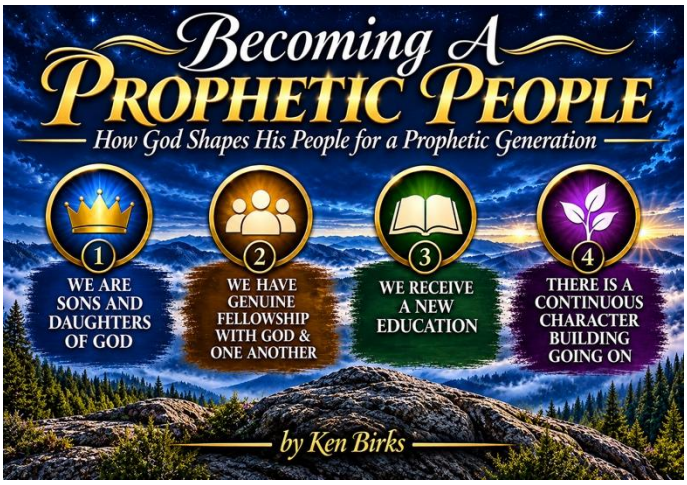
Becoming a Prophetic People
Shaped by God for a Prophetic Generation

By Ken Birks



Much is being said today about prophecy, end-time events, and the signs of Christ's return. Yet one of the greatest prophetic messages of our time is not found in world headlines but in the transformation taking place within God's people. The Lord is preparing a mature Bride whose identity, character, and conduct reflect the nature of Jesus Christ. As darkness increases on the earth, God is calling believers to stand out as sons and daughters of the kingdom, as Paul clearly wrote to the Corinthians. He said, "*Come out from among them and be separate,' says the Lord... 'I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.*[1]

Understanding future events is important, but becoming the people God has called us to be is essential. Peter's life serves as a powerful reminder that God specializes in transforming imperfect people into faithful ambassadors of His kingdom. To become a prophetic people involves far more than understanding prophetic events. It is about becoming the kind of people through whom God can reveal His heart and purposes in the earth.[2]

Throughout Scripture, prophetic people were distinguished not merely by what they knew, but by who they were. They walked closely with God, heard His voice, reflected His character, and lived as examples of His kingdom in dark and troubled times. In this hour, God is not simply raising up people who can identify prophetic signs. He is raising up sons and daughters who embody prophetic truth through transformed lives. The characteristics of authentic Christianity are the defining characteristics of a prophetic people.

Christianity has always been God's answer to a broken and fallen humanity. As some have expressed so beautifully, *"Christianity takes those whom the world has discarded, overlooked, or devalued and restores them as men and women made in the image of God as sons and daughters of God."* Christianity gives dignity to those who had no

[1] 2 Corinthians 6:17-18
[2] Ephesians 1:17-19

respect, hope to those who had no future, and eternal life to those who were spiritually dead. It declares that even when people were overlooked by society, they mattered intensely to God. Those whom the world considered worthless were declared by heaven to be worth the death of God's only Son. Christianity was, and remains, the most uplifting force in the universe because it reveals the immeasurable value God places upon every human life.

In every generation, God has desired a people who genuinely reflect His nature and character. Christianity is far more than a religious label or a set of beliefs. It is a supernatural transformation that takes ordinary men and women and shapes them into sons and daughters of God as quoted in John's gospel, *"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name."* [3]

Through Christ, our identity, priorities, relationships, and purpose are completely redefined. The Christian life is not simply about what we believe, but about who we are becoming as God's grace works within us. One of the clearest examples of this transforming work is found in the life of Peter. Few individuals in Scripture experienced such a dramatic journey of growth and maturity. Peter began as a rough, impulsive fisherman who often acted before he thought and stumbled more than once along the way. Yet through his walk with Jesus, he was transformed into a devoted disciple and influential leader in the early Church. While Peter was not perfect, his life demonstrates how God takes imperfect people and steadily molds them into vessels that reflect the character and purposes of His kingdom. His journey provides a powerful picture of the defining characteristics God desires to cultivate in every believer.

When we consider all that God has called us to in this season, it's important to recognize the transforming power of the new birth and discover how the divine seed of God's life is planted within the human heart, initiating a supernatural process of growth and change. Through this miracle of regeneration, the old nature begins to lose its grip, and a new creation emerges. We put off the old man and put on the new man, who is being created in the image of Christ. What begins as an invisible work of grace eventually becomes visible in character, conduct, and spiritual fruit. As the life of Christ grows in us, His glory begins to shine through us. Jesus taught this principle when He spoke of the seed falling on good ground and producing fruit in varying measures: thirtyfold, sixtyfold, and one hundredfold.[4] This fruitfulness is not merely the result of effort but of surrender to the transforming work of God. The question is not whether fruit will come, but how much fruit we will allow the Holy Spirit to produce through our lives.

[3] John 1:12
[4] Matthew 13:23

Four Defining Marks of Authentic Christianity

If we are to become the prophetic people God is calling forth in these days, we need more than an interest in prophecy. We need a deep work of transformation within us. Prophetic people are identified by their relationship with the Father, their fellowship with God's family, their submission to the Holy Spirit's instruction, and their ongoing growth in Christlike character. These qualities prepared Peter to become a mighty servant of God, and they remain essential for every believer who desires to be effective in this prophetic hour.

Our Identity as Sons and Daughters

One of the first defining characteristics of a true Christian is understanding that we are sons and daughters of God. John writes, *"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God."* Through Christ we have been brought into a completely new relationship with the Father. The book of Romans tells us, "that we have not received a spirit of bondage leading again to fear, but a Spirit of adoption whereby we cry, '*Abba, Father."* [5]

In a prophetic age marked by fear, uncertainty, and increasing darkness, this truth becomes more important than ever. We are not merely church members, religious adherents, or spiritual spectators. We are children of the King. The Creator of the universe is our Father. Heaven is not merely our destination; it is our family home. When this revelation grips our hearts, fear begins to lose its power because sons and daughters know they belong.

Jesus emphasized the priority of this spiritual family relationship when He pointed to His disciples and declared, *"Whoever does the will of His Father is His brother, sister, and mother."* [6] This was not a rejection of natural family but a revelation of the superior reality of kingdom family. While our earthly relationships are precious gifts from God, our eternal identity is found in our relationship with the Father and His household.

The world often defines people according to their family background, education, achievements, social status, or financial position. Yet in the kingdom of God, those divisions disappear. Rich and poor stand on the same ground at the foot of the cross. All become heirs together of God's grace. The more we learn to identify ourselves according to our spiritual position rather than our natural circumstances, the greater fruitfulness we will experience in the kingdom.

[5] Romans 8:15
[6] Matthew 12:50

Peter understood this principle. He could honestly say to Jesus, *"We have left all and followed You."* [7] For a season, Peter willingly surrendered the familiar comforts of life in order to walk closely with Christ. His example reminds us that spiritual growth always requires priorities. While balance is necessary, and Peter himself later taught the importance of caring for our families, there must be no question about who comes first in our lives. In these prophetic times, the issue of spiritual priority will increasingly separate those who merely admire Christ from those who genuinely follow Him.

Fellowship with God and One Another

A second defining characteristic of authentic Christianity is fellowship with God and with one another. The apostle John writes, *"But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."* [8] Notice that John does not separate our relationship with God from our relationship with His people. Walking in the light produces both. As we draw nearer to God, we are also drawn nearer to those who belong to Him. True Christianity was never intended to be lived in isolation. God's design is that His children grow together, encourage one another, strengthen one another, and help one another become more like Christ.

Through fellowship, we receive encouragement when we are weak, correction when we are wandering, wisdom when we are uncertain, and support when we are burdened. The enemy often seeks to isolate believers because isolation makes them vulnerable, but genuine fellowship strengthens and protects the family of God. Furthermore, fellowship serves as a powerful testimony to the world. Jesus declared that people would know His disciples by their love for one another.

John 13:34-35 "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

In a divided and fragmented world, a community marked by genuine love becomes a prophetic witness to the kingdom of God. We see this characteristic in Peter's life. Though he was often impulsive and strong-willed, he did not walk alone. He lived and ministered in relationship with Christ and with the other disciples. Through those relationships, God shaped him, corrected him, strengthened him, and ultimately matured him into a leader in the early church. Likewise, if we are to become the prophetic people God is raising up in this hour, we must value not only our fellowship with the Lord but also our fellowship with one another. The same light that draws us

[77] Luke 18:28
[8] 1 John 1:7

into communion with God also draws us into authentic relationship with His family, and within those relationships much of our spiritual growth takes place.

Submission to the Instruction of the Holy Spirit

Most people spend years acquiring natural knowledge, skills, and education, and these things certainly have value. Yet when we enter the kingdom of God, we enroll in an entirely different school called the school of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit becomes our teacher, and God's Word becomes our primary textbook. This new education is not merely about accumulating biblical facts or theological knowledge. It is about receiving divine revelation that transforms the way we think, live, and respond to the world around us. Through the Scriptures and the ministry of the Holy Spirit, God renews our minds, shapes our values, and aligns our hearts with His purposes. As we grow in understanding, we begin to see life from Heaven's perspective rather than through the limited lens of our natural circumstances. Jesus declared, "*My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.*"[9] Everything He taught flowed from His relationship with the Father. In the same way, believers are called to learn not only from God's Word but also through a living relationship with the Author of the Word. The Holy Spirit illuminates the Scriptures, reveals truth, imparts wisdom, and gives discernment for the times in which we live. In this prophetic season, information is abundant, but wisdom is scarce. Knowledge can be downloaded instantly, but spiritual discernment can only be developed in God's presence. As the voices of deception increase throughout the earth, believers must learn to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit clearly. The greatest education available today is learning how to think, discern, and respond according to the mind of Christ.

Developing Ongoing Growth in Christlike Character

Finally, one of the clearest marks of authentic Christianity is continual character development. God is not merely preparing a people who know prophetic events. He is preparing a Bride who reflects His character. This ongoing work of transformation is one of the most powerful pieces of evidence of genuine conversion.

Christian author Sheldon Vanauken wisely observed that the strongest testimony for Christianity is a life transformed by Christ. His words remind us that becoming a prophetic people is not merely about what we know, but about what we become through our walk with Jesus. Yet he also warned that the strongest argument against Christianity can be Christians who become self-righteous, complacent, and un-Christlike.

[9] John 7:16

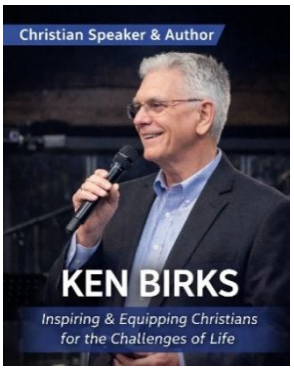
In other words, our character either attracts people to Christ or pushes them away from Him.

Jesus said that the wise man builds his house upon the rock by hearing His words and putting them into practice. Character is forged through obedience. It is developed as we repeatedly submit to Christ's lordship in the details of everyday life. The fruit of the Spirit does not appear overnight, but it grows steadily within a yielded heart.

Concluding Thoughts

As we move deeper into these prophetic days, God is not merely looking for students of prophecy but for a prophetic people. He is forming a generation that carries His heart, reflects His character, and demonstrates His kingdom to a watching world. Such a people are secure in their identity as sons and daughters, committed to genuine fellowship, teachable under the Holy Spirit, and continually growing in Christlike character. The true evidence of prophetic understanding is not simply what we know about the future but how completely we are being transformed by the One who holds the future. As we allow these characteristics to mature within us, we become the prophetic people God is raising up for this hour, bearing fruit that glorifies the Father and preparing the way for the return of His Son.

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Ken Birks has walked with God through seasons of quiet wonder, deep refining, and unexpected grace — journeys that have shaped both his faith and voice. From early moments of sensing God's nearness to years of learning to listen more closely, Ken has discovered that the Lord often speaks in whispers, rhythms, and poetic impressions.

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