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From *Revelation* to *Edification*

Why Protocol? – Definition

► **Dictionary Definition:**

A code of diplomatic or military etiquette, precedence and courtesy. A formal statement of transaction.

► **Suggested Definition of a Prophetic Protocol:**

The proper administration and order of prophetic words and other prophetic releases (e.g. prophetic acts, dances, art, poetry etc.) which, when observed, provides the person/church/nation to which the word is given

the maximum ability to receive and benefit from the word given, and enabling the one bringing the word to understand the acceptable way in which the word is to be released in a particular setting.



Elements of a Prophetic Word

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- **Revelation**
 - **Interpretation**
 - **Application**
 - **Communication**
 - **Impartation**

Guidelines – Protocol

- **There is always a Protocol or Guidelines:**
 - Spoken or Unspoken
 - Written or Unwritten
- **For the Prophetic Person - find out:**
 - **The guidelines:**
 - How is prophecy administered in that setting?
 - Do you have permission to speak publicly in that meeting?
 - Do you have authority to speak?
 - Do you have more than the revelation?

Simple Administration of Prophecy in Different Meetings.

- **For Leaders: Wisdom is to make sure everyone knows how prophecy is administered in any particular meeting.**
 - **For Example on Sunday Mornings:**
 - **Particular leader** designated at the front. Share what you have with them. Must be positive, encouraging and short.
 - **The leader decides how it is shared:**
 - You share it or the leader shares it
 - End of the worship then leader shares a summary of all revelation given to them.
 - Not for that meeting. For the person themselves, For another setting.
 - For end of meeting - for ministry time - healing etc.
 - **For Example Prayer Meeting:**
 - Share when leader asks what people have received – share in a short, clear, positive way. Promise.
 - Leader decides which revelation used when in the meeting.

1 Corinthians 12-14:

ch12: Comprehension, Operation, Differentiation, Satisfaction

- Not ignorant of
- **No one curses Jesus;** The Holy Spirit always lifts up and points to Jesus. (Polycarp)
- **Different gifts, uses, ministries and parts of the body.**
- **For common good, profit, benefit, advantage** of all. What blesses and builds up others. Working together to see body built up. Each part honours all other parts.

1 Corinthians 12-14:

ch13: Motivation

ch14: Administration

➤ 1 Corinthians 13: Motivation

- The Motivation for the gifts
- The most excellent way. Faith Hope and Love greatest is Love

➤ 1 Corinthians 14: Administration

- The administration of the gifts.

1 Corinthians 12-14:

ch14: The Administration of Prophecy

- **Especially to Prophecy – Why?**
- **Edification**
 - Tongues (unknown languages) speak to God and builds speaker up but does not build up the people.
 - He that prophesies speaks to men for:
 - **Building up the church.**
 - **Encouragement**
 - **Comfort**
 - Zeal for gifts but to build up

Need Clarity – Understandability

► Interpretation

► Leader of Meeting - Job:

- To make sure any public gift is understood – What it is saying, what we are corporately doing or not doing with it.:
- **Tongues or other forms of prophetic language need interpretation for the church to be built up. Dreams, visions, dance etc.** Languages need translation.
- **Pray for Interpretation:** Pray/sing with the spirit and understanding.

► Clarification

- **Clear Language: of revelation, knowledge, prophecy, teaching.**
- **Example:** musical instruments to give clear distinct sound
 - So know which instrument and the type of music played –
 - If a trumpet gives an indistinct, unclear sound how do people prepare for war?

Need Clarity – Understandability

► Communication

- **Easy to understand**, intelligible, clear. To inform, instruct.

► Maturity:

- Maturity in the things of the Spirit – *“in understanding be men”*

► Fruit from Clarity:

- **The ungifted** or **unbelievers** know/convicted God is there.
- **Secrets of hearts** revealed - the treasure of Christ in them is released.
- **Known of all** – I know no man after the flesh but after the Spirit. Hidden person of the heart. Treasured - like Mary.

When you come Together

- ▶ **Psalm, teaching, tongue, revelation, interpretation,**
 - ▶ Tongues: 2 or 3 and let one interpret. No interpretation – quiet.
 - ▶ 2 or 3 prophets speak and others judge.
 - ▶ Revelation to another then let him speak too.
- ▶ **All can Prophecy one by one so:**
 - ▶ All can learn and be encouraged.
 - ▶ All for edification
 - ▶ Desire to prophecy and don't forbid tongues
- ▶ **God is not the author of confusion**
 - ▶ = instability, disorder, disturbance)
 - ▶ **but of peace** (like shalom).
 - ▶ Spirits of the prophets subject to the prophets
 - ▶ Let all things be done decently and in order.
 - ▶ Decently = honourably, decently, honestly, nobly becomingly, gracefully.
 - ▶ Order = dignity, well conducted, well arranged, orderly conduct as in due course or character.