

## PROPHETIC GUIDELINES

Various opportunities to minister prophetically to individuals or activate saints in the gifts of the Spirit may arise at this and other Christian International conferences. These opportunities are scheduled and are directed by Christian International leadership and staff. These are the only times that you and other conference attendees should be sharing a personal prophetic word with one another.

“Parking lot prophecies” are those given from one person to another without spiritual leadership being present to provide covering for both the person(s) ministering and the person(s) receiving ministry. Therefore, please understand that prophesying or sharing revelation of a personal nature with others you may encounter at this conference is prohibited. It is erroneous to think that if you sense a word that it must be given, as the ‘spirit of the prophet is subject to the prophet’ (1 Corinthians 14:32).

The reason for this policy is two-fold. First, we record all prophetic utterances as a blessing for the person(s) receiving ministry, as well as for the protection of the person(s) who are ministering. Otherwise each person must rely on his/her remembrance concerning what was said and the context and spirit in which it was ministered. Often when receiving a prophecy, we interpret the word based on what we need or want to hear, not on what was actually said.

Secondly, we are responsible to ensure all ministry is effective and ministered in the right spirit. We want to evaluate and witness all personal ministry to ensure people are not misled and that they are enabled to properly respond to their personal prophetic word.

We encourage you to submit the word(s) you have received to those with whom you have an accountable relationship. Oftentimes your pastor will be able to provide caring and accurate input into your life with regard to the prophecy received, particularly in relationship to the timing of certain words being fulfilled. It should be noted that personal prophecy does not replace the need for pastoral counsel and oversight; receiving a valid, genuine “word” from the Lord is not a license to become independent and return home feeling spiritually superior. Some, after receiving a personal prophecy, have returned home and thrown the ‘word’ on their pastor’s desk as justification of the person’s calling or situation. Prophecy is one way of revealing the will of God. Pastoral counsel is another complementary way; the two should flow together.

1. Please do not prophesy, imply or ask someone to support you financially. It is strictly prohibited.
2. Please do not push your self, products or a business onto others. If someone identified himself/herself to you as one ordained and covered by Christian International, it would be wise to verify this with Christian International leadership.
3. Please do not distribute or make available any publications or materials to other conference attendees. Resource tables are provided for guest speakers, workshop leaders (when applicable) and approved vendors, without exception.