes upon the prophet for the purpose of prophesying

OT The prophecy is possibly audibly dictated

NT The Spirit dwells within

NT Prophecy is the ability to perceive God's heart

NT Prophecy operates as a result of an inward witness and prompting

OT Prophecy comes as a result of outward stimulation

8. Quote I Corinthians 14:1, 2. Pursue love, yet desire earnestly spiritual *gifts*, but especially that you may prophesy. For one who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God; for no one understands, but in *his* spirit he speaks mysteries.