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*This booklet is dedicated to all those who genuinely and sincerely want to accomplish the vision and purposes of God for their lives in the 21st century through a greater, even double-portion of the Holy Spirit being evident in their lives.*

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## Foreword

I have had the privilege to participate with Rodney Francis in many of his seminars for some years now. I have heard the message of the Holy Spirit on so many occasions, I have said to myself, "Why should I hear this again?" Then, in the practise of listening to the Holy Spirit, He gave me this word:

I had a mental picture of those hundreds of people who go to a gymnasium everyday, trying to become a picture or vision of someone they wanted to be. There were many who desired to go, and even paid their fees to go, but never turned up, having lost the initial enthusiasm. Others spent hundreds of dollars for a "quick fix" using drugs to accomplish the weight loss, so as not to do the hard work. Others hired instructors to try to inspire them to keep going. Many excuses for failure, always the same result, nothing gained. "Enveloped in a world of wishful thinking!"

I have witnessed a similar scene with so many Christians throughout the years desiring to have the vision like that of Elisha, yet, as with a natural gymnasium we are full of ideas, but no discipline - "no stick."

But the secret is the same. We can become those people that we want to believe in. We often need a partner to encourage us, to form the habit, to get into the rhythm. We need those prophetic words spoken into us, to keep us moving, to push us on. And we need it again and again.

Like a coach saying, "Keep going, push harder."

We need to hear the Holy Spirit coaching us, so that we can coach others, by speaking into their lives - like "working out" in a gymnasium.

The Bible says to "Stir up the gifts that are within us," meaning "Motivate yourself to desire these wonderful gifts and practise them." See the vision again, reminding us who God made us to be, and, most of all staying focussed on what we are doing.

And so it starts, bit by bit. We will gain the muscle of prophecy as we practise. First read this book, and know that by small steps we can be like Elisha too, practising and rejuvenating that desire again!

Everyday in the gym is not "a walk in the park." But every walk in the park is so much more enjoyable because we spent everyday in the gym! And, like music, we cannot play a symphony when we first start, but as we stir up that desire, we come to play a music that others, too, will say, "How did you get that ability?"

Practise the prophetic! Focus on what God made us to be. In time, as we earnestly desire, we will develop those God-given qualities we so much long for.

- **Kerry Wright** (Prophetic Musician and GFM Team Member, Hamilton, New Zealand).

# The Prophetic Double Anointing

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**A** PROPHEPIC DOUBLE ANOINTING? Is such a thing possible? Has anything like that happened to a person before? The answer, of course, is a very positive “YES!” We are living in a day where God is visiting His people and raising up an army of prophetic men and women who will do more than others have done, who will rise above the negativities of “normal Christianity” and accomplish great things to the Glory of God. It takes the anointing of the Holy Spirit, that unseen divine unction of God being imparted into us in such a way that we are supernaturally **“endued with power from on high”** (Luke 24:49 & Acts 1:8). This power is more than the usual accepted power of someone being able to speak in a new prayer language – it is power to do things that we cannot do in our natural or academic strength. The prophetic double anointing is desperately needed today to enable the work and will of God to be seen and done in such a way that people know it is the hand of God! And it is the God-factor that this generation needs to see! The Scriptural basis for this message is found in the lives of Elijah and Elisha.

## Elijah And Elisha

In the Book of 2 Kings 2 we read of the powerful ***“taking up into heaven by a whirlwind”*** of the Prophet Elijah (v.11). He was a man who ministered in the supernatural power of God like few men have. A younger Elisha had followed and observed closely the life and ministry of the older Elijah, and had obviously been powerfully affected by his life and ministry. This came about as a result of Elisha being Elijah’s servant for a period of time (1 Kings 19:21; 2 Kings 3:11). He served the man and ministry he admired the most. His position as a servant to the great prophet enabled him to observe his life firsthand. Those observations so impacted Elisha that **he strongly desired to have a double portion of all that Elijah had**. He would have gleaned so much from Elijah during that time of servant-hood. Elisha saw something special in Elijah that he wanted twice as much of! Serving Elijah did not in any way diminish his “vision” to have a double portion of that man’s spirit. **Elisha pursued a growing desire to pattern his life and ministry after that of Elijah** – except that Elisha was **very bold in desiring a double portion of that which Elijah had**. Think of that for a moment. There was no one else around at that time that could come anywhere near to matching the ministry as that of Elijah. Yet Elisha had the audacity to not only desire to be like him, but to actually have **a double portion** (twice as much!) of that which

Elijah displayed! Some could even have accused Elisha of being brash, erratic, or proud in his desire, **but Elisha knew what he wanted, and he went after it** (it is recorded that Elijah did eight major miracles and Elisha sixteen, confirming he did indeed minister in a double portion of Elijah's spirit).

Some may say that the callings of Elijah and Elisha were special, or God-ordained, and that we cannot expect to have such a ministry simply through our desiring one. The ministries of the Holy Spirit and the prophetic realm are often "caught" more than they are "taught." Something is seen, or something happens in another that makes us awaken to the desire that we might also have that – and more! **God certainly did not rebuke Elisha for his great desire to have a double portion of Elijah's spirit – He enabled him to fulfil it! And He won't knock us back either, if we genuinely desire to be and do more for His praise and glory. In fact, God is right now looking for volunteers who will rise up in the power and anointing of His mighty Holy Spirit!**

Elijah and Elisha carried prophetic calls and destinies. Both knew the seasons and times of the Lord. Both knew the day when Elijah was to be taken up into heaven. Elijah knew there were conditions that Elisha would need to fulfil if he were to have his heart's desire. Elisha knew there would have to be a transference or impartation of spirit from Elijah to

him. Therefore Elisha refused to be distracted or diverted from taking his eyes off of Elijah on that momentous day. Elijah tried to distract him, but Elisha would have none of it. Even the sons of the prophets knew something “very special and important” was happening that day, and questioned Elisha accordingly.

As Elijah and Elisha stood by the Jordan River that day – with 50 men of the sons of the prophets watching from a distance – Elijah ***“took his mantle, rolled it up, and struck the water; And it was divided this way and that, so that the two of them crossed over on dry ground”*** (2 Kings 2:7-8).

Once they were over the river, Elijah asked Elisha what he (Elisha) would like him (Elijah) to do for him before he departed. Elisha’s answer was quick and sure: ***“Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me”*** (v.9). Elijah replied that it was a hard thing he had asked, and added that the requirement would be that **Elisha had to see Elijah taken up from him.**

Elisha had to see with his eyes!

Elisha greatly desired to be effective as a man of God. Elijah had set a standard of ministry that majored on the demonstration of power that Elisha longed to experience and walk in. Elijah had become his example, his mentor, as to what a prophet of God

should be like. He longed for an impartation of the power that Elijah walked and lived in. That longing was not to be satisfied with that of being equal to the power Elijah displayed, but a great longing to have a double portion of that power! **Elisha demonstrates that it is possible to desire great things in God and to achieve them.**

## The Importance Of Seeing

**E**lisha never took his eyes off Elijah. He watched him every moment. He knew the power of the eye-gate and the ability to see and know things through the “eye of the spirit” which operates through our own spiritual eyes. No matter what Elijah did to try and distract him, **Elisha was totally committed to that which he desired more than anything else in life – to have a double portion of Elijah’s spirit. And that moment had arrived! It was right before him standing there! He was not going to miss that “once in a life time opportunity” to step into his dream!**

**It is that kind of desire that accomplishes great things in God.** Unfortunately, many of us today do not carry that same kind of desire. We want things too easy. We expect them to come to us, “to be handed to us on a plate” by our church or Christian ministers, not realizing that the things of the Spirit of God are



released to us and through us ***“according to the desire of our heart”*** (Psalm 37:4, 1 Corinthians 12:31 & 14:1).

- **How focused are we on what we want from God?**
- **Is it a passion that consumes us?**
- **Is our eye single?**
- **Are we content simply to be “one of the crowd,” or are we giving ourselves to the very purpose for which God created us?**

If we do not know what we are desiring “more than anything else,” we will never know when it comes to us! If we cannot see what we are looking for, then it will elude us! The double-portion ministry is for those who are focused on more from God. They want what God wants more than what man wants. They are God-pleasers, not man-pleasers! The fact that Elisha desired more than anyone else in his day – and got it – shows us we can do likewise. The question is:

How much do we want to be like Elisha in his desire?

Elisha did see Elijah ascend up into heaven that day. It happened suddenly; there was no pre-set time that Elisha had to be watching. He had to be awake and watching all the time. Because his eyes were open, Elisha saw the chariot of fire and the horses of fire

that came and separated them, sweeping Elijah up into heaven. ***“And Elisha saw it . . .”*** (v.12). **He fulfilled the requirements, the conditions.**

Notice that as soon as Elisha had seen Elijah go, and his mantle came floating down to the ground, Elisha tore his own clothes into two pieces. By an act of faith he laid down all that which he had known and experienced up to that time, and exchanged it for the mantle of the one he desired to have a double portion of. **He did not allow what he had had up to that point in his life to get in the way of that which he so longed to walk into.** He exchanged his own mantle for that of the Prophet Elijah’s, **with the promise that he would have a double portion of that man’s prophetic spirit.** The transference from the one to the other had taken place. Elisha took the mantle of Elijah and struck the waters of the Jordan, crying out, ***“Where is the Lord God of Elijah?”*** (v.14). The Lord God of Elijah heard that cry and the power of God poured through Elijah’s mantle and divided the waters of the Jordan, enabling Elisha to cross over. The sons of the prophets were watching those proceedings and saw that ***“The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha”*** (v.15). **There was seen evidence of that which Elisha desired!** Elijah’s mantle was now in the hands of a young prophet who carried an intense desire to have twice as much as his mentor. The combination of the mentor’s mantle and the strong desire of Elisha actually brought about that double portion anointing. The power that flowed

through that mantle was now twice as much as had flowed through it when Elijah carried it. This shows us that the mantle neither carried the secret nor was a “magical formula,” etc., that could be switched on like a tap. **It had to be in the hands of someone anointed and filled with the Holy Spirit of God who was demonstrating his desire through obedience and action.**

It should be like that for us. Our Christian forefathers left us a wonderful inheritance so we could establish major ministries and works of God in the earth. Unfortunately, far too many of us have failed to pick up their mantle. We wanted to be “more sophisticated” and acceptable. The result of that is compromise – and the power of God is not compromised! God’s will is that the Christian revelation of Jesus Christ, His Word, and the power of His resurrection Spirit, is developed and matured more and more as we live in the light of His unfolding revelation to us. The Holy Spirit has not stopped revealing Jesus to us! It is His ministry to the saints! **When we can pick up on the revelation of the Holy Spirit to us, then there is no reason why we cannot fulfil a greater destiny than our early church forefathers.** The question is:

How much do we desire to rise to function in a double portion capacity?

**God responds to our desires** – those pure and wholesome desires that seek to glorify Him. The word “desire” in Scripture means “to crave, to desire earnestly, long for, to strive to find, to question as well as supplicate, to reach or stretch out, require, demand (expressive of a petition from an inferior to a superior).” It is a strong word. So much of what we accomplish as Christians comes as a direct result of strongly desiring the will of God to be done in our lives. To passively sit, wait and pray – without a strong longing and desire – will see us many years later still sitting, waiting, and praying. **The ministry and gifts of the Holy Spirit operate out of our lives directly as a result of our desire** (1 Corinthians 12:31; 14:1 & 39).

Are we willing to exchange  
that which we already have for  
that which can be?

**A**re we willing to lay down “our own mantle” for that of another’s? Often we have become very comfortable in our own mantle. It has fitted us for so long. But “our mantle” will not enable us to achieve our destiny in Jesus Christ, and therefore we need to exchange it for that which will lead us into more of a double portion of anything we have ever had before. It is a decision we have to make ourselves. No one else tore Elisha’s old mantle in two. He did it himself.

**He knew if he was going to fulfil his dream, then he had to demonstrate by his actions that he meant what he said.** He knew he could not get the benefits of Elijah's mantle while he still clung to his own. This is something we all have to learn if we want to be more fruitful in the purposes of God. The tearing of the mantle also signified the transference of Elisha from being that of a servant to another (Elijah), **to stepping into that which would enable him to fulfil his own destiny in God.** He stepped from being a servant to being "a powerful, double-portion of the Holy Spirit" leader. He stepped into a new realm of spiritual authority he had never known before! Why? He received a double-portion of Elijah's spirit, which was really the Holy Spirit of God Himself! By faith Elisha took off his mantle to make room for the larger double-portion mantle. He exchanged his for the one that he had his eyes focused on.

Until that "exchange" takes place for us, we will be limited in what we can achieve in life. We will stick with that which we know rather than stepping out into that which we do not yet know! I cannot tear up your comfortable-fitting mantle, and you cannot tear up mine. This is something each of us has to do for ourselves. The strength of the desire of that which we long for more than anything else will bring us to the place of doing that. Elisha **"took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces"** (2 Kings 2:12). Through desire and obedience Elisha stepped into a new realm of Holy Spirit anointing that day.

## So few understand the prophetic

**W**e hear a lot about the prophetic ministry today, but it seems that so few understand what it is really about. It is more than prophesying in church, or making a declaration or two “in the name of the Lord.” **When we commit to the prophetic it will cause us to make changes in the way we think, believe, and act. It will take us in a different direction to that which we have generally been taught in our Christian life. It will cause us to re-examine our core values, and to let go of those “Christian theories” that simply do not work. The prophetic will cause us to function in a supernatural yet practical way that sees lives transformed to the glory of God. It enables us to fulfil our dreams and desires like nothing else. Why? Because the prophetic is all about our connecting with “the present tense” (the Greek word is “rhema”) voice of God that releases faith in us to fulfil that which the Word or voice of God is saying to us today – “So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word (“rhema”) of God” (Romans 10:17).**

I have been a Holy Spirit-filled Christian for over 45 years, yet since I have committed my life more to walking in the prophetic, I have seen and experienced more of the impact of God in my life than ever before.

We are ministering to thousands more people than we ever did in the past, and we are seeing God provide financially like never before. Why? ***“The Word of the Lord is right”*** when we will hear it, receive it, and act upon it in the **now!**

The prophetic is a very different way. Far too many give only “lip service” to it. It is not seen as being “all that important” in the life of many churches, and therefore the people never get to experience, flow in, or release in their own lives this powerful realm of the Holy Spirit that can take us into “double portion territory” with God. **And if we do not get the opportunities to develop in the prophetic ministry, then we are missing a major part of God’s purposes for our lives.** Knowing what I now know of the prophetic ministry, we simply cannot afford to miss this vital part of God’s purposes, as it holds so many keys to fulfilling the will of God for the Church internationally, and for us individually. If we do not embrace more of the prophetic, we will continue to slip into obscurity in a modernistic, Christ-rejecting generation (especially in the Western world).

There are so many advantages for a Christian when we will pursue the prophetic ministry with all our heart. God speaks, directs, anoints, provides, enables us to do things we have never been able to do before, and even allows us to supersede those whose lives we have admired and whose ministries we have longed to imitate. The question is:

- **Who do we look to today to inspire us in such a way?**
- **Whose spirit would we earnestly desire to have a double portion of?**

It is very easy for a Christian to glibly say, "I want to be more like Jesus," for, if we do, then our lives should go on to display the power and impact of His ministry like never before. As far as I can understand from the Bible, it all comes down to the strength of our desire for the things of God.

Do we desire the supernatural of God strongly enough to sacrifice everything else for it?

How ironic it is that in some religions people are willing to physically die for a lost cause, when so many Christians are not even prepared to live for theirs!

**When Jesus is real enough – and alive enough – within our lives, then we will do whatever is necessary to walk in that "double anointing" of the Holy Spirit, to keep our eyes steadfastly fixed on Jesus and what He is saying to us today, that we will demonstrate our love for Him by our obedience to Him in whatever He says! That is what a prophetic person is about. It is not about living in the history of the past, or in speculating about the future, but in hearing**



and knowing ***“What the Spirit is saying to the churches today”*** and to us as individual followers of the Lord Jesus Christ (Revelation 2 & 3).

Recently the Holy Spirit spoke to me these words, ***“Right now many of My people are hearing My voice, but they are not free enough in themselves to obey Me.”*** As I thought about that, I could not help but see how true that is. It is important for us to learn that with the voice of God speaking to us today, He is giving us the “keys” to fulfil our destiny in a supernatural way. I have also learned that there is no room for any excuses when we are hearing the voice of God. The voice of God comes to us, and, out of a love relationship with Jesus, we are committed to doing whatever He says (John 2:5). And the sooner we obey, the sooner we see the hand of God at work to fulfil what He has said. The question is:

Are we free enough in ourselves to do whatever He asks?

To obey the voice of God means more than “committing the matter to prayer”!! **The voice of God demands an action on our part – a demonstration that we do believe that what He says is true. Once we learn that kind of obedience, we discover the hand of God in a marvellous way to open doors of opportunity to us, and to provide our every need to fulfil**

**those opportunities – better than anything I have experienced in my earlier years as a Holy Spirit-filled Christian.**

The world ~ and the church  
~ needs some Elisha's!

**T**he world and the Church today have a great need for some prophetic Elisha's to come to the fore! People who have been mentored by true Holy Spirit ministries. People who know the seasons and the times (like the sons of Issachar - 1 Chronicles 12:32), **who can see with the eye of the spirit, hear the voice of God, and demonstrate by their actions that they are indeed hearing from Heaven.**

This generation does not need “another sermon” or programme, or a discourse on that which does not work, or a tame message that allows people to “comfortably live in sin, yet attend church also.” Our mandate is to bring the voice of God to the people in a loving, yet impacting way that causes us to positively change the way we think, believe and behave.

- **If your theories will not work for you, then why hold on to them?**
- **If you cannot prove what you believe, then who will be convinced by your message?**
- **If you are not hearing the voice of God, then**

**what do you have to share with a generation that is desperately needing answers to deliver it out of its hopelessness and despair?**

**The prophetic ministry – when ministered in the love and power of the Holy Spirit – does all these things and more for people. It brings Jesus into the “now” of their lives and sets them free to love and serve Him with a whole heart. The need right now is for committed men and women who believe in Jesus Christ enough to be totally focused on all that He desires for them, and to rise to a higher level of “double-portion anointing of the Holy Spirit.”**

*Are you willing?*

*Are you available?*

Only you can decide how far you are willing to go in God. Be encouraged to go for a double portion of the Holy Spirit of God – more than anything you have ever known before. May you be blessed and inspired through the life and example of the Prophets Elijah and Elisha.

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