



# *INSTRUCTIONS IN RIGHTEOUSNESS*

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## *The Prophetic Template*

Every created thing has a prophetic template. Planets, angels and animals all have a divine design that waits to be fulfilled. The greatest templates in creation belong to people because they are made in God's image. Do you know what your template is? It is the predesigned intention for your life and it longs to be completed. Discovering your template and filling it in, is your most important accomplishment. Your battle is to remove carnal roadblocks and overcome demonic attacks and strongholds; they obscure vision and hinder your progress. Then, with all you have, pursue your prophetic template.

God can speak to us in many ways. He communicates through dreams, visions, Bible verses, an inner voice, circumstances, signs and wonders, preachers and prophets and even an audible voice. His words are positional and directive; they tell us who we are and what we must do. This knowledge is our prophetic template. It is a gift from God. It gives us purpose. Without it we can live a shallow and an aimless life.

Two cautions loom before us. First of all, we must confirm that a personal prophecy is from God. Too many people chase after false prophetic words that are given by humans alone, and not by God. That leads to confusion, disappointment and a dead end.

The second caution has to do with timing. A prophetic word may be genuine but it has a time schedule attached to it. We can run ahead of it or move too slowly because of fear. The fulfillment of every word is dependent on hearing and obeying the Holy Spirit for His timing. We must stay in step with Him.

These two cautions are not given to paralyze us but to press us into God. Once we confirm a detail of our prophetic template, it is our responsibility to fill it in. The prophecy was given to show us God's design. This is His will and we have been given insight so we

will know which way to walk and what to pursue.

Remember the story of Abraham and Ishmael; Abraham was promised Isaac as a son, but he became impatient and conceived Ishmael. He missed God's timing and created a problem. Many have studied this story and have used it as a reason for inactivity. Some have become complacent and even lukewarm. Abraham's grandsons Esau and Jacob reveal the other side of the 'wait on God' story. Jacob pursued his birthright and Esau did not. Jacob passionately pursued God's blessing and God said, "Jacob have I loved."

Esau put his inheritance in jeopardy by being dispassionate about it. He had opportunity to pursue his prophetic template but failed to do so.

Herein is a great lesson; once we know a part of our template, it is our responsibility to complete it. We look for the timing of the Lord, then we must press into our prophetic destiny with all our hearts.

Some people receive a prophetic word, but never make a move toward it. If God has told you that you will be a missionary in Africa and you have confirmation that this word is from God, then you should be preparing for it and listening for God's timing.

For example:

1. While waiting on the Lord, you should pray regularly and focus intently on your prophetic path until it comes to pass.
2. A missionary abroad should first be a minister at home, so study to gain wisdom and Biblical understanding. This may also involve study in a field such as medicine, agriculture or education.
3. Serve in a local church or ministry so you may be skillful in working with people, being a team player and honing your ministry presentation skills. If you are not a minister at home you will likely not be qualified or anointed abroad.
4. You should save your money for the mission, for you will need a financial base for travelling to and working in Africa.
5. You should pursue ministry networks, relationships both at home and abroad. Ministers need friends and support from a home base. They will also need friends who can open doors for them in Africa.
6. You should make sure that your passport, travel and health documents are up to date.
7. You should plan visits to Africa. If you received this prophetic word from God then you will have to visit, so buy a ticket and board a plane.
8. Then get ready to move.

You should apply this sort of preparation to every part of your template. It shows that you have faith, that you are passionate about your call and you will not let life pass by without working hard to fulfill it.

The difference between Jacob and Esau was the handling of their prophetic templates. Esau was casual and distracted regarding his, but Jacob wrestled with the angel until his name was changed to Israel, which means, one who has prevailed like a prince. The entire Jewish race was named after him. He filled in his prophetic template and completed God's design for his life.

Your prophetic template is more serious than you might realize. While it is your responsibility to discover and complete it, the resultant blessings are for others. A generational blessing falls upon the descendants of those who rise to greatness and fulfill their prophetic calling.

Many people talk about generational curses. They are personal judgments, but they hinder the progress of ones' children and grandchildren as well.

Likewise, there are activities that bring generational blessings; fulfilling your God-purpose is one of them.

In a way, we are all representing our families. We have been given a prophetic template but it is for our families. When we complete our

course as only we can, the prize becomes a family blessing for many generations to come.

The Bible says that curses go for 3 or 4 generations but the blessings of God is for a thousand generations. (See Ex.20: 4-5)

This transaction is also true for leaders of nations and pastors of churches. Wicked leadership can bring curses upon an entire nation or community but if a leader completes his prophetic template, he will bring God's blessings upon a nation or community.

Scripture says, "*Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.*" Ps. 14:34

There are many details to your own prophetic template. The details may involve being a good daughter, a great spouse and an excellent parent. You may be called to be a political leader, a pastor, a worship leader, a counselor, a nurse, a financial giver, a teacher, an author, an intercessor, a soldier, a worker in the community or church, a boy scout leader or you may work in a mission of mercy.

There are millions of prophetic templates and all of them are different. Each one has been designed by God and each one has greatness in it. Seek the Lord to discover your template and work to fulfill it. God has designed it just for you. **A Ω**



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