

Prophecy: Part 2

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DISCUSSION QUESTION: Do you judge (weigh things) that you put in your mouth to eat? Why is it important to weigh things that you allow into your heart?

1 Thessalonians 5:20-22 *"do not despise prophetic utterances. 21 But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; 22 abstain from every form of evil."* [NASU]

REVIEW:

Last week in Part 1 we stated that Prophecy should be welcomed.

1 Thessalonians 5:20 *"do not despise prophetic utterances."* [KJV]

We welcome it by Earnestly Desiring It, Endeavoring to Edify, using the Extent of our Faith, through the Enablement of the Holy Spirit

TODAY: Prophecy is to be Weighed

1 Thess 5:21a *"Prove all things; ..."* [KJV]

"but test everything that is said to be sure it is true..." [TLB]

The word prove here in the text implies to test; by implication to approve; it is to allow, discern, examine or try; it goes further in that what is being proved should be scrutinized so we can recognize as genuine and after examination we can approve and deem worthy.

1 Peter 1:7 *"That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:"* [KJV]

From time to time our faith is scrutinized; examined...tried by fire and the result of genuine faith is praise, glory and honor when Jesus is revealed.

Do you scrutinize what you eat; or do you eat anything that someone tells you is good?

Why would you put in your heart anything without scrutinizing it if you will not put anything in your mouth without scrutinizing it?

Matthew 15:17-18 *"Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? 18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man."* [KJV]

Weigh by:

a. Trying the Spirits

1 John 4:1 *"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."* [KJV]

Every spirit needs to be tested. We are not to believe everything that is said!

Prov 14:15 *"The simple believeth every word: but the prudent man looketh well to his going."* [KJV]

"The naive believes everything, But the sensible man considers his steps." [NASU]

"The simple believes everything, but the prudent gives thought to his steps. 16 One who is wise is cautious and turns away from evil, but a fool is reckless and careless." [ESV]

The Holy Spirit will give us discernment and if good men can't agree, good men will not put it on God. They will fast and pray until they get clarity!

Weigh by:

b. Searching the Scriptures

Acts 17:10-11 *"And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so."* [KJV]

If we would take the time to know God's Word we would not be easily duped by people that say they are speaking for God.

Jude 3-4 *"Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you to contend for the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints. 4 For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ."* [ESV]

Weigh by:

c. Subjection to Body of Christ

1 Cor 14:29-32 *"Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said. 30 If a revelation is made to another sitting there, let the first be silent. 31 For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged, 32 and the spirits of prophets are subject to prophets."* [ESV]

By subjection I am implying that one places themselves under the power and author of others.

If a person claims to have a word from the Lord and is not willing to submit it to the Body, more importantly other spiritual leaders to be weighed then you need to cut them off.

Weigh by:

d. Setting Apart Christ

1 Peter 3:15 *"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:"* [KJV]

Christ and HIS will need to be preeminent in your life!