

Dear reader, this short discussion is concerned with addressing a very dangerous error prevalent in many evangelical circles today. It teaches that people with the Gift of Prophecy can gradually push on into the Prophetic Ministry, or the Office of a Prophet, listed in Ephesians chapter four.

However, in order to move on in the gift and develop their listening potential, they need “adequate training and discipleship.” Such training is provided in many so-called “schools of prophecy.”

In addition to becoming more skilled in hearing the voice of God, you will also learn the “clear distinctions” between the Old Testament and the New Testament Prophets.

Apparently, Prophets under the Old Covenant were eccentric, authoritarian individuals, sent mainly to rebuke, warn and chastise people and denounce their sins. They are also viewed as being independent and very unpopular.

But “Christian Prophets” should not have this function or personality. They must be displaying the Fruit of the Spirit with all grace and humility. And more important, they must be accountable members of the Body of Christ, living under authority and acting as team members, not as an individual ministry!