

Prophecy While Fornicating

Let me be very transparent here. It pains me to talk about such a sensitive subject because some of the people I've witnessed prophesying while in the midst of fornication were very dear to me. Of course, I'd rebuked them in love, all the while, trying to get them to change their minds, but that didn't always work. The flesh wants what it wants, and sometimes individuals who've been given religious titles are the most stubborn people on the face of this earth because they already know most of what you're saying to them. They know they're in sin. They know that God is not pleased with their choices, but they have something in their sights that they want to acquire before returning to their righteous seats, so they learn the language of the religious and start justifying their behaviors. They learn to take scriptures out of context in an attempt to support their sinful lifestyles, and one of the most commonly quoted scriptures is Matthew 7:1, which reads, "Judge not, that ye be not judged." In other words, they are in rebellion, and it's harder to correct a rebellious saint than it is to lead an unwise fool to salvation.

I remember getting a call from a woman I'd met on Facebook. (We'll call her Diana). Over the years, we'd grown pretty close, but I knew that we couldn't be the best of friends because I'd come to see that I was more of a mentor to her than a friend, and this meant that our relationship wasn't going to be an equally beneficial relationship. Anytime you're pouring out more than you are receiving, it's not always wise to label the relationship a friendship. Instead, it's better to call it what it is: a mentorship. When we label ministry opportunities (aka mentorships) as friendships, the person pouring out starts to feel drained and taken advantage of because the person they've labeled as a friend is taking away from them, but not putting much back into the friendship. But when we began to place the right labels on relationships, we won't be so offended when we don't get much of anything in return. Instead, we know to put rules and guidelines in place to ensure that we don't become religious servants of the person who's pulling on us for answers. People who are being mentored will often call their mentors more than they call their friends because they want guidance, and they see the person or people they're calling as their own personal life coaches. They also expect more from the relationship, especially if the mentor mislabels the relationship a friendship. But if the relationship is labeled correctly, the mentor can set guidelines that ensures that his or her time is not abused.

I made sure that I maintained the same level of love and respect for Diana that I wanted her to give me. She'd always told me that she was a prophetess, and she'd always thanked me for not judging her when she'd fallen. Many people in the church had turned away from her, but I wanted to be there for her because I knew what it felt like to be rejected by saints wearing big hats and fancy wigs. Diana was very poor, and I'd suspected that many of the people who'd turned away from her had done so because they felt she was of no benefit to them. Many leaders in today's church mistreat and mishandle people who have little to nothing to offer them. They favor their wealthier and more powerful members, often reserving spots at the front of the church for these people, but their poverty-stricken members are oftentimes overlooked. I didn't want to be that type of person; after all, I grew up in poverty. I knew

what it felt like to be looked upon as a nobody, and I when I came into ministry, I'd settled in my heart to never favor one person over another based on what they did or did not have. I'd settled in my heart to make my own money; that way, I could clearly see the needs of the people God placed in my care. Sometimes, leaders mean well, but unpaid bills and mounting debt makes it hard for them to see when their members are hurting, backsliding or crying out for help. At the same time, some leaders began to lust after wealth and power and this clouds their judgment and causes them to wound more sheep than they actually help.

Anyhow, Diana was doing well for a while. She was praying often, frequenting her local sanctuary, and submitting her body and mind to the will of God. I was happy to see her blossoming into the powerful woman of God I believed her to be, but I did begin to tire of her calls because I'd mislabeled our relationship. I knew that when she'd call, she'd ask many questions and tell me about her day, rarely stopping to listen to whatever was going on in my life. Nevertheless, I loved her and I considered her a dear friend.

When Diana's calls began to slow down, my soul sighed in relief. I was too busy of a woman to have friends who weren't busy because idle people often want to spend every available moment on the telephone and I'm not idle. Diana and I would still speak once every month, and then, our calls became more and more infrequent. Diana started calling me once every three to six months and I was okay with that. I'd noticed that Diana had found herself a local friend before she'd stopped calling me, and I thanked God for sending someone into her life who, like herself, wasn't busy. I also began to notice that Diana's Facebook posts were getting more and more secular. I could tell her friend was a worldly woman so, at first, I secretly blamed her new friend for her decline. But as time went on, I came to the realization that Diana did what Diana wanted to do and her friend was nothing more than a reflection of herself. This became evident almost every time I spoke with Diana. Diana would only call me when she'd fallen out with Leslie (her new friend), and she'd call me to complain about Leslie's behaviors. She'd go on and on about Leslie's sexual escapades and reckless behaviors and, at first, it appeared that she was trying to lead Leslie away from her sexual sin, but I couldn't have been further away from the truth if I'd tried.

One day, Diana changed her Facebook photo to the image of a man. Now, I was the victim of sexual abuse as a child and one spirit I can easily identify is the spirit of perversion. When I looked at this man, I saw perversion and a whole host of foul spirits on him. I hadn't spoken with Diana in a while, but I knew that if she were to call me, I was going to be downright honest with her. Not long after putting the photo up, Diana did call me to complain about her new beau. He'd just ended the relationship with her and she was heartbroken. I knew that I had to tell her what she didn't want to hear, so I began naming some of the spirits that were in him, including sexual perversion. I told Diana that the guy was a sexual predator and she needed to keep him away from her children, especially her daughter. Surprised, Diana began to confess that he was indeed a predator. He'd been to prison for

sexually abusing a child. I warned her about her relationship and told her to just repent and give herself wholly to God. She agreed, but I knew she wouldn't do it because she was still obsessed with the guy and she wouldn't stop talking about how good of a woman she'd been to him.

Months later, I received another call from Diana and this time, she was complaining about Leslie again. I'd noticed that she'd reconciled with the guy I'd warned her about because she'd re-uploaded his image online, and then, she'd taken to Facebook to complain about him after they'd broken up yet again. Nevertheless, she didn't call me to talk about herself. She was angry with Leslie because Leslie had run off with yet another guy. She began to tell me about the prophetic messages God had given her for Leslie, and how Leslie had disregarded them all. I could hear hatred in her voice. Her words were venomous and I could tell that she wanted to see the fall of Leslie. I could tell that whatever messages she'd claimed to be hearing had not come from God. Diana was tapping into the wrong spirit, and it was obvious that it wasn't the Holy Spirit. I began to question Diana about her sex life and she admitted to having recently ended a sexual relationship with the guy I'd warned her about. I had to tell her the truth—a truth that would end our communications. ***You cannot fornicate and prophesy.*** Of course, Diana didn't take my words to heart and she became offended with me, but I told her the truth because I cared about her, and more than that, I cared about the people she'd harm if she didn't stop.

Diana hadn't been the first person I'd given this warning to. I'd met a few people who'd practiced fornication, all the while, attempting to prophesy to others. To prophesy is oftentimes to give a warning to others from God, but there are spiritual forces that are always attempting to mimic God's voice. These demonic spirits are the devils behind false prophets, false apostles and many of the mental illnesses that plague this country today. Can God use a person in sin? Of course! In Romans 11:29, He said, *“For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.”* What does this mean for us? It means that regardless of our spiritual condition, if God has given us spiritual gifts, we will retain those gifts. I often use the example of Saul. Even though the Spirit of God left Saul because of Saul's disobedience, he continued to operate as king. With or without God's Spirit, Saul was still king because God had declared him to be so. The only way that Saul would leave his seat would be through death. God did take the kingdom from Saul's lineage and He handed it to David, nevertheless, as long as Saul lived, he was king of Israel.

So what should a fornicating prophet do then? Should they stop decreeing and declaring what God has commanded them to say? No way! A fornicating prophet should repent and turn his or her heart fully back to God. This means that the prophet needs to respect the office and the call on his or her life, and more than that, the prophet needs to understand the realm of the prophetic. There are demonic spirits that are always trying to impersonate the voice of God and anytime we enter sin, we give demons access to us. This means that the prophet opens him or herself up for demons and those demons will begin to impersonate the voice of God. In other words, the prophet will become a contaminated vessel who cannot be trusted.

Diana took her distance from me because I'd basically told her to give up her idol. Her idol was herself; she needed to die to self and be quickened by the Spirit of God. She needed to learn to put God above everything; that way, she would not only respect herself, but she'd respect the office of the Prophet, the people who listened to whatever Word she released and she could respect and protect her children. As time went on, I noticed that Diana's Facebook page became to take on a different tone. I was disheartened because I'd seen this before. I'd witnessed another dear friend of mine fall back into the deceptive snares of fornication, only to turn away from God and worship another deity. Before long, Diana had uploaded the picture of a new man to her page and this guy had probably just as many demons as the previous guy. Additionally, Diana's new man turned out to be pagan. I'm not sure what deity he worshiped, but it wasn't God. It wasn't long before Diana joined him and she began to criticize Christians from her page. I'd warned her because I knew the power of an ungodly soul tie. I knew that Diana would do like most fornicating prophets do... and that is:

1. They become frustrated while waiting for whatever it is that they've been praying for. Prophets often have to release words to others that they want for themselves. All too often, God will speak to the Prophet regarding others, but they may not hear what they want to hear for themselves.
2. They start trying to unconsciously force God to serve them. Their relationship with Him becomes nothing short of a bartering attempt. They figure that since God is using them that He is indebted to them. When God does not give in to their "terms", they often become angry with God and will begin to outright disobey Him and rebel against Him.
3. In their anger and rebellion, they tend to place human reasoning on God, expecting Him to apologize for not giving them the desires of their hearts. When He does not repent to them, they often turn to witchcraft. For example, they begin to charge the people of God for a prophesy or they turn to other deities.
4. When the man or woman they are fornicating with turns away from them, they get even angrier with God and will often sleep with other people in an attempt to upset their estranged lovers and provoke God to wrath.
5. They turn away from God altogether.

The Office of the Prophet is not something to take lightly. In this office, God gives His Prophets intimate access to His heart and His people. For this reason, Satan passionately desires to lead a Prophet of God into fornication; that way, he can "cross their signals" and use them in the same manner that he uses false prophets. He can also discredit their names and their ministries. Lastly, he can send the wrong people into their lives, thus ensuring that the Prophet is frustrated, confused and wandering around in the wilderness. If God has called you to the Office of the Prophet, take it seriously! Do not give in to fornication, otherwise, you will end up with blood on your hands. You will mislead God's people and cause so many of them to stumble because of your selfishness. Sure, we all want to be married, happy and have the lives that we've dreamed about, but that's where faith and patience (long-

suffering) come in. We have to trust that God will give us the desires of our hearts in *due season* if we do not faint. To faint, biblically speaking, doesn't just mean giving up; it also means giving in! It means that we cannot give in to temptation, but should instead utilize the way of escape that God provides for us.

Diana wasn't the only Prophet I'd seen go back into fornication. I'd witnessed another friend do this and she too ended up in witchcraft. Does this mean that every fornicating Prophet will become a witch? Yes and no! Yes, because rebellion is the same as the sin of witchcraft! And no, they won't necessarily begin to outright worship another deity, but the truth is... a fornicating prophet has become his or her own deity. Even if they continue to operate in Christian ministry and prophesy, if they do not repent, they will serve the image of God and not the reality of Him. This means that they'll begin to reason within their hearts that He is okay with their sins and they will change their perception of Him to being a God who simply turns His head when they are in sin. Satan will reason with them by saying things like, "It's not like you're trying to do this forever. You do plan to marry this person; y'all have already talked about marriage. This sin is just temporary!" At the same time, Satan will try to keep the Prophet from getting married by sowing discord between that Prophet and his or her lover. This way, the Prophet remains in sin and begins to become angry with God. Satan's goal is to turn the Prophet into a witch.

Be anxious for nothing! Don't let Satan lead you down the deceptive road of fornication. Even though he says that road will lead you to the altar and you can repent them, you must always remember that Satan is a liar. He does not want you to repent, so why would he give you the desires of your heart when he knows you intend to repent then? True repentance is not given when you get what you want first; it is when you give up on self and turn away from the sin while it is yet still calling your name! It is putting God first and bringing your flesh into subjection to the Word of God. Repentance is not apologizing after you've gotten what you want! You are not God; you are not to receive the first-fruits! Repenting is giving God what He wants and requires FIRST! Anything else is nothing less than an attempt to manipulate God. Remember this: manipulation is witchcraft.

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