



12 REASONS
PEOPLE MISS THEIR

PROPHETIC MOMENT



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In the realm of prophecy and divine insight, numerous individuals often overlook or miss their prophetic moments due to various reasons. Here are 12 common factors that contribute to people missing these critical junctures:

1. **Tradition:** Deep-rooted traditions and beliefs can cloud one's ability to recognize and embrace prophetic messages.
2. **Sentiment:** Emotional attachments and sentimental values may hinder individuals from accepting or acting upon prophetic guidance.
3. **Fear:** Fear of the unknown, fear of change, or fear of the implications of prophecy can paralyze individuals, causing them to miss pivotal moments.
4. **Success:** Overwhelming focus on personal success and achievements can lead individuals to disregard or overlook prophetic signs and messages.
5. **Conflict:** Internal or external conflicts can create distractions and inner turmoil, making it challenging for individuals to heed prophetic warnings.
6. **People:** Influence from others, societal pressures, or conflicting opinions can sway individuals away from recognizing and embracing their prophetic destinies.
7. **Ethics:** Moral dilemmas, ethical considerations, or conflicting values can create barriers that prevent individuals from aligning with their prophetic paths.
8. **Insensitive:** Insensitivity to spiritual cues, lack of discernment, or a dismissive attitude towards prophecy can cause individuals to miss crucial prophetic moments.
9. **Presumption:** Assuming one knows better than the divine guidance received can lead to arrogance and overlooking essential prophetic insights.
10. **Distraction:** Engrossment in worldly matters, distractions, and a lack of focus on spiritual growth can cause individuals to miss prophetic opportunities.
11. **Procrastination:** Delaying action on prophetic directives or messages can result in missed chances for growth, transformation, and alignment with divine plans.
12. **12 Stubbornness:** Refusal to adapt, change, or accept guidance can result in individuals resisting their prophetic moments, leading to missed opportunities for spiritual growth and fulfillment. Understanding these factors and being mindful of them can help individuals navigate their prophetic journeys more effectively and seize the divine opportunities presented to them.

Tradition: Many people miss the promise because of tradition. What is tradition? The word tradition means to trade or to hand off. Many people miss God because of their trade. You learned your trade from your father who learned his trade from his father, who learned his trade from his father, and all of a sudden you have what's called tradition. Tradition is the passing off of something that never worked for you to somebody else. That's what tradition is. So you look at your kids and say, you're not going to talk to me like that. They say what? That's not how my father spoke to me, but how did it work for you? I'm going to deal with you the same way my daddy dealt with me. How did it work for you? Didn't work for you, messed you up, but you are passing it on to your children. That's called tradition.

I remember one day the UK is the "Cue capital of the world.". My wife and I are lining up in a cinema theater, getting ready to go into the theater to watch a movie and the line is all the way out the door around the corner and we're right at the back. I say to my wife, **we're going to the front.** She said, babe, I said, come with me. So she came with me and as we're walking, all you can hear is people.

Excuse me, somebody under their voice says "it's a line." And I'm replied, I know, but I push through, and get to the front. Finally when I get upstairs, the escalates because you have to go all the way up. There are three kiosks, kiosk, three of them open. Everyone is lying upside one line and then they're waiting and they're spreading out into three. So I get to the front and I just see lane three is empty. So I line up on lane three. You should have seen their faces. They were so angry. I looked at them, said, what's wrong? They said, can't you see there's a line? I said, yeah, I see there's a line.

I went and I purchased my slushie, and my large salted popcorn. we got into the movie. Can I tell you what the consequences were? Peer pressure. I didn't die. That's the irony. I didn't die. Nobody killed me. The only consequence was people didn't like me. Can I tell you the miracle that happened when I went into that line all of a sudden people started to break apart and go into different lines and the line got shorter. Do you know what that made me a trendsetter.

People miss the moment because they're trying to fit in. I'm telling you something that I believe is going to set you free. People who are trying to fit in, miss the moment.

Sentiment is this; I have my own definitions for everything. You won't find these in Merriam Webster's dictionary, but I'm sure they'll be just as appealing to you.

Sentiment is ***the false messiah complex that conflates disobedience with loyalty.***

People often think like this: "I'm here because I need to be loyal, but God told you to move, but they need me, but God told you to move, but without me, this church won't survive. But God told you to move". Sentiment is the Messiah complex that makes you believe that everybody needs you and without you things will fall apart.

Think about this David had two spiritual connections in his life that were important to him. One was Saul and the other was Jonathan. What do you do when you have two people and both of them hate each other? One is your next level, one is your kind of your propeller. The other was your rocket launcher. Without your rocket launcher, you'd never be who you are and you're grateful for them. You're loyal to them. They helped you get off the ground, but as the rocket gets off the ground after a while, if it needs to go higher, it needs to let go of the rocket launcher.

The very thing that shot it up, it's grateful for it, but it weighs it down. If it doesn't know the appropriate moment to let go, I have my rocket launcher. You must still honor your rocket launcher, but you got to know when to let go of the person that launched you if you want to go higher because when God connects you with your propeller, if you're still connected to your rocket launcher, you're going right back down. But for most people it's all about sentiment. I can't leave them.

Number three, fear. Probably a big one that should have been number one, but fear is the anxiety of a future that needs two empty hands to catch it with an unwillingness to let go of what you're presently holding onto. Fear says, okay, God, I'm waiting for you, but in case you don't do this, here's my backup plan. How many of you know that everything you got now you got it because you leapt?

The job God told you to leave or the state He told you to relocate from. He told you to get away from that time you left your house at a really young wise time. That time you dropped out of university and it seemed really unwise to do, but it was that leap that got you where you are today. Can I tell you something? In God, we're always leaping and some people make the first leap and they thank God that they survived, but they'd never make the next one because of fear.

Number four, success.

People miss the moment because of success. Success is the knowledge that the embrace of the moment involves responsibility and responsibility involves me getting rid of my pity economy. Some people have built an economy out of pity. Believe it or not, a lot of people don't love where they are, but they like where they are because where they are comes with some kind of benefit. Some people like the attention economy.

Like a man sitting at a pool for 38 years, they don't actually want to get better because where they are gives them a justification for sin. So they're okay. They're like, well, the reason I sleep around is because I'm heartbroken because of my dad died and your dad did die and it was terrible. But now you finish grieving, you have a whole new addiction that you can't even kick anymore because what you used to medicate will eventually become your bondage once you no longer need the medication.

I've discovered that when it came time for Satan when he is in it, it is all about miracles. Turn these stones into bread, throw yourself off here. But when God is in it, it's all about principles. It is written, it is written, it is written. Believe me, I love miracles. But can I tell you something? I love even more people that don't need miracles because they're living by principles.

Number five, conflict.

What is conflict? Conflict is the prostitution of my moment for my money. What if God has a moment for you and at that moment there's another moment. Maybe a job opportunity has come, maybe a business has come. Maybe something that's more expedient to you in the natural has come. Short term, Esau missed his moment for his money. Everybody. Somebody said, let me go bury my father. I mean, no, that's a good excuse. He said, let the dead bury their dead. Some of you are so sensitive that today you can't hang around certain ministries because the past didn't shake your hand.

Jesus was so cutthroat that he look at them when they're running there saying, I've got to go take care of my business. He says, okay, if you put two hands to this plow and you so much as look back, forget it. You can go home. That means people who came to follow Jesus and said, I've got to just go do something, Jesus said, go home. Don't come back.

Number six, people.

My definition of people is the sorcery of using other people's genuine needs and incapacities as a justification for rebellion. Maybe somebody's sick and they've asked you to take care of their baby. Good reason to miss the moment. Maybe a mom has got dementia and she's moved into the house rendering you the only carer that can take care of him. It's a really good reason to miss the moment. Can I tell you something? Following God is the surrender of your best excuse.

Number seven, ethics.

The conflation of morality and righteousness. Most people don't follow God because they don't think God is moral enough. Most people don't follow God because when God tells them to do something that offends them moral sensitivity, they think that God is somehow wicked. Remember when God told Saul kill everything in his morality? He couldn't but in God's

righteousness he needed to because one day if he killed everything, we would never have had a book of Esther.

How many you know that there would never be the Malachi who would rise up to plan the mass genocide of an entire people group, but some people think that they're more righteous than God and so they try to PR obedience. It's called partial obedience. And partial obedience is still disobedience. Delayed obedience is still disobedience.

Number eight, insensitive.

Insensitive Christians embrace common sense over spiritual sense. Can I tell you something? Spiritual sense doesn't make common sense. It doesn't make common sense for me living in the UK comfortably to move to the Christian genocide, capital of the world doesn't make any sense to move my whole family, three boys wife to Nigeria. Doesn't make any sense. Don't make any sense when God said give everything away and just move. It doesn't make common sense for your leaders to be leading a church in Houston. It doesn't make common sense, but it makes spiritual sense.

Spiritual sense always offends common sense and people miss the moment because when it comes time to apply their spiritual sense is someone with common sense will talk them out of it. Some of you, God told you to fast, somebody came to you. Maybe it was a mother said, come on, be wise. You got to work every day. You need to be alert to take care of people. Be wise. So they talked you out of it because spiritual sense doesn't make common sense. Never. Why? Because if it says eyes haven't seen, eyes are senses that are common to you. Ears haven't heard. Ears are senses that are common to you. Neither is the heart imagined the things that God has prepared for them that love him. So everything God says makes zero common sense.

Number nine, presumption.

Presumption. Presumption is the delayed obedience to a word that has long lost its wind. When God tells you to do something, he'll tell you to do it in the moment because he knows in the moment there's provision for the moment that if you procrastinate or miss for a second because you're busy trying to presume, the moment you finish with your presumption and you decide it's time to go, the wind has lost the word.

God says this of the children of Israel, Moses said, go over to the land and the Bible says, they said, we will not go because there's giants there and they're bigger than us. And they talked to everybody out of it. And then later God was angry. So they repented and the Bible says, and they presumed to go and he said, don't go now for the Lord is no longer among you. And they went and they were defeated. Why? Because the word had lost its wind.

Number 10, distraction.

This is a big one, What's distraction? Distraction is preoccupation with a good or bad thing that does not progress towards my ultimate goal. The greatest enemy of the right

thing to do is not the wrong thing to do. It's a good thing to do. Distraction is when I'm so preoccupied with a good or bad thing. Children are good things, but they can be distractions. A wife a good thing. God says, when a man finds a wife, she fine with a good thing, but she can be a distraction. Anything good or bad that does not progress towards your ultimate goal in life is a distraction.

Number 11, procrastination.

Procrastination is the putting off of doing something that should be done. This is a major struggle for many people. God wants to bring something or do a work in your life but you have people putting off. Many people are behind in life and their destiny because of procrastination.

number 12 is stubbornness.

Stubborn fact, the whole of the children of Israel, all of them miss the moment. For one reason, they were **stubborn**. The bible called them stiff necked. This is idolatry. When you're stiff necked and you're adult because you worship yourself your own advice. Stubbornness is rigidity and inflexibility and the worship of organization and structure over the dramatic need for change.

These 12 things are the reasons people miss moments. Don't miss your prophetic moment and start to evaluate with these 12 principles in mind what changes or attitudes you will need to adjust for your future. Each of us has something that world needs but if we are always missing our moments it will only delay us from becoming the thing that God called us to be.