

Ipswich International Church
Daily Devotion
Manifestations of the Spirit:
Prophecy & Discerning of Spirits



Monday, 10 – Sun, 23 March 2025

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Prophecy, Prophets, and the New Testament

In the Old Testament, the ministries of prophets, priests, and kings were central to God's interaction with His people. Each had distinct roles ordained by God. Kings were responsible for governance and leadership, ensuring that the nation followed God's law and maintained order. Priests served as mediators between God and the people, performing sacrifices, offering prayers, and maintaining the rituals that kept Israel in right standing with God. Prophets, however, were unique in that they were directly called by God to be His spokesmen, delivering divine messages, warnings, and revelations.

The prophets in the Old Testament functioned as God's mouthpieces, speaking His will to the people, often calling them to repentance and obedience. Their messages frequently included foretelling future events, providing divine instruction, and conveying God's heart regarding the moral and spiritual condition of His people. Many of their prophecies also pointed to the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

In the New Testament, the role of prophecy and prophets took on a refined understanding. While the function of foretelling future events still existed, prophecy became more focused on edification, encouragement, and comfort for the body of Christ. This definition is found in 1 Corinthians 14:3: *"He who prophesies speaks to men for their edification, encouragement, and comfort."* Unlike Old Testament prophets, whose words carried authority over the nation of Israel, New Testament prophecy is primarily less about predicting the future and more about building up the church and strengthening believers in their faith.

The prophetic office in the New Testament is often associated with the gifts of the Spirit, as outlined in 1 Corinthians 12:8-10. These gifts include the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, and prophecy. Through these gifts, individuals receive divine insights, guidance, and revelation that contribute to the spiritual growth and well-being of the church. Unlike the Old Testament prophets, who often stood as solitary figures, New Testament prophecy is a gift distributed among many within the Church. This democratisation of prophecy reflects the accessibility of the Holy Spirit to all believers, empowering them to speak God's truth in ways that strengthen and encourage others.

Furthermore, the New Testament underscores the importance of testing prophecies (1 Thessalonians 5:20-21). While Old Testament prophets spoke with absolute authority as direct mouthpieces of God, New Testament prophecy is subject to discernment and alignment with apostolic teaching. This safeguards the Church from false teachings and ensures that prophetic utterances remain rooted in the truth of the Gospel.

As we read, discuss and pray on the many aspects of prophecy this week, may our faith be stirred not only to be God's mouthpieces in encouraging one another.

Remember **we may not have it all together, but together we have it all!**

Adewale Adefuye
Ipswich, 9 March 2025

Prophecy in the New Testament: A Clear Definition



1 Cor 12:7, 10, & 14:3 BSB

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ¹⁰ ... to another prophecy...

1 Corinthians 14:3 (BSB)

^{14:3} But he who prophesies speaks to men for their edification, encouragement, and comfort.



The word "prophecy" originates from the Hebrew word *naba*, meaning "to flow forth, to spring forth, or to tumble." The Greek word translated prophecy is *prophēteia* derived from *prophētēs*, meaning "prophet," which comes from *pro*, "before" and *phēmi*, "to speak".

Prophecy is a supernatural utterance, a manifestation of the Spirit and according 1 Cor 12: 3 focused on edification, encouragement, and comfort for the body of Christ.



1. Read the Introduction to this subject slowly. Discuss with your cell group members. Is this definition the same as your understanding of prophecy?



1. Thank the Father for the Gift of Prophecy: Thank You, Father for the beautiful gift of prophecy, which You have given to encourage, comfort, and edify Your people. Thank You for being a God who speaks to us, who cares deeply about our needs, and who uses us to build up one another in love. I am in awe of how You provide for us in such personal and powerful ways. Thank You for this gift, which reflects Your heart of love and Your desire to see us grow in faith and unity.

2. Reflect on 1 Corinthians 14:1: Lord, Your Word in 1 Corinthians 14:1 calls us to 'earnestly pursue love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy.' I want to understand this more deeply. Help me to see that the gift of prophecy is not a ministry of criticism but about loving others by speaking Your words of encouragement, comfort, and edification. Show me how to eagerly desire this gift, not for my own benefit, but to serve others and glorify You. Help me to align my heart with Yours, Lord, and to truly value what You value.

3. Express Your Openness to Being a Channel of This Gift: Father, You seem to want us to be a channel of this gift, I ask for Your guidance and strength. I confess that I feel [insert your feelings here, e.g., inadequate, uncertain, or excited]. But I am open to being used by You in this way. I surrender my fears, doubts, and limitations to You. Help me to step out in faith, trusting that You will provide the words and the courage I need. Use me, Lord, to bring encouragement, comfort, and edification to others, so that Your name may be glorified and Your people strengthened.

What Prophecy Isn't: Avoiding Common Pitfalls



1 Corinthians 14:3, BSB

³ But he who prophesies speaks to men for their edification, encouragement, and comfort.

...strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them. (NLT)

...for their upbuilding *and* constructive spiritual progress and encouragement and consolation. (AMP)



Many times, we gain a clearer understanding of something by recognising what it is not. In this context, prophecy, as defined in our text today, is not a ministry of criticism or personal opinion. It is not about one person asserting their viewpoint over another. Rather, prophecy is a divine operation, carried out under the anointing of God, to **build up, encourage, and comfort** believers.

When properly exercised, it has the power to lift someone out of discouragement, spiritual stagnation, or lukewarmness, drawing them back into alignment with the move of God.

Prophecy should not be confused with preaching. It is not the delivery of a sermon but the Spirit-led communication of words that strengthen and uplift others. It requires sensitivity to the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to speak through us to minister to those in need.

Furthermore, prophecy is not about predicting the future or providing personal guidance. No spiritual gift replaces wisdom and discernment in decision-making. Prophecy is also distinct from the office of a prophet. A prophet is a person called to a specific role in the church (Ephesians 4:11), whereas prophecy is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit available to various believers. For instance, Philip's four daughters prophesied, yet they were not prophetesses (Acts 21:9).



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Edification, Encouragement & Comfort in the Old Testament



Haggai 2:1-5 (BSB)

¹ On the twenty-first day of the seventh month, the word of the LORD came through Haggai the prophet, saying: ² “Speak to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and also to the remnant of the people. Ask them, ³ ‘Who is left among you who saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Does it not appear to you like nothing in comparison?’ ⁴ But now be strong, O Zerubbabel, declares the LORD. Be strong, O Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest. And be strong, all you people of the land, declares the LORD. Work! For I am with you, declares the LORD of Hosts. ⁵ This is the promise I made to you when you came out of Egypt. And My Spirit remains among you; do not be afraid.”



Yes! While the Old Testament often associates prophecy with foretelling future events and calling people to repentance, there are also numerous instances where prophets spoke words that aligned with the New Testament definition—bringing edification, encouragement, and comfort. These include:



1. Isaiah’s Messages of Comfort - Isaiah 40:1-2

2. Jeremiah’s Promise of Restoration - Jeremiah 29:11

3. Ezekiel’s Vision of Dry Bones Ezekiel 37:1-14

In our major text today, after the Israelites returned from exile, they were discouraged about rebuilding the temple. Haggai prophesied:

"Be strong, all you people of the land, declares the Lord. Work, for I am with you... My Spirit remains among you. Do not fear." This prophecy strengthened and motivated the people to continue their work, much like New Testament prophecy builds up believers.



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Agabus' Prophecy to Paul



Acts 21:10-14

¹⁰ After we had been there several days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. ¹¹ Coming over to us, he took Paul's belt, bound his own feet and hands, and said, "The Holy Spirit says: 'In this way the Jews of Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and hand him over to the Gentiles.'" ¹² When we heard this, we and the people there pleaded with Paul not to go up to Jerusalem. ¹³ Then Paul answered, "Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." ¹⁴ When he would not be dissuaded, we fell silent and said, "The Lord's will be done."



Agabus' message, when viewed through the lens of 1 Corinthians 12, can be broken down as follows:

a. **A word of knowledge** – He revealed that the owner of the belt would be bound in Jerusalem.



b. **A warning as encouragement** – Paul did not interpret this as guidance to avoid Jerusalem but rather as a confirmation and

encouragement to remain steadfast despite the challenges ahead.

Edification: The prophecy builds up Paul by preparing him spiritually and emotionally for what lies ahead. It confirms that his journey to Jerusalem is part of God's plan.

Encouragement: While the message is a warning, it also encourages Paul by affirming his calling and reminding him that his suffering will serve God's purposes.

Comfort: Though the prophecy foretells hardship, it ultimately comforts Paul by assuring him that the Holy Spirit is guiding his steps, even in difficult circumstances.



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Anna's Prophecy About Jesus



Luke 2:36-38, BSB

³⁶ There was also a prophetess named Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher, who was well along in years. She had been married for seven years, ³⁷ and then was a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple, but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. ³⁸ Coming forward at that moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the Child to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem.



Anna, a prophetess, sees the infant Jesus in the temple and begins to speak about Him “to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem.”



Edification: Her words affirm the identity of Jesus as the Redeemer.

Encouragement: She inspires hope in those awaiting God's salvation.

Comfort: Her prophecy reassures the faithful that God's promises are being fulfilled.



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Jesus' Words of Comfort to His Disciples



John 14:1-3, BSB

¹ “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe in Me as well. ² In My Father’s house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and welcome you into My presence, so that you also may be where I am.



In the Upper Room Discourse, Jesus comforts His disciples, who are troubled by His impending departure. He says, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”

Edification: Jesus builds up their faith by reminding them of His promises.

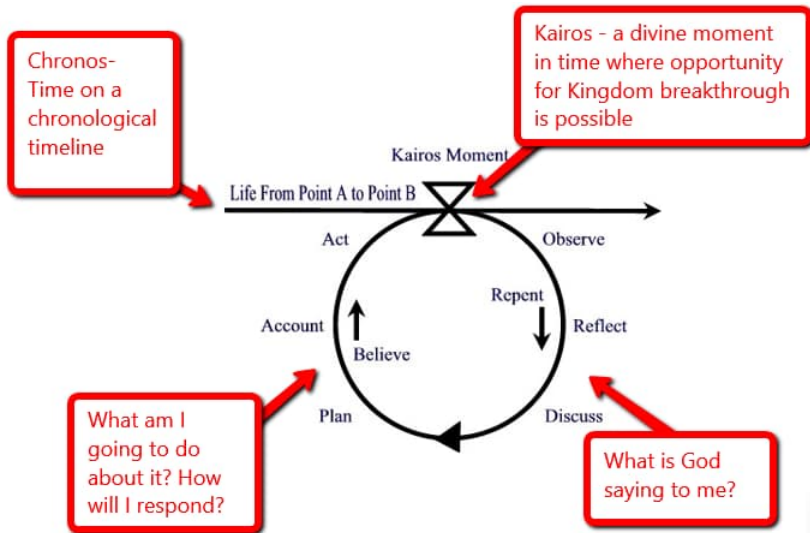
Encouragement: He assures them of His return and their eternal future with Him.

Comfort: His words calm their fears and anxieties about the future.



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Pause. Reflect. Process



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A New Rhythm of Fasting: Mark your Calendar

The Monthly Fast ends with a corporate prayer meeting in the Church Building in Barrack Corner, Ipswich IP1 2NB, at 7:30pm

Wed, 5–Fri, 7 March 2025

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Discerning of Spirits

In 1 Corinthians 12:4–7 (NKJV), Paul writes:

"There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all."

Among the spiritual gifts listed in 1 Corinthians 12, the *discerning of spirits* is mentioned in verse 10: *"to another discerning of spirits."* Despite its importance, this gift is often one of the least discussed or taught about in the Church. Yet, it is an essential tool for navigating our spiritual journey, helping believers distinguish between what is truly from God and what is not.

Paul emphasises the need for spiritual maturity in Ephesians 4:14, warning believers not to remain as *"infants, tossed about by the waves and carried around by every wind of teaching and by the clever cunning of men in their deceitful scheming."* Similarly, James encourages believers to seek wisdom from God, who gives generously to all without finding fault (James 1:5-6). This wisdom includes the ability to discern spiritual truths and avoid being swayed by deception or error.

The **gift of discerning spirits** is the ability to recognise whether something is truly from God or in alignment with His righteousness. It goes beyond judging moral choices; it involves a deep spiritual sensitivity that helps believers identify false teachings, deceptive spirits, and temptations. As John writes in 1 John 4:1, *"Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God."* This gift enables believers to discern whether a message, influence, or prompting originates from the Holy Spirit, human ambition, or even demonic forces.

Discernment also helps believers recognise when the Holy Spirit is guiding them to act or when their decisions are driven by self-interest, external pressures, or misleading influences. It is a vital safeguard in a world where spiritual deception is prevalent, ensuring that believers remain grounded in God's truth and purpose.

In summary, the gift of discerning spirits is a powerful and necessary tool for spiritual growth and protection. As we seek to grow in this gift, may we rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth and wisdom.

Philip Ash

Colchester, 24 February 2025

Discernment: Valuing the Beneficial, Rejecting the Harmful



Philippians 1:9-11 (NIV)

⁹ And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, ¹⁰ so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.



In this passage, the word used for **discerning** is *δοκιμάζω* (*dokimazo*), which refers to a process of testing—holding on to what is good and discarding anything that is not from the Lord.



There are many times when we must rely on this Holy Spirit-given ability to weigh what is right and beneficial against what is wrong and harmful. This is especially crucial when evaluating what we hear, particularly in prophetic messages or words of knowledge.

We should ask: **Does this align with God's Word? Does it resonate with the Spirit within me?** Discerning rightly means learning to trust that when something is from God, we act on it, and when it is not, we confidently reject it.



- 1) Pray that through the gift of discernment we can recognise that which God is saying to us.
- 2) Can you think of an occasion when you have sensed in your spirit something is not right and have responded to that prompting.

“Lord, Grant Me a Discerning Heart”



1 Kings 3:9

⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”



Solomon was about 20 years old when he ascended the throne, and he quickly recognized the immense weight of responsibility upon his shoulders. Leading God’s people was no small task, and he knew he needed more than military strength, strategic advisors, or vast riches to govern effectively.

When God appeared to him in a dream, offering, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you," Solomon’s response was remarkable. He did not seek power, influence, or wealth. Instead, he humbly asked:

"Give your servant a discerning heart." (1 Kings 3:9)

This request reveals Solomon’s deep understanding that true leadership and success come from godly wisdom and discernment. His prayer serves as a powerful challenge for us today. If we desire to be effective in our Christian walk, we too must seek discernment—God’s wisdom to navigate life’s decisions and lead with righteousness, humility, and spiritual insight.



Solomon asked for a discerning heart, which we can also seek. Spiritual discernment is a gift that one can request from the Lord.

- Lord, sharpen my spiritual perception so I may recognise Your voice and direction in my life.
- Give me clarity of mind and heart to weigh every situation with wisdom and grace.
- Help me to be sensitive to the needs of others and respond with godly insight and compassion.
- Father, give me the courage to act on what You reveal, standing firm in truth even when it is difficult.
- Help me reject what is not from You and embrace what is good, beneficial, and life-giving.
- Let my decisions bring honour to You and be a blessing to those around me.

The Lord's Voice is Powerful



Luke 5:18-22

²² But Jesus, **aware** of their reasonings, answered and said to them, “Why are you reasoning in your hearts? (NASB)



We are familiar with the story—friends of a paralyzed man lowered him through the roof into the midst of the crowd gathered to hear Jesus. Instead of immediately healing him, Jesus first declared, “Your sins are forgiven.” This shocked the Pharisees, who whispered among themselves, accusing Him of blasphemy. Moments later, Jesus demonstrated His divine authority by instructing the man to rise, take up his mat, and walk.

But Jesus, aware

The word **aware** is translated from the Greek επιγίνομαι (epiginomai) to have full discernment, to know, to be aware. Jesus fully discerned what is in their hearts and begins to teach as a result of this supernatural gift “to know, perceive and fully discern”. Some may say well that was Jesus, but it’s not for us. Yet in John 14:12:

Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.

His voice is powerful. It is His desire and divine design for us to understand and be equipped to hear His voice and to use the gift of discernment in the spiritual realm.



1. Think of occasions when you have known God working in a miraculous way in your own life.
2. Can you think of examples where you are aware that there are those trying to negate or undermine your faith or the work of God.
3. Take time to give thanks for the ongoing acts of grace we experience on a daily basis.

No Fear: Those With Us Outnumber Those Against Us



2 Kings 6:13-17 (BSB)

¹³ So the king said, “Go and see where he is, that I may send men to capture him.” On receiving the report, “Elisha is in Dothan,” ¹⁴ the king of Aram sent horses, chariots, and a great army. They went there by night and surrounded the city. ¹⁵ When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early in the morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. So he asked Elisha, “Oh, my master, what are we to do?” ¹⁶ “Do not be afraid,” Elisha answered, “for those who are with us are more than those who are with them.” ¹⁷ Then Elisha prayed, “O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see.” And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw that the hills were full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.



We are engaged in spiritual warfare, and the gift of discernment is a powerful and essential tool in navigating our Christian walk. In this account, Elisha has angered the

King of Assyria by disrupting his plans to capture the King of Israel. When the King of Assyria learns that Elisha is responsible, he sends an army to capture him. While Elisha seems unfazed, his servant becomes alarmed upon realising that the city is surrounded by the Assyrian forces. Though Elisha could see the army with his natural eyes, he discerned spiritually that the battle was not his, but the Lord's. "Those who are with us are more than those who are with them."



1. What challenges are you facing at the moment?
2. What is God saying to you about how you approach them.
3. Pray that God will reveal to you “Those who are for you”.



1. Pray for Spiritual Discernment: Lord, open my spiritual eyes to see beyond the natural and understand the deeper spiritual truths in every situation. 2. Prayer for Spiritual Awareness in Crisis: Lord, in times of crisis and confusion, open my eyes to see the spiritual reality around me. Help me to discern the truth of Your presence, knowing that You are with me, even when the enemy seems overwhelming.

Discernment: Our Sixth Sense



Acts 13:6-12, BSB

⁶ They traveled through the whole island as far as Paphos, where they found a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, ⁷ an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, a man of intelligence, summoned Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God. ⁸ But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith. ⁹ Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked directly at Elymas ¹⁰ and said, “O child of the devil and enemy of all righteousness, you are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery! Will you never stop perverting the straight ways of the Lord? ¹¹ Now look, the hand of the Lord is against you, and for a time you will be blind and unable to see the light of the sun.” Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand. ¹² When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was astonished at the teaching about the Lord.



As Paul and Barnabas embark on their first missionary journey, they arrive in Paphos, where they encounter a man who claims to be a prophet and even calls himself "Son of Jesus" (Bar-Jesus). This is when discernment of spirits really needs to be our sixth sense. Paul, with sharp discernment, immediately recognises the evil spirits at work and calls the

man out.

In today's world, where the internet provides access to countless videos and audio teachings from individuals who claim to be ministers, teachers, or prophets—many of whom we do not know personally—it is essential that we rely on the manifestation of the Holy Spirit. We need the Holy Spirit's guidance to distinguish between sound teachers and false prophets who seek to deceive the faithful.



1. What yardstick should we use to identify false teaching?
2. Pray for boldness to confront false teaching.

Seeing Through the Eyes of the Father



1 Samuel 16:7 (BSB)

⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or height, for I have rejected him; the LORD does not see as man does. For man sees the outward appearance, but the LORD sees the heart.”



This is a powerful lesson in discernment for Samuel, Father God inner life of an individual their mind, soul and spirit.

Samuel had approached the task of finding a new king with a job description and an image of the ideal candidate. So, when he saw Eliab, Davids older brother he ticked all the boxes of his preconceived idea of what would make a good king.

Samuel was being taught to discern who the 7 sons of Jesse were not and discern who David was. So, when David, a young shepherd boy, was brought to Samuel it was Gods voice in his ear saying this is the one.

Then the Lord said, “Rise and anoint him; this is the one.”

When we cultivate the gift of discernment, we are listening to the Lord’s voice and learning to see with His sight.



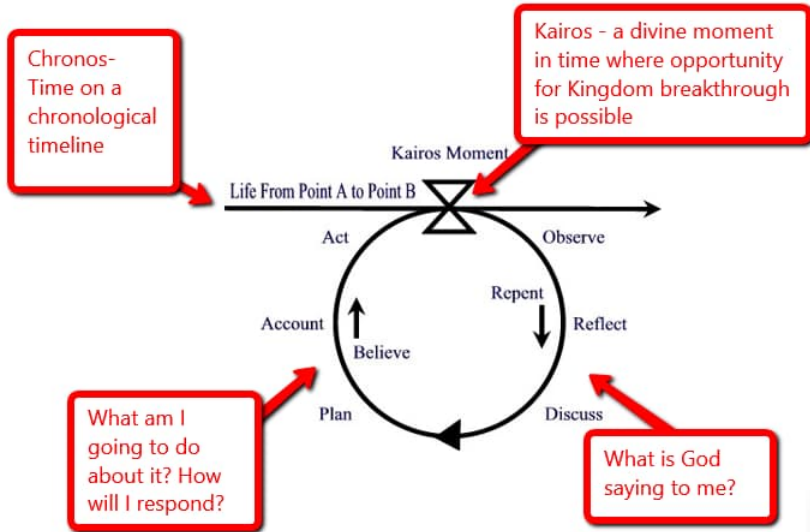
1. Let us spend time each day praying for our spiritual eyes to opened to see others as He sees us.

2. Barnabas is a great example of someone who encouraged others in their ministry. Let the Lord place on your heart who you might impact through a ministry of encouragement.



1. Pray for God’s Perspective: Lord, help us to see beyond outward appearances and to focus on what You see. Open our eyes to perceive others through Your perspective, not through worldly standards. 2. Pray for Self-Awareness: Lord, help us to examine our own hearts, knowing that You see us fully. Reveal any hidden motives or areas where we may be deceiving ourselves. Teach us to live with authenticity, where our actions reflect the true condition of our heart before You.

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October 2024 Vision

For months, God has been revealing things to me during worship, though I didn't fully understand them until Sunday morning when everything came together with clarity for Ipswich International Church.

I often sense a mighty Angel of the Lord over the platform, leading an army of smaller angels who move among the congregation, delivering God's instructions. The angel's tasks include comforting broken hearts and grief, and grounding people to the Holy Spirit's healing. Next, releasing provision, where those in need receive from God's abundance, often through others in the congregation. Then, sharing Truth and securing us firmly in Jesus to ensure we remain steady and secure. Lastly, I saw a covering of protection, like the angel's garments stretched over the people, symbolising peace and sanctification.

God is preparing Ipswich International Church for what is to come—not just superficially but in deep wholeness. This preparation is corporate, requiring unity. **“What you have now is one tenth of what I have planned for you to take hold of,”** he says. He is expanding His people's influence in Ipswich and beyond, calling them to replant stakes in new ground.

The church is being established as an epicentre of provision, both physical and spiritual, to release life. God's people must be whole to display His glory in the places He is calling them to.

A member of the Church submitted this vision via email, and it has been condensed for clarity and brevity. We have prayed about it and looked at how God has been leading us over the past few years. We believe it is truly from Him. Now, we share it clearly for everyone. Each of us has a place in what God is saying. Let's seek Him together, trust His plan, and walk forward with faith and unity.



Our Priorities

