

## KEYS TO DEVELOP THE PROPHETIC SONG

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### INTRODUCTION

We need to develop the prophetic song as an integral part of our communion with God. Our relationship with God is a dialogue, not a monologue. Thus, we need to continue the circle of communication, and allow the free flow of the prophetic into our worship experience. These are a few practical suggestions:

#### I. Start from the Beginning

##### A. Sing with the Understanding

###### 1. Exercise your soul (mind)

###### a) Think

Philippians 4:8<sup>8</sup> Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. (KJV)

###### b) Remember

Psalms 103:2<sup>2</sup> Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: (KJV)

###### c) Concentrate

Psalms 1:2<sup>2</sup> But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. (KJV)

###### 2. Exercise your voice

###### a) Open your mouth

You need to open the valve for the water to flow

Psalms 51:15<sup>15</sup> O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. (KJV)

###### b) Defeat your prejudices against yourself

Psalms 139:14<sup>14</sup> I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. (KJV)

##### B. Sing with the Spirit

###### 1. Sing with your prayer language (tongues)

1 Corinthians 14:15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. (KJV)

2. Sing from within (deep intention)

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. (KJV)

C. Sing a New Song

1. Sing spontaneously in your own language

a) Be childlike

Matthew 18:3<sup>3</sup> and said, Verily I say unto you, except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. (KJV)

b) Sing your prayers

Revelation 5:9<sup>9</sup> and they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; (KJV)

2. Interpret your songs

a) Everything you sing in tongues has a meaning

1 Corinthians 14:10<sup>10</sup> there are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification. (KJV)

b) Pray and expect the interpretation

1 Corinthians 14:13<sup>13</sup> wherefore let him that speaketh in an unknown tongue pray that he may interpret. (KJV)

D. Sing a Prophetic Song

1. It is a prophecy expressed through a song

1 Chronicles 25:3 Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun, who prophesied with a harp, to give thanks and to praise the LORD. (KJV)

2. It is the expression of the Heart of God

Isaiah 5:1 Now will I sing to my well beloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My well beloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill: (KJV)

3. It is a declaration of the Word of God.

Psalms 2:7 I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. (KJV)

II. Cross the threshold of your past experiences

#### A. From Known to Unknown

1. Every song represents an experience  
The Mind is a huge file full of data
2. Do not depend on the overhead projector
3. Sing a song that is brand new  
Psalm 96:1 O sing unto the LORD a new song: sing unto the LORD, all the earth. (KJV)

#### B. From Intellectual to Spiritual

1. Two Fountains: Mind and Spirit  
1 Corinthians 14:15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. (KJV)
2. Sing a song that communicates the spiritual  
1 Corinthians 2:13 <sup>13</sup> Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. (KJV)

#### C. From Structured to Spontaneous

1. Too much structure and program will hinder spontaneity
2. Sing a song that comes out of a spiritual impulse

#### D. From Shallow to Deep

1. Empty words flow from a distracted mind  
1 Peter 1:13 Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; (KJV)
2. Sing a significant song
  - a) Expand your vocabulary  
Use a dictionary
  - b) Use words that express deeper thoughts and feelings

#### E. From Casual to Intimate

1. Worship must draw you closer in the relationship
2. Sing a song that expresses intimate thoughts, feelings and desires

### III. Sing an inspired song

#### A. Inspiration is the answer to lack of creativity

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to inspire you

Exodus 35:31 <sup>31</sup> and he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship; (KJV)

2. Do not depend on your abilities

Zechariah 4:6 <sup>6</sup> Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. (KJV)

#### B. Inspiration is the breath of God

1. This breath is inside you

Genesis 2:7 <sup>7</sup> And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. (KJV)

2. Inspiration, Expiration; Inhalation, Exhalation

Psalms 150:6 <sup>6</sup> Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD. (KJV)

3. What comes in, comes out

Luke 6:45 <sup>45</sup> A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh. (KJV)

#### C. Sing from your innermost being

1. The source of the Song

John 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (KJV)

## 2. The intensity of the Song

Romans 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. (KJV)

### IV. Three practical steps

#### A. Be filled with the Holy Spirit every day

##### 1. Be continually filled

Ephesians 5:18 <sup>18</sup> And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; (KJV)

##### 2. Receive it by faith

Galatians 3:2 <sup>2</sup> This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? (KJV)

#### B. Get rid of the excuses

##### 1. "I am not a prophet"

a) You don't need to be a prophet to prophesy

1 Corinthians 14:31 <sup>31</sup> For ye may all prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be comforted. (KJV)

b) God desires to use everybody to prophesy

Numbers 11:29 <sup>29</sup> And Moses said unto him, Enviest thou for my sake? Would God that all the LORD'S people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit upon them! (KJV)

##### 2. "I don't sing because I don't sing well"

a) It is the other way around: You don't sing well because you don't sing

Hebrews 5:14 <sup>14</sup> But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. (KJV)

b) If you don't use it, you lose it.

Matthew 25:28 <sup>28</sup> Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents. (KJV)

##### 3. "I am not capable"

a) That is exactly why the Lord has given us gifts

1 Corinthians 14:1 Follow after charity, and desire spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. (KJV)

b) He receives the Glory

2 Corinthians 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us. (KJV)

2 Corinthians 12:9 And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (KJV)

### C. Take steps outside your comfort zone

#### 1. Overcome the fear of failure

a) This comes from the fear of man: What will they think of me?

Proverbs 29:25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe. (KJV)

b) We will make mistakes as we learn

1 Corinthians 13:11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. (KJV)

#### 2. Practice, Practice, Practice

2 Timothy 2:5 <sup>5</sup> And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully. (KJV)

### CONCLUSION

Everybody can prophesy with a song and communicate the heart of God to this suffering generation. It only takes a little bit of faith, a humble heart and a lot of practice.