

## Prophets & Visionaries – Part 3

I want to tell you that I was raised in a spiritual atmosphere that never mentioned the prophetic ministry. I wish I had learned a lot earlier what we are going to look at today. My parents were good people but they never had much use for this. Even on Saturday nights they would amuse themselves by watching programs with Oral Roberts and laugh at it.

Since that time I have come to understand the prophetic ministry is both healthy and valued. There can be horror stories in anything, but that only tempts us to throw the “baby out with the bath water”. There is a very dangerous error in rejecting the prophetic ministry. Let’s look at it in the Word of God ~~

Read Eph. 4:11-16 -- And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head — Christ — from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love. NKJV

We have to learn in this scripture that prophets are a gift from God to be used to correctly build His Church. It is a Church that Jesus said, “the gates of hell will not prevail against it.” Without prophets in or midst then the gates of hell could prevail against it.

**Principle – Sometimes we actually can learn the value of a ministry by seeing how much effort is used by the powers of darkness to distort and defile that ministry.**

