

# Lesson 6: Operation of the Gift of Prophecy

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## 1. Stirring up the Gift

2 Tim 1: 6: In this scripture Paul tells Timothy to 'fan the flames' or stir up the gifts imparted to him through the laying on of hands. What are some of the ways in which we can stir up the gift of prophecy?

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## 2. How Revelation Comes

'Revelation' means 'an act of revealing or communicating divine truth; something that is revealed by God to humans; an act of revealing to view or making known; something that is revealed especially an enlightening or astonishing disclosure . What are some of the ways God might 'reveal' His purpose and intent to us?

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### 3. Receiving Revelation Through Vision

There are nearly 400 references to visions and the seeing in the Bible.

John 5:19: *Then Jesus answered and said to them, 'Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. 20: For the Father loves the Son, and shows Him all things that He Himself does; and He will show Him greater works than these, that you may marvel.'*



**The Habakkuk Model: 'Looking to see': Habakkuk 2: 1-4:**

***I will stand upon my post of observation***

***And station myself on the tower or fortress***

***And watch to see*** what He will say within me

*And what answer I will make as His mouthpiece*

*Then the lord answered me and said: 'Write the vision and make it plain on tablets*

*That he may run who reads it...*

1. Position yourself to 'hear'/see/sense God. Have the right attitude and the right spirit.
2. 'Look' to 'see' what He is showing you.
3. Discern the voice of God -judging what is from God, yourself, satan.
4. Write it down

#### **Prophetic Exercises – Looking to See**

Take some time to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you. Ask Him speak to your mind.

1. Find a quiet place and listen/look carefully to what God is showing you for this coming era. Record it or write it down.
2. Read a Bible story very slowly. Picture all the details in your imagination. What is the scene around the main characters? Use all your senses. What are the smells, the noises, the sounds? Picture the scene as a movie. Where are you in the scene?

3. Prayerfully select a situation in the local, national or global news. Using the same principles, 'look to see' what God is doing in the situation. Can you 'see' Jesus? What is He doing? Can you see yourself? What are you doing?
4. Children and grand- children. For each child, spend some time praying in the Holy Spirit for them. Then 'look to see' what the Holy Spirit may want to show you about their future destiny and purpose.
5. Choose someone you would like to encourage. 'Look' for vision for your person. Identify or describe the picture. What does God want to communicate to the person through what He has shown you? Interpret what God is saying through the picture. Develop it into a prophecy.
6. Small group activity:
  - ✓ Choose a partner.
  - ✓ Look for vision
  - ✓ Identify or describe the picture
  - ✓ Interpret what God is saying through the picture.
  - ✓ Develop it into a prophecy
7. Watching in Prayer  
Pray in the Holy Spirit for a period of time. As you are praying 'look to see' what the Holy Spirit may be showing you in prayer.