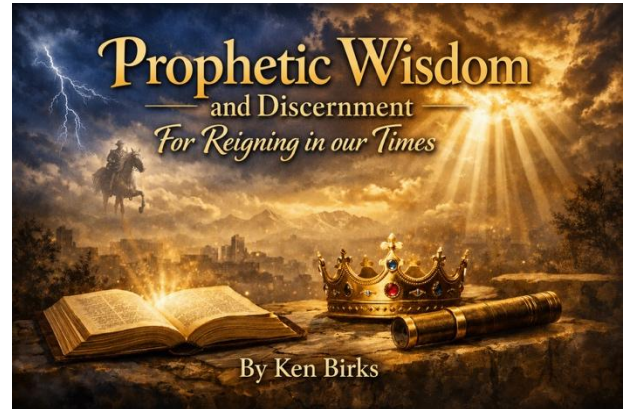


Prophetic Wisdom and Discernment For Reigning in our Times

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Ephesians 5:15–17 *See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is.*

One of the greatest prophetic truths of our times is arming ourselves with wisdom and discernment. It has become unmistakably clear that we have stepped into a prophetic season—one in which the pressures of our time are intensifying, not easing. The landscape around us is shifting with unsettling speed. These are not days for casual faith or distracted hearts. These are days in which the people of God must be anchored in wisdom and sharpened in discernment, able to read the spiritual atmosphere with clarity and courage



This is a season to rise like the sons of Issachar—men who understood the times and knew what God’s people were supposed to do. (1 Chronicles 12:33) That same anointing is desperately needed now. The trumpets of God are sounding across the earth, and heaven is searching for those who carry understanding—those who can help prepare the Church for the pressures that are already beginning to break upon our world.

Psalms 14:2 declares, *“The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God.”*

The next verse warns, *“They have together become corrupt.”* We are watching that corruption unfold in real time—evil, wickedness, and perversion manifesting in ways once unimaginable. The thick darkness Isaiah prophesied is no longer approaching; it is here. And in such an hour, spiritual slumber is not merely dangerous—it is deadly. The enemy is not hiding his schemes; he is emboldened by the complacency of those who once walked awake.

As seen in the opening verse, we are to walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. This is not poetic language. It is a divine alarm. God never intended His people to simply survive the times. He has anointed us for them. He calls us to reign in life—not by escaping hardship, but by standing firm in

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the very midst of it. And that calling becomes even more urgent as we move toward the closing moments of this age.

Romans 5:17 *For if by one man's offense death reigned through the one, much more those who receive abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.*

The spiritual atmosphere is tightening. The air feels heavier, more charged, more openly resistant to the truth we carry. What once felt like subtle pressure is becoming open hostility. What once required discernment now demands courage anchored in wisdom and discernment. What once required awareness now demands spiritual authority.

This is a season that exposes what we truly believe, what we truly love, and where our allegiance actually rests. The days ahead will not reward half-hearted discipleship—they will expose it. God is calling His people to awaken, to rise, and to walk with a clarity that cuts through the fog of deception.

We are living in a prophetic moment—one that demands urgency, sobriety, and unwavering devotion. The question is no longer, “Do we see the times?” The question is, “Will we respond to them?” These are times in which the Holy Spirit is pouring out His grace in abundance so that we reign in these times.

2 Corinthians 9:8 *And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, and an abundance for every good work”.*

So then, how do we reign in a world that is unraveling? The answer is not hidden; it is embedded in the very Scripture we profess to believe. We reign by continually drawing from the abundance of grace that has already been poured out upon us in Christ. This is not a trickle of mercy for emergencies—it is a vast, unending reservoir meant to sustain, strengthen, and empower us to live above the pressures that Satan uses to crush us.

To reign, we must entrust every corner of our lives to Him—our decisions, our fears, our instincts, our interpretations of what is happening around us. We must refuse the subtle temptation to lean on our own understanding or to be wise in our own eyes, even when our reasoning feels justified.

Reigning begins with surrender. It continues with dependence. And it is sustained by a posture of the heart that says, “*Lord, Your wisdom, not mine. Your strength, not mine. Your way, not mine.*” Only then can His grace flow freely enough to lift us above the hostility of the hour and anchor us in the wisdom needed to lead, to minister, and to stand firm in these turbulent days.

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2 Corinthians 3:5 *Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God.*

As we choose—day by day—to trust God in all things, refusing the seductive pull of our own understanding, something supernatural begins to happen within us. His grace doesn't merely comfort us; it fortifies us. It equips us to reign with wisdom, to respond with clarity, and to walk with a Spirit-born steadiness even when hostility rises like a tide around us. He has never failed His people, and He will not begin now. His grace is not thin or fragile; it is strong enough to anchor us in discernment, courage, and spiritual authority in a time when the world is shaking.

Reigning in these times will require more than passive belief. It demands awakening. We must face the sobering truth that God is preparing us to stand when others collapse, to shine when darkness thickens, and to reign when the pressures of the hour intensify. This kind of life cannot be lived on autopilot. It calls for a mind that refuses distraction, a heart that refuses fear, and a soul willing to confront the hidden places where compromise still whispers.

There is an urgency in the Spirit—a holy insistence that we shed the last remnants of casual discipleship. The days ahead will not reward half-hearted faith. They will expose it. To reign in this hour is to embrace the costly, beautiful path of true discipleship: to let God reshape our instincts, reorder our priorities, and strengthen our inner man until Christ is unmistakably formed in us. The time for hesitation is over. The Spirit is calling us to stand tall, to burn bright, and to reign with wisdom that only comes from Him.

To live as on-fire disciples of Jesus today, we must recognize and understand the divine shifts in our lives and the world around us — moments when God changes the times and seasons. The prophet Isaiah says God wants us to be aware when new seasons spring forth in our lives and in the earth. He says, He will set new paths before us, showing the way. He not only makes us aware but lets us know ahead of time as seasons come and go, with new seasons coming. (*Isaiah 42:9, 43:19*)

For God to prepare new seasons for us, we must continually undergo a metamorphosis as He moves in our lives. He is continually preparing us for more anointing, for another dose of His Spirit's outpouring as the Scripture below encourages us to do.

Acts 3:19 *Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out so the times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.*

Repentance changes the way we think, because we are always coming into a deeper understanding of who God is and His ways of thinking and doing. The prophet Isaiah

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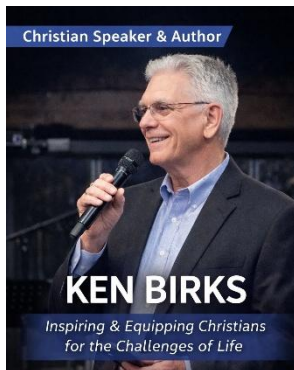
reminds us that God's ways and thoughts are far higher than ours. (Isaiah 55:9) Therefore, we must be constantly shifting our thoughts and ways to God's.

The world is shifting, and the spiritual atmosphere is charged. Every headline, every cultural trend, every challenge we face whispers the same truth: this is no ordinary time. As true believers in Jesus Christ, we are called not to drift with the tide but to stand anchored in wisdom and discernment.

God's Word overflows with prophetic promises—each one given for His divine purposes on earth. These promises are not mere words; they are anchors of hope, guiding us to understand His will across every generation—from Adam to the glorious return of Christ.

Therefore, let us anchor ourselves in the Father's prophetic wisdom and discernment, clothing ourselves in the zeal of the Lord with our sights set on His prophetic purposes for the season that is encompassing our world today.

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