

Is There an Interpreter in the House?
Finding and Following the Flow of the Spirit in Your Service
Lesson 4: Releasing the Gift of Interpretation

- I. Step up and receive your mantle
 - A. God put you in the pastorate, or put you in charge of a service. He will equip you for the job. I believe this means giving you the gift of interpretation.
 - B. Someone will control every service. If not you, then someone else. Someone will step into the driver's seat. You are the one set by God, but nature (and sheep) abhors a vacuum.
 1. Establish a plan for how the gifts will be ordered in your services and explain it lovingly and regularly, then stick by it.
 2. Accept the mantle and expect to know on the inside what needs to be done in the service.
 3. Get ready by praying much in other tongues.
 - C. Don't abdicate control of the music to your music department. God wants you to take the oversight. The worship is an integral part of the service - maintain input.
 1. Don't be intimidated by moody musicians.
 2. Don't be in bondage to the song list.
 3. You don't even have to have instruments to have the touch of God.
 4. Pick up the flow of God in the song service - tell them to revisit a particular song if God is blessing it.
 - a. Identify someone in your music ministry who seems to get the flow regularly, then put them in charge of selecting music for times of ministry.
 - b. Instruct them to include a song which God is blessing - these things move in seasons
 - c. Don't be afraid to eliminate songs you hate.
 - D. Learn to correct lovingly when there is disorder - don't just let it go on. People will love you for it.
 1. If something causes fear or confusion, correct and explain immediately.
 2. If it is flesh in a new babe, correct them privately the first time.
 3. Explain the different ways people respond to the anointing -

laugh, shake, cry, shout. People need to know that everything is OK. Our services are often familiar to us, but bizarre and confusing to the uninformed. They want to be able to fit in, but don't know how. Even lifted hands and falling bodies sometimes still need explanation.

4. Praying and singing in tongues in the public arena must be explained if there are unbelievers or ignorant folks present. If we are all praying or worshipping together in tongues, it is not necessary to give the content of what is being said, but it is reassuring to explain what is going on.

E. Exercise a little faith

1. If you are a pastor and seeking the move of God in your church, ask the Lord to grace you with the gift of Interpretation.
2. Tell your congregation you are an Interpreter and they can count on that gift. Ask that they be recognized by you before they exercise a gift. You will let them know if they should move then. Remember 14:26 all could do something, but the interpreter should determine who and when. (Verse 39 & 40)

II. Have a designated Holy Ghost service

- A. Worship and wait on God. You don't need musicians to worship. Get delivered from the tyranny of talent. God inhabits the praises of His people, not the blank stares of an audience.
- B. Prepare by praying in the Spirit. Don't get a message.
- C. Follow your heart: REMEMBER: If God put you in charge, then He will direct the service through you. Learn to trust your heart. Usually an idea will surface in your inner man - ask for a testimony - ask people to share what God has taught them this week - does anyone feel they have a word from the Lord? - take turns reading a favorite scripture - follow the leading to pray for people - who has a song that has been on their mind? Be open to creative possibilities
- D. Preach without notes: 2 Cor 3:1-3 tells us that there are letters written on our hearts. Open yours and read it to your congregation. You might be surprised at the results.
- E. Learn to wait, even right there on Sunday morning. Tell them what you are doing and wait. Pray, worship, talk, listen.
- F. Don't leave the cloud. If God is blessing something, stay on it. When you realize the anointing has lifted, stop and see where you got off.
- G. Take time to diagnose the atmosphere - God moves according to atmospheres. Healing, joy, praise, prayer

- H. Pressure of the program must be overcome. Remember: One second with the touch of God will do more good than six years of your best programming.
 - I. If you are willing to scrap the program, the service may actually be shorter. It doesn't take God as long to help people as it does you.
- III. Learn to play your instruments.
- A. You are the baton, not the director or the orchestra.
 - B. When you sense God wanting to do something, but you don't know what, look to your instruments. He may be looking to use someone else.
 - 1. Call out and lay hands on those you are drawn to - a pull, a repeated stare, a sense of compassion. When you lay hands on be sensitive to the Spirit. This may start an episode of ministry.
 - 2. Observe the people - you may see signs that God is touching them in powerful ways - listen to your heart. You may want to ask someone - "What is the Lord doing for you?" "What do you have, Brother?"
 - 3. Learn your instruments - some are exhorters, some prophesy, some have healing gifts, some are merciful, some are pray-ers - encourage these things. Watch and take note!!!
 - C. Remind the congregation to stay worshipful and be a part in the Spirit, not observers
- IV. Learn from your mistakes - God is merciful.
- A. Don't be afraid to ask questions about your service.
 - B. If you don't feel right about how it went, go back over it and see where you missed it.
 - C. Be willing to examine traditions - a tradition is anything I do because I saw someone else do it, or because it worked that way last time. Prayer lines? Hand-stretching? Wednesday service? Water baptism at a side service?
 - D. Look out for people pressure - The Gospel is supposed to offend religious spirits. Remember Ananias and Sapphira
 - E. Be careful of imitating your heroes. Imitate their spirit, not their methods. U-B-U
 - F. Don't be afraid, the catch is in the deep. Tell your congregation what you are doing and get them to come along.
 - G. Find someone who flows in this gift and get them to lay their hands on you to impart the gift of interpretation. Then you can always be

confident that there is an Interpreter in the House.