

**BRIEF OVERVIEW OF REDEMPITIVE GIFTS (BEHAVIORAL CHARACTERISTICS) \***

**PROPHET** (Principle of Design)

- Sees design. Attuned to the mind of God.
- Tends to see things in black and white, right and wrong.
- Is committed to truth. If it is right and God has said it, the prophet is committed to go regardless of whether anyone follows.
- Takes initiative; enjoys things that are new. Grates against / doesn't do well maintaining things.
- Is verbally expressive and can be compulsive about it.
- Processes quickly. Has an opinion on everything and is quick to share it.
- Judges and evaluates everything, even situations that do not directly impact him/her.
- Knows no fear. Has a basic boldness. Not intimidated by the unknown or change.
- Needs to have a goal, a reason to live, an objective.
- Cannot tolerate having no options, bondage, or being closed in.
- Is generous but can give impulsively and unwisely at times.
- Shifts gears quickly from one direction to another. Can be here and then there.
- Tends to be a visionary (goal/objective oriented).
- Fiercely independent and competitive.
- Requires full disclosure of facts. Has a compulsion for honesty, integrity, and transparency.
- Is intolerant of perceived rebellion, hypocrisy, and denial - especially in leadership.
- Is hard on himself/herself. Tends to find it difficult to forgive oneself.
- Must make sense out of everything, even unreasonable situations. Loves the underdog.
- Can be unsentimental; doesn't maintain past relationships well once they have moved on.
- Has a passion for excellence in self / others. Driven to excel / challenge others to be their best.
- Has a large range of emotions; ie. deep mercy/fierce judgment; deep depression/ecstatic joy.
- Moody; susceptible to victim spirit / victim mentality (thinking).
- Bases faith on the principles of God's Word. "God said it. I believe it."
- Cannot tolerate denial - when people won't face their own issues or consequences.
- Can embrace a problem and figure out how to repair it. Can rebuild, not just criticize.
- Needs time alone to refuel, re-energize, and process.
- Has a passion for restoration. Sees the damage of sin and the restoring power of God.
- Is drawn to brokenness, people others would reject and ignore; can rebuild a broken life.
- Is quick to celebrate what God has done. Has a passion for celebration.
- God often calls the prophet to a higher level of sacrifice in their personal disciplines, faith, and commitment.
- Can go through seasons when God is silent. These seasons of silence are designed to build a deeper root system of faith for greater fruit in the future.

## Major Weaknesses

- JUDGMENTAL. Critical toward others and even more critical of themselves.
- UNFORGIVING. Not willing to overlook the failures and weaknesses of others.
- BITTERNESS. The enduring battlefield for the prophet. Can have an unforgiving spirit that is destructive.
- NON-RELATIONAL. Tends to value principles and truth as more important than relationships.

**Important Note:** *The redemptive gift of prophet does not necessarily have the manifestation gift of prophecy listed in 1 Corinthians 12 or the office of prophet in Ephesians 4.*

**Biblical Examples of Prophet** - Peter, Elijah, Caleb, Jesus' brother James, Naomi, Miriam

## NOTES