

Episode 011

Interview: Prophetic Insights with Ps John Tiplady

Introduction

Ps John Tiplady and his wife Lynette have ministered in churches in various leadership roles since the 1960s, serving as senior pastors of a church in Auckland New Zealand for 17 years. Over the last 20 years, they have ministered internationally to the Body of Christ. In the late 90's and into the early 2000's Ps John hosted a nation wide phone in prayer meeting 3 nights a week called "A Time To Believe" on Radio Rhema. They are currently attending Life Church and have 4 children and 7 grandchildren. His heart is to see the Body of Christ come to full maturity and each member be unshakeably grounded in the Word and be fully filled with the Holy Spirit so that each Christian fulfills the calling of God for one's life.

Key points from the interview:

Developing in the prophetic

- Prophecy from the Word of God
- Relating with others who have a desire to prophesy. Learning from people with the prophetic gifting and mantle. Flow under God's anointing as they also move with God.
- Digs into the Word of God, memorise Scriptures. Building one's spiritual storehouse upon God's Word. The Holy Spirit may highlight and prompt God's Word to our hearts to encourage someone.

Highlights

- Importance of discerning God's voice. Not to be hasty in giving out a word in a highly emotional setting.
- Not to doubt what God may be showing us. Place confidence in God as we press into prayer and seek God for His revelation.
- Be prepared to share with humility. Sometimes our natural mind may back down but the Holy Spirit may lead us to press in.



Pitfalls to avoid in the prophetic

- Many may be passionate and enthusiastic for the prophetic yet we are to remember the sure word of prophecy comes through God's Word. Therefore, build one's life on the Word.
- Not to take offence when church leadership may not receive your prophecy. We are responsible to bring the Word and leave it with them. God is responsible to bring the word to pass. Don't be so attached to the prophecy and be offended if prophecy is not picked up by others.
- Be careful of directional prophecy. Prophecy with grace and deliver with love. This allows the Spirit of God to bring change in a person's life in His time. Prophecy in such a way to reflect God's heart.

Tip to be honed in the prophetic

- Every prophetic ministry has its own uniqueness. Giftings that God pours out are not static. So let us not just settle down but let God lead us higher onwards. Keep on pursuing the Lord for more.



Discussion Questions

These questions could be done personally or as part of a group discussion.

1. What is God inspiring you to develop in as you hear from Ps John Tiplady's sharing on how he developed in the prophetic?
2. What is one key prophetic tip you have received from today's interview with Ps John Tiplady? What are some small steps you would take to grow in the prophetic?
3. In any ministry and call, there are pitfalls. What is the Lord speaking to you regarding possible pitfalls in the prophetic. If there is, how would you seek to address this pitfall, perhaps with the help of someone you can trust to confide in and receive counsel from?





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