

# A Prophetic Prognosis

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The following are aspects/elements of ministerial operations that have been extant in the past that, in my view, need to be deemphasized/emphasized going forward from this juncture in Q1 2015. The order of appearance does not imply any rank or prioritizing of importance.

## **DEEMPHASIZE:**

- hierarchy / vertical ministerial relationships
- hyper-authoritarianism
- abuse and misuse of authority
- apotheosis
- selfish-ambition
- self-exaltation
- self-aggrandizement
- self-promotion
- controlling
- domination
- enslavement – psychological and practical
- dependence indoctrination
- intimidation
- sorcery
- subjugation
- coercion
- oppression
- suppression
- exploitation
- insulation
- isolation
- esotericism
- covetousness
- paranoia
- egotism
- narcissism
- pride
- arrogance
- arrogation
- ascendancy
- rank

- inapproachability
- aloofness
- hyperbole
- exaggeration
- prevarication
- deceit
- materialism
- doctrinal devaluation and demeanment
- heterodoxy
- legalism
- spiritualism
- mysticism
- Churchianity
- coerced conformity
- contrived, disingenuous unity
- false ecumenicism
- eschatological overemphasis
- prophetic malfeasance
- divisiveness
- guile
- competitiveness
- rivalry
- envy
- jealousy
- strife-bearing
- disputations
- disharmony
- grudges
- unforgiveness
- blackballing
- shunning
- cliquishness
- exclusion
- de facto caste system
- apartheid
- racism and reverse racism
- culturalism
- egalitarianism
- iconoclasm
- judgmentalism
- entitlement mentality
- intemperateness

- unaccountability
- personal impurity
- immorality
- personal apostasy
- crowd-gathering
- idolatry
- sectarianism

**EMPHASIZE:**

- mutuality
- collegiality
- concinnity
- humility
- service
- sacrifice
- kingdom
- sound doctrine
- unity through diversity
- grace
- mercy
- love
- forgiveness
- acceptance
- peace with all men
- encouraging others
- building up
- empowering others
- harmony
- esteem/honor
- fathering
- mentoring
- correction
- reproof
- repentance
- contrition
- brokenness
- function of Fivefold Ministry in the local church
- apostolic-prophetic foundation of church at-large and local church
- building the Church Jesus is building
- discipling (making disciples)
- modeling the nature, character, ministry of Christ

## **Matters of Contention**

The following are matters/issues before the Pentecostal/Charismatic church/stream/branch at this hour that some (singular or multiple) leadership entity needs to address/clarify/speak out about (publish statements/stances/whitepapers/position papers) as a means of providing guidance, definition, and understanding:

- "Seven Mountains" teaching (Adopted/adapted from Marxism; heterodoxy)
- Preterism / amillennialism
- Modalism (Unitarianism, Oneness) vs. Trinitarianism (Who is God; the Godhead)
- Universalism
- Ecumenicism (with Catholic Church) / syncretism
- Nicolaitanism
- Extensionism/Continuism of New Order of Latter Rain
- Extreme Prosperity Gospel
- Errors of the "social gospel" / "Black Liberation Theology"
- Spiritual Covering
- Emergent Church / Warrenism (Purpose Driven, seeker-friendly, etc.)
- Deliverance/Exorcism for believers
- Episcopacy extremism/overemphasis
- Petrine Apostolic Succession – *Holy Spirit* makes (appoints) overseers (bishops); the concept that "you can't make yourself a bishop" is not the issue, the Holy Spirit makes/appoints people overseers/bishops; the church only recognizes (cf., Acts 20:28)
- Women occupying primary positions of governmental authority in the Church
- Martial/combatative/oriental arts/yoga and other practices rooted in eastern religions
- Church Government
- Free/unconstrained operation of the Manifestation Gifts (Charismata, Gifts of the Spirit)
- Homosexuality by believers ("Christians")
- Continuism vs. Cessationism
- Calvinism (OSAS, "Eternal Security") vs. Arminianism
- Hyper-Grace / antinomianism
- Involvement in Political Elections
- Ecclesial Racism & Culturalism (disunity)
- The purview (i.e., boundaries) of apostolic authority
- Greater definition of practical application and function of Fivefold Ministry

### **Websites:**

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