

KNOWING YOUR PROPHETIC SEASON *Guide*

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“Are you tired? Worn out?
Burned out on religion?
Come to me. Get away with
me and you’ll recover your
life. I’ll show you how to take
a real rest. Walk with me and
work with me—watch how
I do it. **Learn the unforced
rhythms of grace.** I won’t lay
anything heavy or ill-fitting
on you. Keep company with
me and you’ll learn to live
freely and lightly.”

DEAR READER,

Imagine running a race at a pace that is too fast—you quickly tire and cannot reach your destination. Running too slow, you fall behind and miss out. This is what life feels like when you are not moving at the pace of grace. Grace is God's enabling power within us, helping us to accomplish what we could never do on our own—moving in sync with God's timing and power. When you're not in this rhythm, stress, exhaustion, and a lack of peace dominate your life. You find yourself quickly angered, frequently ill, and in a constant state of tension. This burnout happens when we take on tasks that God hasn't graced us for.

Now, picture instead a life where you feel refreshed, purposeful, and at peace, even amidst challenges. This is the power of walking at the pace of grace. By understanding the prophetic times and seasons in your life, you are able to come into alignment with God's perfect timing and assignments. This guide will help you discern your prophetic season and equip you to walk in step with the Holy Spirit, embracing the unforced rhythms of grace and running your race with endurance, joy and strength.

We pray that as you work through this guide, the Holy Spirit will give you understanding of your appointed times and seasons and show you how to walk at the pace of grace.

WITH JOY,

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PART ONE

UNDERSTANDING PROPHETIC TIMES AND SEASONS

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In Ecclesiastes 3:1, we read that, “there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens.” This profound truth emphasizes that both times and seasons are divinely appointed periods in our lives characterized by specific opportunities and activities. Times refer to specific, appointed moments within these broader periods, while seasons represent the overarching phases that shape the nature of these moments. Understanding and recognizing these prophetic times and seasons is crucial for believers, as it aligns us with God’s divine calendar and purpose.

Jesus highlighted the importance of discerning these times and seasons in Matthew 16:1-3, where He rebuked the Pharisees and Sadducees for their inability to interpret the signs of the times. As followers of Christ, we are expected to develop this discernment, as it is actually a sign of spiritual maturity. Knowing our prophetic times and seasons offers several benefits: it increases our effectiveness by allowing us to move in God’s grace and timing, it sets us up for future upgrades by helping us transition well, and it refreshes us by aligning our efforts with God’s will. By understanding the seasons we are in, we can walk confidently in the pace of grace, ensuring that our actions are in harmony with God’s perfect plan.

ECCLESIASTES 3:1 (NIV)

**“There is a time for everything,
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under the heavens.”**

DEFINITIONS

Time: Appointed moments within a season.

Season: An overarching period characterized by specific opportunities and activities.

Understanding our prophetic seasons increases our effectiveness, sets us up for future upgrades, and refreshes us.



PART TWO

THE 5 PROPHETIC SEASONS

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Recognizing the season you are in is essential for aligning with God's plan for your life. Each of the five seasons—fall, winter, spring, summer, and transition—holds unique characteristics and opportunities designed by God. In this section, we will delve into the distinct features of each season, helping you understand their purpose and significance, so you can navigate your prophetic journey with greater clarity and purpose.

FALL

Harvest Season

CHARACTERISTICS

A season of harvest, reflection, and transition. Focused on reaping the rewards of labor, preparation for the future, and letting go of old habits and mindsets.

SIGNS

- Reaping what has been planted and enjoying the fruits of your labor.
 - Assessing progress and expressing gratitude for achievements.
 - Observing the changing colors of leaves, signifying maturity and completion.
 - Experiencing the release of old habits and mindsets, symbolized by falling leaves.
 - Engaging in planning and preparation for the next phase of growth.
 - Reflecting on past efforts and outcomes.
 - Embracing change and transition as natural parts of the cycle.
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KEY SCRIPTURES

- Ecclesiastes 3:2 (NIV) "A time to plant and a time to uproot."
 - John 4:35 (NIV) "Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest."
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WINTER

Rest and Renewal Season

CHARACTERISTICS

A season of winding down, retreat, rest, and reflection. Focused on self-care, closure, recovery from the past season, and preparing for new beginnings. This season can also be considered a time of hiddenness and barrenness.

SIGNS

- Shifting from the busyness of life to a slower, more reflective pace.
 - Focusing on rest, recuperation, and internal healing.
 - Setting intentions and envisioning new possibilities for the coming year.
 - Recognizing and honoring the end of cycles, making space for new beginnings.
 - Experiencing hidden growth and internal transformation despite external barrenness.
 - Experiencing a sense of purification and renewal, symbolized by snow covering the ground.
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KEY SCRIPTURES

- Ecclesiastes 3:3 (NIV) "A time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down..."
 - Psalm 46:10 (NIV) "Be still, and know that I am God."
 - Isaiah 40:31 (NIV) "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength..."
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SPRING

New Beginnings Season

CHARACTERISTICS

A season of new opportunities, renewal, and fresh beginnings. Focused on nurturing new ideas, starting new ventures, and planting seeds for future growth.

SIGNS

- Embracing new beginnings, such as ventures, relationships, and business ideas.
 - Nurturing new ideas and practices, akin to new birth.
 - Experiencing a sense of renewal, as God makes all things new.
 - Planting and sowing seeds that will determine future benefits and harvests.
 - Receiving new blessings and opportunities.
 - Engaging in activities that lay the foundation for future success.
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KEY SCRIPTURES

- Isaiah 43:19 (NIV) "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"
 - Song of Solomon 2:11-12 (NIV) "See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land."
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SUMMER

Building and Growth Season

CHARACTERISTICS

A season of peak growth, productivity, and fullness of life. Focused on nurturing what has been planted, enjoying fruitfulness, and maintaining steady progress towards harvest.

SIGNS

- Experiencing the peak of growth and productivity, with long days of daylight.
 - Witnessing the maturation of seeds planted in spring into full-sized plants.
 - Engaging in working, weeding, and nurturing what was planted.
 - Observing and enjoying fruitfulness and the fullness of life.
 - Continuously tending and maintaining your efforts until the fullness of time for harvest.
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KEY SCRIPTURES

- Ecclesiastes 3:5 (NIV) "A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing."
 - Proverbs 6:6-8 (NIV) "Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise! It has no commander, no overseer or ruler, yet it stores its provisions in summer and gathers its food at harvest."
 - Matthew 13:23 (NIV) "But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."
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TRANSITION SEASON

CHARACTERISTICS

A time of change, letting go of the old, and preparing for the new. Focused on navigating shifts, embracing new opportunities, and preparing for upcoming changes.

SIGNS

- Noticing a shift in focus and energy towards new paths and possibilities.
 - Encountering closed doors and feeling a lack of grace for current assignments.
 - New opportunities are emerging, signaling a shift in direction.
 - Sensing impending change and a need to prepare for new beginnings.
 - Experiencing a period of uncertainty, yet feeling prompted to release old habits and mindsets.
 - Feeling a mixture of endings and new beginnings as old cycles close and new ones begin.
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KEY SCRIPTURES

- Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."
 - Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV) "Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."
 - Romans 8:28 (NIV) "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."
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PART THREE

DISCERNING YOUR SEASON

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Understanding the season you are in is crucial for aligning with God's plan for your life. Reflect on the questions below to help you discern your current season. It is important to understand that different areas of your life—such as family, ministry, relationships, and work—can be in different seasons simultaneously. For example, you might be in a winter season with your family, focusing on rest and renewal, while your ministry experiences a spring season with new initiatives and growth. At the same time, your friendships could be in a summer season, marked by building deeper bonds, while your work might be in a fall season, reaping the rewards of hard work and preparing for future endeavors.

These questions are intended to draw you closer to the Lord, who is your great Counselor, who guides your path, and knows your innermost being. He is the author and finisher of your faith (Hebrews 12:2) and the one who guides your steps (Proverbs 3:5–6). God is not in a rush, and He will accomplish in and through you all He has promised if you remain in step with Him. Ultimately, your times and seasons belong to the Lord; He is the one who knows and brings clarity to us as we prayerfully discern the seasons we are in. As you reflect on these questions, may you find yourself drawing closer to the One who holds your times and seasons in His hands.

Choose one of the following areas of life to reflect on with the Lord:

1. Marriage/Relationships
 2. Family
 3. Occupation/Work/Ministry
 4. Health
 5. Other
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Questions to Consider:

- **Who am I? (Genesis 32:27-28)**
Ask the Lord who He says you are. Often, when the Lord identifies us or gives us a deeper understanding of our identity, it is a sign of what is to come and can point to the season we are in or entering.
 - **Where have I come from and where am I going? (Genesis 16:8)**
Reflect on your life story up to this point. Then consider the prophetic direction you are headed in. This can help you identify where you are in your journey.
 - **What is in my hand? (Exodus 4:2)**
Ask the Lord to show you what He has given you in this season. Often, this is a sign of what He will use to help you accomplish your current assignment.
 - **Are there any prophetic patterns I can identify? (Hebrews 8:5)**
Look for recurring themes or messages the Lord has been highlighting to you. These patterns can provide insight into the season you are in.
 - **What season am I in within this area of my life?**
With all this information, discern the season you are in regarding the specific area of your life you chose to reflect on.
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View example answers to these questions on the following page 

EXAMPLE

By Bethany Hicks

An example of this from my personal life is that several years ago, I began to notice a pattern of prophetic words identifying me as an “Apostolic Mother.” I realized that this pattern was signaling a transition in my ministry season. As I sought the Lord about the timing, He revealed that the season to fully step into this larger-scale ministry would begin in a specific number of years. This timeline aligned perfectly with my youngest child’s graduation from high school. I now understand that I am in a ‘Spring’ season in my ministry, while I am currently in a ‘Summer’ season as a mother to my daughters. This revelation has given me peace to focus on continuing to steward my responsibilities and authority in their lives as they transition from teenagers into adulthood. It has allowed me to be a present mother to my children while they are still at home and to trust in His timing for expanding my ministry opportunities. While I am in this ‘Spring’ season of my ministry, I can actively believe and receive the identity the Lord has spoken over my life, beginning to dream and prepare for what is to come.

- **Who am I? (Genesis 32:27–28)**

An Apostolic Mother.

- **Where have I come from and where am I going? (Genesis 16:8)**

I have journeyed as both a mother and a prophet, and I am continuing to minister to those around me, transitioning into a broader ministry role.

- **What is in my hand? (Exodus 4:2)**

My role and responsibilities as a kingdom mother for both my natural children and also the Prophetic Company.

- **Are there any prophetic patterns I can identify? (Hebrews 8:5)**

The recurring identification as an Apostolic Mother called to redefine the assignment of mothering in the kingdom of God.

- **What season am I in within this area of my life?**

I am in a Spring season in my ministry.

After you have processed a particular area of your life with the Lord, revisit the prophetic questions with the Holy Spirit for each of the other areas of your life. This will help you gain clarity about your heavenly identity, current assignments, and God's timing.



PART FOUR

PARTNERING WITH GOD FOR EACH SEASON

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Now that you have identified the season you are in, here are a few practical ways to help you partner with the Lord and navigate each season effectively.

FALL

Harvest Season

- **Embrace change:** Accept the new opportunities God is presenting. For example, if you've completed a significant project at work, consider how you can leverage your new skills for upcoming challenges.
 - **Celebrate harvests:** Take time to celebrate achievements with your team or family. Have a special dinner or share testimonies of God's faithfulness.
 - **Express gratitude:** Keep a gratitude journal to reflect on God's blessings. Write thank-you notes to people who supported you during this season.
 - **Reflect on past efforts:** Evaluate what worked well and what didn't. Conduct a review meeting or personal reflection session.
 - **Plan for future growth:** Set new goals with the Holy Spirit. Create a vision board or a strategic plan for the next phase.
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WINTER

Rest and Renewal Season

- **Rest in God's presence:** Dedicate additional time for spiritual practices like prayer, meditation, and worship. Attend a retreat or set aside intentional time each day.
 - **Focus on self-care:** Engage in activities that restore your body and mind, such as exercise, reading, or hobbies. Schedule regular self-care days.
 - **Engage in reflection and renewal:** Reflect on your spiritual journey through journaling or talking with a mentor. Plan a day of solitude for deep personal reflection.
 - **Embrace hiddenness:** Recognize that in this season, you might not be the most seen or favored by others. Rest knowing that this is God's protection and perfect timing at work.
 - **Prepare for future activities:** Start planning for the upcoming season by researching, learning new skills, or organizing your workspace.
 - **Hold on to promises:** Even if you aren't seeing a lot of breakthrough, dig in and set up reminders of God's faithfulness. Create memorial stones of what God has done in your life, and surround yourself with people who have testimonies to encourage you in what you are believing for. Dream and envision new possibilities during this time of rest and renewal.
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SPRING

New Beginnings Season

- **Sow new seeds:** Begin new projects or initiatives. Launch a new ministry, start a community group, or enroll in a course.
 - **Nurture ideas:** Develop your ideas by creating action plans and seeking advice from trusted mentors. Attend workshops or brainstorming sessions.
 - **Engage in renewal:** Revitalize your spiritual life with new practices like fasting or scripture memorization. Join a new small group or Bible study.
 - **Embrace new beginnings:** Take bold steps towards new ventures. Move to a new city, start a new job, or adopt a new routine.
 - **Welcome refreshing rains:** Allow God to refresh your spirit through nature, music, or art. Spend time outdoors or engage in creative activities.
 - **Realize dreams:** This is a season where dreams are realized. Stay present and focused on what God is speaking. Continue to foster the dream, enjoy new life, and embrace the process.
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SUMMER

Building and Growth Season

- **Work diligently:** Put in consistent effort towards your goals. Create a daily schedule that prioritizes your key tasks and projects.
 - **Nurture growth:** Invest in personal and professional development. Take courses, attend conferences, or read books relevant to your field.
 - **Stay steady:** Maintain a balance between work and rest. Implement a weekly review process to track progress and adjust plans.
 - **Embrace productivity:** Use productivity tools like planners, apps, or accountability partners to stay on track. Celebrate small wins along the way.
 - **Celebrate progress:** Regularly acknowledge and celebrate milestones. Host a mid-project celebration or share successes with your community.
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TRANSITION SEASON

- **Let go of the old:** Release past responsibilities or roles that no longer serve your purpose. Have a closure ceremony or a symbolic act of letting go.
 - **Embrace new opportunities:** Be open to new roles and responsibilities. Attend networking events, explore new interests or volunteer for new projects.
 - **Prepare for change:** Develop a transition plan. Seek advice from mentors, update your resume, or acquire new skills relevant to your next step.
 - **Seek fresh identity:** Pray for God's revelation of your new identity. Create a vision statement or affirmations that reflect who you are becoming.
 - **Say yes to open doors:** Actively pursue new opportunities that come your way. Apply for new positions, start new collaborations, or explore new ministries.
 - **Engage in prophetic partnership:** Regularly seek God's guidance through prayer and prophetic words. Join a prophetic group or seek counsel from prophetic mentors.
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By implementing these practical tips, you can effectively partner with God and navigate each season with purpose and confidence.



PART FIVE

WHAT TO DO IN SEASONS OF TRANSITION

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Seasons of transition can be challenging yet have the potential of being the most transformative times in our lives. By waiting on the Lord, perceiving the new things God is doing, and preparing for what lies ahead, we can navigate these transitions successfully. In this section, we will explore practical steps and questions to help you move through your season of transition with confidence and grace, aligning yourself with God's plans and purposes.

KEY SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV) "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"

PRACTICAL STEPS

- **Embrace Change**
Acknowledge that transitions are a natural part of growth.
 - **Seek Fresh Identity**
Ask the Lord who He says you are in this new season.
 - **Prepare for the New**
Look for new opportunities and be willing to let go of old assignments.
 - **Say Yes to Open Doors**
Be ready to step into new roles and responsibilities as the Lord leads.
 - **Engage in Prophetic Partnership**
Work closely with the Holy Spirit to understand and step into your new season
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QUESTIONS TO ASK

- What is God revealing to me about this transition?
 - How can I best prepare for the changes ahead?
 - What new opportunities is God placing before me?
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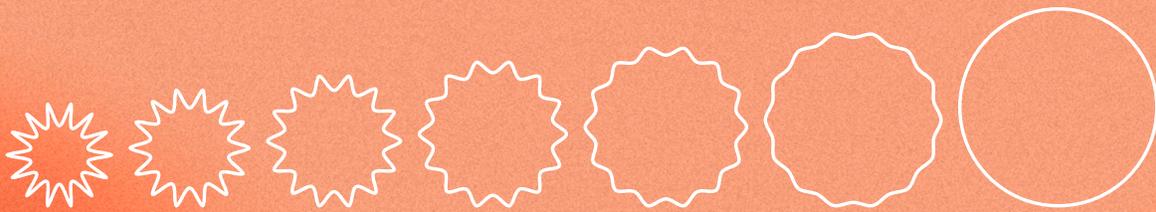
CONCLUSION

God's timing is most often never our own. God is never late; He's always on time. Jesus never hurried but He accomplished everything He came to do.

Knowing your prophetic season empowers you to run at your pace of grace, aligned with God's timing and power. Reflect on what is in your hand, ask the Lord for guidance, and step confidently into the season He has appointed for you.

PRAYER/MINISTRY

- Pray for fresh grace to recognize current seasons and assignments.
 - Release assignments and responsibilities that are not in alignment with your current season back to God.
 - Seek the Lord for clarity on next steps and open doors.
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