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## Created to Hear God's Voice

### I. You were created to have fellowship with God.

- A. God's plan for mankind from the beginning was that we would walk in intimate relationship with Him.
- B. You were created to hear His voice and experience Him.
- C. God longs for intimacy with you. His heart toward you is filled with love. You are His beloved and He is yours.
- D. Never run to the world to learn how to grow in the things of the spirit. Run to the Word of God.
- E. Jesus reveals Himself as a Shepherd who knows His sheep.

#### **John 10:1-5 (NIV)**

"I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep. <sup>3</sup>The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and **his sheep follow him because they know his voice.** <sup>5</sup>But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice."

#### **John 10:14-15 (NIV)**

"I am the good shepherd; **I know my sheep and my sheep know me** <sup>15</sup>**just as the Father knows me and I know the Father.**

- F. Characteristics of the Shepherd and Sheep relationship
  - 1. Sheep and Shepherds recognize each other voice and face because they spend so much time together.
  - 2. Shepherds always have the best interest of the sheep in mind.
  - 3. Sheep are extremely helpless.
  - 4. Sheep need constant oversight.
  - 5. Shepherds live with the sheep night & day.
  - 6. Shepherds keep sheep safe from predators.
  - 7. Shepherds lead them to water & green pastures.

## Developing a Healthy Respect for Dreams & Visions

- God is a supernatural God who communicates with His people through supernatural means!
- For Example:
  - Bible refers to angels over 300 times.
  - Bible refers to “dreams” or “visions” or their variations over 200 times.

**Growth Point:** God is always speaking and those with a tender heart have the privilege of hearing his voice. Cultivating a tender and sensitive heart to the Lord is a great key to hearing His voice.

### I. Jewish Culture:

- A. Spiritual dreams were valued as a divine encounters with God. Jewish bedtime customs include inviting God to come and speak to them through dreams.
- B. Hebrew language makes little distinction between dreams and visions. Whether it was an angelic visitation, a dream, a vision, or other prophetic experience it was all considered to be supernatural communication with God.
  - 1. Daniel 7:1- the words “dream” and “vision” are used interchangeably in Daniel’s prophetic experience.

## II. Old Testament Dream Encounters:

- A. Examples: Joseph, Daniel, Jacob, Nebuchadnezzar, Solomon, Job

## III. New Testament Dream & Vision Encounters:

- A. Examples: Joseph (Earthly Father of Jesus – at least 4 directive dreams in Jesus' first few years of life.), Wise Men, Pilate's wife, Paul, Peter, John

## IV. Clear Teaching of Scripture: New and Old Testament

**Acts 2:17-18** "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will **prophesy**, your young men will see **visions**, your old men will **dream dreams**. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy."

- A. Evidences of the Spirit Being Poured Out
  - 1. Prophecy
  - 2. Visions
  - 3. Dreams

**Numbers 12:6** he said, "Listen to my words: "When a prophet of the LORD is among you, I reveal myself to him in visions, I speak to him in dreams."

## Are Dreams for Everyone?

- Both Christians and Unbelievers received dreams in the Bible and throughout History:

### V. Unbelievers:

- A. King Abimelech - Gen 20 - (Sarah & Abraham),
  - B. Midian Army - Judges 7:13-14 - (Gideon's Victory)
  - C. Pharaoh's butler and baker – Gen.40:5
  - D. Pharaoh – Gen 41:1, 5
  - E. Nebuchadnezzar – Dan.2
  - F. Pilate's Wife - Matthew 27:19
  - G. Wise Men – Matthew 2:12
- God is always speaking to humanity, testifying of His presence and love. Dreams are just one way that He chooses to show Himself to a lost and dying world.

### VI. Children:

- A. Samuel

## **VII. History:**

### **A. Early Church Historians and Theologians**

1. Justin Martyr
2. Irenaeus, bishop of Lyons
3. Clement of Alexandria
4. Tertullian
5. Augustine
6. Thomas Aquinas

### **B. The “modern church” (Reformation to the current day)**

1. John Newton

# The Nature of the Language of Heaven

1. The Mysterious Quality of God
  - a. God is a poet and a painter
    - i. He often chooses to paint pictures in the night that will be forever embedded in your memory.
    - ii. He speaks through symbolic language of parables.
    - iii. His mysteries are hidden from the wise, but made available to the humble child.
2. Dreams & Visions of the Bible:
  - a. Many of the dreams and visions of the Bible are highly symbolic.
    - i. Examples: Daniel, Joseph, Zechariah, John the Revelator
3. Parables: the preferred way of communication for Jesus.
  - a. Definition of a parables:
    - i. A short allegorical story designed to illustrate or teach some truth, religious principle, or moral lesson.
    - ii. A statement or comment that conveys a meaning indirectly by the use of comparison, analogy, or the like.
  - b. Essentially, parables are symbolic stories used to teach a spiritual lesson.
4. Symbolic Language is the Language of Heaven.
  - a. Symbolic language is seen all throughout God's Word, yet most Christians are not trained to understand it today. Many of us are even puzzled when the Lord speaks to us using symbolic language.
  - b. While we are waiting for God to speak on our terms, many believers are missing nightly messages from God that are delivered to them through symbolic dreams.
  - c. Dream Dictionary at the end of the manual can help you with some of the more common dream symbols that are encountered.
  - d. The very best way for you to learn the "language of heaven" is to study God's word!!



5. An exercise in discerning symbolic language.
- a. Work through the following parable by answering the questions below. As you do this exercise through the parables, dreams, and visions of the Bible, you will begin to better understand how God speaks through dreams and visions.

### **The Parable of the Sower**

#### **Luke 8:4-15**

<sup>4</sup> While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: <sup>5</sup> “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. <sup>6</sup> Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.”

When he said this, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

Answer the following questions:

1. What are the 4 soils mentioned in this passage? (Write them in order.)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. For each soil listed above, what was the result of the seed being planted into that soil? (Write them in order.)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
  
3. What other important symbols are found in this parable? (hint – they are underlined.)
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_

## Parable of the Sower (continued)

<sup>9</sup> His disciples asked him what this parable meant. <sup>10</sup> He said, “The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that,

“though seeing, they may not see;  
though hearing, they may not understand.’

<sup>11</sup> “This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup> Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil (birds) comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup> Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away.

<sup>14</sup> The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.

<sup>15</sup> But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

Answer the following questions:

1. What does Jesus say the seed represents in this parable? \_\_\_\_\_
2. In general what is “soil” representing in this parable? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Going through the 4 soils in this passage, what does Jesus say each different soil represents?
  - a. Path (hard) soil: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Rocky soil: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Thorny soil: \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Good Soil: \_\_\_\_\_
4. What did the birds symbolize in this parable? \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Everybody who was listening to Jesus heard this parable. But only a handful of people received the interpretation of the parable. The disciples showed spiritual hunger by simply coming to Jesus and asking him for understanding. Likewise, when we take time to come to the Lord and ask Him for understanding into the language of dreams and visions, we can expect that He will impart wisdom and understanding to us also.

# Discerning a God Given Dream

## 3 Sources where dreams come from

1. Dreams from GOD
2. Dreams from your NATURAL MAN
3. Dreams from the DEMONIC REALM

### I. Dreams from the Demonic Realm

#### A. Dark Dreams

1. Dark in mood & tone: somber, depressing, melancholy dreams; dreams where everything is a little out of kilter, where something indefinable seems wrong or slightly off-center.
2. Dark dreams typically are literally dark with subdued or muted colors. Black, gray, and sickly shades of green are in abundance in this type of dream.

#### B. Dreams of Fear or Panic

1. Most nightmares, especially childhood nightmares, fall into this category. Simply rebuke it and invite God's presence in. If they persist, you may want to ask the Lord what the root of it is so repentance and healing can take place.
2. Equip your children with tools for fighting the devil. Teach them to rebuke the Devil, fix their eyes on Jesus, speak His Word and even how to go back into a dream to defeat the enemy and bring about victory!

#### C. Dreams of Deception

1. These dreams create images, impressions & thoughts in our minds that turn us away from God's truth and light into darkness and error.

2. Possible areas of attack can include: Doctrine (beliefs), finances, sexuality, relationships, career choices, character and identity areas.
3. **IMPORTANT:** If you are participating in sinful activities in a dream, it is especially important that you do **NOT** take that sin on as an identity of who you actually are.
  - a. The enemy will use deceptive dreams to try to get you to agree with him about who you are.
  - b. Satan is always seeking to convince you that you are full of darkness and sin and that no matter what you do you can't change. That is a lie and never should be agreed with.
  - c. Reject the dream through prayer and renounce out loud the lie of the enemy. Next, confess the truth about your identity as a righteous son/daughter of God who is full of the light of God.

#### **D. The Voice of Satan:**

1. Accusative
2. Violates the Word (or twists it)
3. Leads people away from the Savior
4. Leads people away from righteousness
5. Deceptive – appeals to the flesh
6. Brings death & destruction
7. Brings the fruit of fear

#### **E. Understanding Our Enemy**

1. There are 2 ways that Satan accesses our lives to bring torment.
  - a. Invitation: Through sin, disobedience, and agreement (conscious or unconscious) we can open a door for the enemy to bring torment.

- b. **Intrusion:** We must WALK in the authority that has been granted to us by Jesus.
- 2. **Solution:** Repent, walk in your God-given authority and kick the enemy out of your dreams.

## II. Dreams from Our Natural Man

- A. **Body Dreams:** Body dreams generally arise from and reflect some aspect of a person's physical condition. Body dreams often reflect physical realities. A person who is sick may dream of being sick. A person who is experiencing depression or grief may have dreams that reflect their state of mind. A woman may dream that she is pregnant because she is.
  - B. **Chemical Dreams:** Known as hormone dreams, often times they are a result of medications. They may also arise because of changing or abnormal hormone or chemical levels in the body. PMS, diabetes, hypoglycemia—these and similar conditions involving chemical imbalances can stimulate these type of natural dreams.
  - C. **Soul Dreams:** Soul dreams are often simply our emotions expressing our needs or desires. They may speak to us about the need for sanctification in some area of our life. One significant value of soul dreams is that they can show us things about ourselves that we may otherwise fail to see when awake.
- As a believer becomes conformed to the likeness of Christ and gains the mind of Jesus Christ he or she will have less and less dreams that come from the soul.

**Growth Point:** It is easy to see our life through the idols that we set before ourselves. People tend to dream about things that they are coveting in their heart. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you remove idols from your life. And use wisdom and caution when approaching a dream that appeals to a covetous desire of your heart.

## D. The Voice of the Flesh

1. Self-seeking
2. Promoting personal agenda
3. Self-Exalting
4. Full of insecurity & fear

NOTE: Be careful to not discard a dream and lump it into the “soulish dream” category because you do not understand it or it seems strange. Many times the Lord is speaking, but because of lack of discernment or understanding we discard the dream and do not give it the proper attention and prayer that it is worthy of. Take your dreams before the Lord with a listening ear and an open heart.

## III. Dreams from God

### A. Voice of God:

1. Righteous
2. Loving
3. Unto Salvation
4. Full of mercy
5. Humble
6. Authoritative
7. Without condemnation
8. Truth – agrees with scripture
9. Life-giving

### Luke 12:32 (NKJV)

"Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

# Maneuvering Through Your Dream Emotions

## I. Things to Consider When Approaching an Emotional Dream

- A. Evaluate how you feel emotionally from the dream. Do you feel joyful, free, happy, excited, anxious, frightened, dirty, or hurt?
- B. Take your negative emotions to the Lord and ask Him about them and the dream.
- C. Do not disregard a dream just because it gave you negative emotions.
  - 1. The Lord does not give us a spirit of fear, however, that does not mean that he will never share frightening things with us.
  - 2. Genesis 15:12 “As the sun was going down, Abram fell into a deep sleep, and a terrifying darkness came down over him.”
  - 3. Daniel 8:27 “Then I, Daniel, was overcome and lay sick for several days. Afterward I got up and performed my duties for the king, but I was greatly troubled by the vision and could not understand it.”
- D. Approaching a Frightening God-Dream
  - 1. Bring your fears before the Lord and be honest with him about them.
  - 2. Meditate on the greatness of God.
  - 3. Ask the Lord how you are to respond to the dream.
    - a) Examples: pray, wait, proclaim, warn others, repent, rest.

# Biblical Types of Spiritual Dreams

## I. Simple Message Dream:

- A. There is no need for interpretation. These types of spiritual dreams are to the point, direct, self-interpreted, and obvious.
- B. Matthew 1-2, Joseph understood the dreams concerning Mary and Herod. There was no need for interpretation.

## II. Simple Symbolic Dream:

- A. Dreams can be filled full of symbols. The Lord seems to delight in speaking through symbols, parables, metaphors, and stories. God is a poet and a painter. He uses imagery and metaphorical language to paint His beauty in our minds and hearts.
- B. Example: snake – Satan, bread – Jesus Presence, House – The church or your life, Sword – The Bible, Vine – Jesus, Branch – Believers.
- C. Genesis 37, Joseph's Dreams. Everybody understood Joseph's dreams, in fact his brothers even wanted to kill him because of it. But the dreams only had a sun, moon, stars and sheaves of wheat in them. This type of dream may be full of symbols, yet it is easy to understand.

## III. Complex Symbolic Dream:

- A. These dreams require Revelation knowledge. This dream may need to be interpreted by someone who has a gift of interpreting dreams and knows how to seek God to find revelation.
- B. God is all about intimacy. He will use dreams to draw you close to Him and cause you to seek Him.
- C. Remember, God desires for you to understand Him! The Lord is the giver and the interpreter of dreams.



- D. Daniel 2, Nebuchadnezzar's Dream. This was a complex dream where every part of it was symbolic in nature. It required divine, supernatural revelation to interpret.
  - 1. Daniel 2:47 "Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of Kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery."
- E. A difficult dream is an invitation to an encounter with the God of all mysteries!
- F. God's mysteries are not hidden FROM you, but rather hidden FOR you.

**1 Corinthians 2:7-12 (NIV)**

No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. <sup>8</sup>None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. <sup>9</sup>However, as it is written:

"No eye has seen,  
no ear has heard,  
no mind has conceived  
what God has prepared for those who love him"--

<sup>10</sup>but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup>For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup>We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us.

## Categories of Spiritual Dreams:

God's communication with man is creative beyond understanding and more far reaching in its scope than we can comprehend! He can reach every part of our life through the means of dreams if He so desires.

1. Dreams of Destiny & Calling
2. Edification & Exhortation
3. Revelation of God & Scripture
4. Comfort
5. Correction
6. Direction
7. Warning
8. Instruction
9. Cleansing
10. Self-Condition: Revealing the heart and where we stand before God
11. Spiritual warfare
12. Creativity: inventions/new ways of doing things

13. Impartation
14. Intercession
15. Healing
16. Courage & Strength
17. Revelation: word of knowledge, prophetic understanding
18. Deliverance

## Steps to Dream Interpretation

REMEMBER: Interpretation belongs to the Lord. You have to have the Holy Spirits help. Dream interpretation is a working of the Spirit of God. It is supernatural, not natural.

### Internal vs. External Dreams

- I. **Internal Dreams** – an internal dream is primarily about the dreamer.
  - A. Most your dreams will be about YOU!
  - B. Internal dreams are dreams of self-disclosure.
  - C. It is a common pitfall for a dreamer to apply a message in their dream to others and miss the personal message God was sending to them.
  - D. When interpreting your own dream it is wise to first ask the Lord how this dream applies to you before attempting to apply it to others.
  
- II. **External Dreams** – an external dream is a dream about an outside event or person.
  - A. This type of dream speaks about more than your own personal life. They may involve the dreamer, but will also have a wider scope.
  - B. External dreams may relate to your sphere of influence. The larger the sphere authority the more you may have external dreams.

## Step by Step

### 1. Reduce the dream to its simplest form.

- a. In lengthy dreams, it is best to break them down scene by scene.

### 3. Remember, context determines interpretation.

### 4. Determine whether a series of repetitious dreams are involved.

- a. Often consecutive dreams in the same night will be speaking of the same subject.
- b. Repetitious dreams are sometimes given to stir up desperation for understanding from God. Desperation draws us into intimacy.
- c. Repetitious Dreams can be given by God to bring added clarity to a matter. Remember, the more clearly God speaks on a matter, the more accountable you are to obey what He has spoken.
- d. A repeated or recurring dream may mean the issue is established by God and He will bring it shortly to pass.
  - i. Genesis 41:32 (Pharaoh's 2 Famine Dreams) "As for having two similar dreams, it means that these events have been decreed by God, and he will soon make them happen."

### 5. Analyze your dream by asking a series of basic questions.

- a. Where are you in the dream?
- b. Are you observing or participating?
- c. Are you the focus?
- d. Who is this dream about?
- e. What are the objects, thoughts, and emotions in the dream?
- f. What people are in your dream? What character trait or calling does the person represent to you? What does the person's name mean? What is their relation to you?
- g. What are the colors in the dream?
- h. Do certain numbers appear?
- i. What are your initial thoughts about what the dream pertains too?
- j. Questions, Questions, Questions???

## **6. Journal your dreams.**

- a. When you journal your dreams you are putting forth your best effort to steward what God has given you. Stewarding revelation from God is the best way to bring increase into your life.
- b. Journaling shows God that you cherish what He gives you.
- c. Often times the simple discipline of writing down your dreams will bring understanding to you concerning them.

## **Journaling Tips**

1. Date your dream at the top of your page and note where you were at when you received it.
2. Record your dream, including as much detail as you remember.
3. Write out possible interpretations underneath that.
4. Write out questions about the dream.
  - a. Examples: “Why was the car green?” “Why was my mother in that dream?” “Why was the number 6 on that man’s shirt?”
5. Title your dream last.
  - a. Boil your dream down to its simplest form. Always let your title reflect the simplest meaning of the dream. Often times you will have the interpretation of your dream just by determining a fitting title.

# Understanding the Many Faces of God

God's character and personality is complex and multifaceted. It is important for us to understand that the Lord will appear to us in unique ways to reveal certain aspects of his being. If we do not understand this, we will often miss divine encounters with the Lord in our dreams. It is quite possible for the Lord to come to us in our dreams and to not even realize who we are looking at.

## I. Jesus' own disciples fail to recognize him.

### Luke 24:13-32 (NIV)

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem.<sup>14</sup> They were talking with each other about everything that had happened.<sup>15</sup> As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them;<sup>16</sup> but they were kept from recognizing him.

<sup>17</sup> He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast.<sup>18</sup> One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?"

<sup>19</sup> "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people.<sup>20</sup> The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him;<sup>21</sup> but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place.<sup>22</sup> In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning<sup>23</sup> but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive.<sup>24</sup> Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see."

<sup>25</sup> He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!<sup>26</sup> Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?"<sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

<sup>28</sup> As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther.<sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

<sup>30</sup> **When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.<sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight.<sup>32</sup> They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"**

- A. After Jesus' death and resurrection, He encountered two of his followers on the road to Emmaus. They walked side by side for miles while Jesus taught them the scriptures, yet they did not recognize Him.
- B. We need the Holy Spirit to open our eyes so we can see God also!

## Ways God Appears in Dreams

### Father

- Earthly father
- Protective figures: policeman, Army Sergeant
- Rich man
- Spiritual father or leader
- Governor or King

### Jesus

- Bridegroom / Lover
- Savior / rescuer: someone intervening to bring you to safety
- Natural Ruler: Governor, King, Prime Minister
- Fisherman
- Carpenter
- Shepherd
- Warrior
- Spiritual Leader or Pastor
- Lion
- Dog: loyal and always by your side.
- Lawyer: defending you or acting as an advocate on your behalf.
- Judge
- Friend

### Holy Spirit

- Wind, Wine, Water, Fire
- Faceless man or woman with a light countenance
- Counselor: someone giving you advice and counsel
- Guide: a person showing the right way to go
- Comforter: someone bringing peace and comfort to you
- Coach
- Helper
- Giver of Gifts



# Steps to Handling a Prophetic Word

Dreams from the Lord are a type of prophetic message. It is important that we understand how to receive, understand, and apply what the Lord is saying to us.

## I. Revelation

- A. This is when the message, dream, vision, picture or scripture is given to the recipient. At this point, revelation from God has been released, but it is not necessarily understood.

## II. Interpretation

- A. WHAT DOES GOD ACTUALLY MEAN?
- B. This is where we need to ask the Holy Spirit for clarity and understanding into what is meant by the revelation that was given. This is the process where the Holy Spirit gives us insight into the meaning of symbols, pictures, metaphors, and mysteries.

## III. Application

- A. WHAT DO I DO WITH THIS REVELATION?
- B. The application of the word God has given you is as important as the revelation or the interpretation.
- C. Pray and ask Holy Spirit to direct you. Does this revelation demand an action, a change, a special prayer focus? Are you to share it?

## IV. Proclamation

- A. WHO DO I SHARE THIS WITH, IF ANYONE?

**Growth Point:** To truly become mature in the prophetic gifts requires great humility. Many prophetically gifted believers fail to become mature because they cease to grow in humility and begin to see the prophetic words that they are given as infallible & inerrant. Only God and His Word are infallible & inerrant. Understanding the steps to handling a prophetic word, as outlined above, helps each of us to walk in humility. Although we may receive a dream that is indeed from the Lord, it is not complete until it is interpreted, applied, and when necessary proclaimed. Within each of these steps there are possibilities for human error. It is wise to walk in humility and gentleness while operating in the prophetic gifts.

## Stewardship: The Key to Increase in Dreams

- I. Stewardship is the key for growth in EVERY area of our life!
  - A. Stewarding what you have is the way to receive more.
    1. Do you want more dreams? Then make sure to carefully steward the ones that He has already given you.
    2. Do you want more revelation and understanding of the Word? Then make sure you carefully steward the Word that He has released to you already.

### **Mark 4:21-25 (NIV)**

<sup>21</sup>He said to them, "Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand? <sup>22</sup>For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open.

<sup>23</sup>If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear."

<sup>24</sup>"Consider carefully what you hear," he continued. "With the measure you use, it will be measured to you--and even more. <sup>25</sup>Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him."

3. Occasionally ask the Lord if there are **ANY** areas of your life that He would like you to steward better.
4. Sometimes the Lord will tell you to steward an area that has NOTHING to do with the area that you yearn to see growth in.
5. Luke 19:12-27 is a perfect example of this. The servants in this parable steward some money well and are rewarded by being rulers over CITIES!
  - a. Stewardship of what they were given in one area of their life brought blessing and increase in a totally different area of life.

**Luke 19:12-27 (NIV)**

<sup>12</sup>He said: "A man of noble birth went to a distant country to have himself appointed king and then to return. <sup>13</sup>So he called ten of his servants and gave them ten minas. 'Put this money to work,' he said, 'until I come back.'

<sup>14</sup>"But his subjects hated him and sent a delegation after him to say, 'We don't want this man to be our king.'

<sup>15</sup>"He was made king, however, and returned home. Then he sent for the servants to whom he had given the money, in order to find out what they had gained with it.

<sup>16</sup>"The first one came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned ten more.'

<sup>17</sup>" 'Well done, my good servant!' his master replied. 'Because you have been trustworthy in a very small matter, take charge of ten cities.'

<sup>18</sup>"The second came and said, 'Sir, your mina has earned five more.'

<sup>19</sup>"His master answered, 'You take charge of five cities.'

<sup>20</sup>"Then another servant came and said, 'Sir, here is your mina; I have kept it laid away in a piece of cloth. <sup>21</sup>I was afraid of you, because you are a hard man. You take out what you did not put in and reap what you did not sow.'

<sup>22</sup>"His master replied, 'I will judge you by your own words, you wicked servant! You knew, did you, that I am a hard man, taking out what I did not put in, and reaping what I did not sow? <sup>23</sup>Why then didn't you put my money on deposit, so that when I came back, I could have collected it with interest?'

<sup>24</sup>"Then he said to those standing by, 'Take his mina away from him and give it to the one who has ten minas.'

<sup>25</sup>" 'Sir,' they said, 'he already has ten!'

<sup>26</sup>"He replied, 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but as for the one who has nothing, even what he has will be taken away. <sup>27</sup>But those enemies of mine who did not want me to be king over them--bring them here and kill them in front of me.' "

## Tips for Remembering Dreams

1. Get rid of LOUD Alarm clocks.
  - a. Avoid being startled as you are waking up.
  - b. Ask the Holy Spirit to wake you up in the mornings.
  - c. Or wake up to soothing quiet music.
    - i. Scientific studies have shown that classical music actually helps create a soothing atmosphere conducive to dream retention. Soft worship music would work in the same way.
2. Try to establish the habit of getting up at a set time.
3. Many dreams come between four & five o'clock in the morning.
  - a. When you wake up, learn to linger for a few minutes in a place of rest.
  - b. Ask yourself, did I dream? What was it about?
  - c. If you wait until after you brush your teeth to ask this question, you will have already forgotten many dreams.
4. As you are lying in stillness in the morning, try to recall one or two of the details of your dream. After this, often your memory will kick in and the rest of the dream will come back to you fully.
5. Keep a dream journal and pen beside your bed for the purpose of writing down dreams. If you are awoken in the middle of the night with a dream, write it down immediately. A small voice recorder works great also.
6. Develop the skill of "Lucid Dreaming".
  - a. Lucid Dreaming is where even though you are in a dream you have the ability to interact and think independent from your dream. In summary, you are interacting with God in a conscious way while you are dreaming.
  - b. A few examples of lucid dreaming are: asking questions while dreaming, changing the ending of a dream, asking for the interpretation of a dream while in the dream.
  - c. Daniel 7:15-16 "I, Daniel, was troubled by all I had seen, and my visions terrified me. So I approached one of those standing beside the throne and asked him what it all meant. He explained it to me."

- d. When you are participating in your dreams in this way you tend to remember the details more. Often times you wake up already interacting with God about your dream. And occasionally, the Lord will even give you the interpretation of a dream while you are still in the dream.

## **Tips for Receiving Dreams**

1. Ask the Lord to speak to you in the night.
2. Develop an evening bedtime routine that focuses on the Lord. Relax reading your Bible or listening to teaching or worship music.
3. TV is a dream snatcher. Avoid going to bed straight from the television.
4. Wake up gently and slowly. Avoid loud, blaring alarm clocks. Waking up to classical or worship music actually is proven to help with dream retention.
5. Take a few moments BEFORE you get out of bed to ask the Lord if you had any dreams that night. Then think on that dream for a few moments recalling it fully before you get out of bed. Write it down or record it as soon as you can.

## Dream 1

I was riding in a red Cadillac convertible that my Father was driving. Everything was normal and then suddenly my father took off driving up this huge, steep mountain. It was so steep that I feared the car would tip over backwards. I knew that the view from this mountain was amazing and beautiful, but I was so afraid because of how treacherous the incline was. But then I thought about how my father knew what He was doing and if I didn't turn around now and look, I might never get to see this view again. Fighting through my fear that the car was going to flip over at any moment, I forced myself to look up and see the beauty. The view was breathtaking. It was truly amazing and I was so glad that I looked up to see it.

Who is this dream about?

What is happening in this dream?

What does the red Cadillac convertible represent?

What is the significance of the dreamer's FATHER driving?

What would the very steep mountain represent?

What was the significance of the dreamer working through their fear?

What would you title this dream?

What is the interpretation of the dream in 3 sentences or less?

## Dream 2

I was taking a leisurely walk in a beautiful English garden with my 4 year old son (who had recently been diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes). My son was running and playing a little ways ahead of me. Suddenly, a massive 6 foot tall black pit-bull dog jumped out from behind a tall hedge and began to charge him. I stood there and began to scream at the top of my lungs: "NO! NO!" over and over again. Then the pit-bull turned and saw me. He then began to charge straight towards me. I stood there with my arm stretched out and finger pointing toward him screaming "NO!" over and over again. He stopped at the end of my extended finger. He towered above me snarling and growling. I did not move, but continued to scream at him "NO!" He soon began to shrink before my very eyes. Smaller and smaller he became, until he was no bigger than a toy poodle.

Who is this dream about?

What are the significant events of this dream?

What are the important details of the dream?

What does the pit bull represents in this dream?

What is the significance of the dreamer NOT moving, but standing in one spot throughout the pit bulls threats?

What would you title this dream?

What is the interpretation of the dream in 3 sentences or less?

### **Dream 3**

I found myself in some ancient ruins. I was riding on the back of a very strong man who I was madly in love with. With me riding on his back, he effortlessly leaped & bounded through the ruins. He was very strong and I loved being with him. I then noticed that the ground where we were at was covered in poisonous snakes and I wondered if I should be concerned. He told me not to worry because the same thing that was in His blood protecting Him was covering me when I was with Him.

Who is this dream about?

What is happening in this dream?

Who is the strong man?

What do the poisonous snakes represent?

What is the significance of the last sentence of this dream?

What would you title this dream?

What is the interpretation of the dream in 3 sentences or less?



## **Breaking the Communication Box** (How God communicates with man)

The Lord is so creative in his communication with us. Let's get Him out of our little boxes.

1. Word of God
  - a. All revelation & prophetic words are measured against this.
  - b. The Lord won't violate His Word, but He will violate your interpretation of His Word.
  
2. Impressions/Thoughts
  
3. Visions
  - a. Pictures in your mind, images, & flashes
  - b. Open Visions
  
4. Dreams
  - a. Dreams when your asleep
  - b. Day Dreams
  
5. Through other's experiences & revelations
  
6. Audible Voice
  
7. Inner Audible
  
8. Inner Witness
  
9. Body Impressions: physical sensation or impression that is prophetic in nature
  - a. Example: you may be praying for someone and feel pain in your right knee. The Lord could be telling you to pray for their knee.
  
10. Emotional Impressions: feeling emotions that are given by God for another.
  
11. Angelic Visitation
  
12. Trances
  - a. Acts 10 – Peter
  
13. Third Heaven Experiences
  - a. John, Paul, Isaiah, Ezekiel
  
14. Through a Donkey
  - a. Numbers 22 – Balaam's Donkey delivering him God's message

# 20 Most Common Dreams

Partial excerpt from "Dream Language" by Jim & Michal Ann Goll

Various ministries and organizations have logged literally thousands of dreams and therefore have been able to decipher the most common dreams that people have. The following is not a comprehensive list and they are not listed in any particular order, but they are 20 of the most common dreams that people experience.

## 1. Dreams of Your House

This one would easily rank in the top five most common dreams. The house normally represents your life, and the circumstances taking place in the house reflect the specific activities in your life. These dreams may also reflect the church as well. Individual rooms of the house may represent specific things. For instance, if the bedroom appears, the dream may have something to do with issues of intimacy. The bathroom may represent a need for cleansing. The family room may be a clue that God wants to work on family relationships and so on.

## 2. Dreams of Going to School

These dreams often center on taking of tests. The tests may be for the purpose of promotion. Or you might find yourself searching for your next class-an indication that guidance is needed or a graduation has just occurred. You might be repeating a class you took before, possibly meaning that you have an opportunity to learn from past failures. High School dreams may be a sign that you are enrolled in the School of the Holy Spirit (H.S. = High School = Holy Spirit). There are limitless possibilities. These are just a few examples. Interestingly enough, the Teacher is always silent when giving a test!

## 3. Dreams of Various Vehicles

These may indicate the calling you have on your life, the vehicle of purpose that will carry you from one point to another. Cars, planes, buses, etc., may be symbols of the type or even the size of the ministry you are or will be engaged in. That's why there are different kinds of vehicles. Note the color of the vehicle. If it is a car, what is the make and model? Observe who is driving it. Are you driving or is someone else driving? If someone else is driving, who is it? Do you know the person? Is it a person from your past? If the driver is faceless, this may refer to a person who will appear sometime in your future or that the Holy Spirit Himself is your driving guide.

#### **4. Dreams Concerning Storms**

Storm dreams tend to be intercessory, spiritual warfare-type dreams. They are particularly common for people who have a calling or gift in the area of discerning of spirits. These dreams often hint of things that are on the horizon –both dark, negative storms of demonic attack for the purpose of prayer, intercession, and spiritual warfare, as well as showers of blessing that are imminent. What kind of storm is it? Are there tornadoes involved? What color are they? Tornadoes can indicate change that is coming good or bad. Also tornadoes can indicate great destruction.

#### **5. Dreams of Flying or Soaring**

Flying dreams deal with your spiritual capacity to rise above problems and difficulties and to soar into the heavenlies. These are some of the most inspirational and encouraging in tone of all dreams. When awakening from a dream where you fly or soar, you often wake up feeling exhilarated. Ascending-type dreams are more unusual yet edifying. Remember, we are seated with Christ Jesus in heavenly places far above all principalities and powers.

#### **6. Dreams of Being Naked or Exposed**

These dreams indicate that you will be or are becoming transparent and vulnerable. Depending on your particular situation, this may be exhilarating or fearful and could reveal feelings of shame. Note: these dreams are not meant to produce embarrassment but rather draw you into greater intimacy with the Lord and indicate places where greater transparency is required. These types of dreams often appear during times of transition where you are being dismantled in order to be re-mantled.

#### **7. Dreams of Condition of Your Teeth**

Often, these dreams reveal the need for wisdom. Are your teeth loose, rotten, falling out, or are they bright and shiny? Do you have a good bite? Are you able to chew your cud? Teeth represent wisdom, and often teeth appear too loose in a dream. What does that mean? It may mean that you need a wisdom application for something you are about to bite off. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

#### **8. Dreams of Past Relationships**

This kind of dream may indicate that you are being tempted to fall back into old patterns and ways of thinking. Depending upon who the person is in the dream, and what this person represents to you, these dreams might also be an indication of your need to renew your former desires and godly passions for good things in life.

Seeing a person from your past does not usually mean that you will literally renew your old relationship with that individual. Look more for what that person represents in your life – for good or bad. A person who was bad in your life may represent God's warning to you not to relapse into old habits and mind-sets that were not profitable. On the other hand, a person who was good in your life may represent God's desire or intention to restore good times that you thought were gone.

## **9. Dreams of Dying**

These dreams are not normally about the person seen in the dream in a literal sense, but are symbolic about something that is passing away or departing from your life. The type of death may be important to note. Watch, though, to see if resurrection is on the other side.

## **10. Dreams of Birth**

Normally these dreams are not about an actual childbirth but rather about new seasons of purpose and destiny coming forth into your life. If a name is given to the child, pay close attention because that usually indicates that a new season in the purposes of God is being birthed. There are, of course, exceptions to this where an actual pregnancy and birth is going to take place.

## **11. Dreams of Taking a Shower**

These are cleansing-type dreams (toilets, showers, bathtubs, etc.) revealing things that are in the process of being flushed out of your life, cleansed and flushed away. These are good dreams by the way. Enjoy the showers of God's love and mercy and get cleansed from the dirt of the world and its ways. Apply the blood of Jesus and get ready for a new day!

## **12. Dreams of Falling**

These dreams may reveal a fear you have of losing control of some area of your life or, on the positive side, that you are actually becoming free of directing your own life. What a substance you fall into in the dream is a major key to proper understanding. The outstanding primary emotions in these dreams will indicate which way to interpret them. Falling can be fearful, but it can also represent falling into the ocean of God's love.

### **13. Dreams of Chasing and Being Chased**

Chasing dreams often reveal enemies that are at work, coming against your life and purpose. On the opposite side, they may indicate the passionate pursuit of God in your life, and you towards Him. Are you being chased? By whom? What emotions do you feel? Are you afraid of being caught? Or maybe you are the one doing the chasing. Who are you chasing? Why? Again, what emotions do you feel during the chase? The answers to these questions and, particularly, the dominant emotions in the dream, will often help determine the direction of its interpretation. Often the Lord appears in various forms, motioning to us, saying, "Catch Me if you can!"

### **14. Dreams of Relatives, Alive and Dead**

Most likely, these dreams indicate generational issues at work in your life –both blessings and curses. You will need discernment as to whether to accept the blessing or cut off the darkness. This is particularly true if grandparents appear in your dreams, as they will typically indicate generational issues.

### **15. Dreams Called Nightmares**

Nightmares tend to be more frequent with children and new believers in Christ, just as calling dreams do. They may reveal generational enemies at work that need to be cut off. Stand against the enemies of fear. Call forth the opposite presence of the amazing love of God, which casts out fear, the fear has torment!

### **16. Dreams of Snakes**

The snake dream is probably one of the most common of all the categories of animal dreams. These dreams reveal the serpent – the devil with his demonic hosts- at work through accusation, lying, attacks, etc. Other common dreams of this nature include dreams of spiders, bears, and even alligators. Spiders and bears are two other major animals that appear in dreams that show fear. The spider in particular, releasing its deadly poison, is often a symbol of witchcraft and the occult.

### **17. Dreams of Dogs and Cats**

After snakes, the most common animal to appear in dreams is the dog. A dog in your dream usually indicates friendship, loyalty, protection, and good feelings. On the other hand, dog dreams may also reveal the dark side, including growling, attacking, biting, etc. Sometimes these dreams reveal a friend who is about to betray you.

## **18. Dreams of Going Through Doors**

These dreams generally reveal change that is coming. New ways, new opportunities, and new advancements are on the way. Similar to dreams of doors are dreams including elevators or escalators, which indicate that you are rising higher into your purpose and your calling.

## **19. Dreams of Clocks and Watches**

Clocks or watches in a dream reveal what time it is in your life, or the need for a wake-up call in the Body of Christ or in a nation. It is time to be alert and watchful. These dreams may indicate a Scripture verse as well, giving a deeper message. Are you a watchman on the walls? If so, what watch are you on?

## **20. Dreams with Scripture Verses**

Sometimes you may have a dream in which Bible passages appear, indicating a message from God. This phenomenon may occur in a number of ways: verbal quotes where you are actually hear a voice quoting a passage, digital clock-type readouts, and dramatizations of a scene from a Bible, just to name a few. Quite often these are watchmen-type dreams, dreams of instructions filled with ways of wisdom.

## Dream Symbols & Language

God is a poet! And He chooses to speak to people through parables, symbolism and dark sayings. God is always drawing us into interaction with Himself. He desires us to draw near to Him for understanding and insight into His ways. In short, God chooses to be mysterious in His interactions with man.

To grow in understanding of the language of Heaven:

1. Ask God for understanding!
2. Study the parables of Jesus.
3. Study the dreams and visions interpreted in Scripture.
4. Gain understanding of your own personal dream language. God will speak to you using symbols and phrases that have unique meaning to your life.

**Proverbs 25:2** “It is the glory of God to conceal a matter; to search out a matter is the glory of kings.”

## Puns and Wordplays

1. The Lord uses puns, wordplays, or word definitions to speak in dreams.
2. To apply puns and double-meaning words requires a very subtle use of language that depends on such factors as spelling, sound, and definition.
3. The Lord used wordplays and puns to speak several times in the Bible. But the wordplay is lost in the translation process.
  - a. Amos 8:1-3: The prophet is shown a basket of “summer fruit” (qayis).  
“The Lord said to me (Amos): ‘The end (qes) has come upon my people Israel...’”

- b. Matthew 3:9, Jesus says, “God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.” This is a word play on the Hebrew words for children, or sons (ben), and stone (eben).
4. Examples of Modern Wordplays:
- a. Purpose (goal or intent) vs. Porpoise (Ocean-dwelling mammal)
  - b. Tail (the part of an animal) vs. Tale (a fabrication of falsehoods)
  - c. Explosion (destruction) vs. Explosion (sudden growth)
  - d. Mary (woman’s name) vs. Merry (joyful & happy)

## **Defining Names & Places**

1. The Lord sometimes chooses to speak through the meaning of people’s names in dreams.
  - a. Example: Anna means grace; Ervin means friend
2. The Lord will sometimes speak through the name or meaning of a place or a city.



# Dictionary of Symbols

## Symbol Dictionary

The following dream symbols and their definitions are a compilation of my own study and experience. I have also received much understanding, that is reflected in these pages, from the following men and women of God: "Dictionary of Dream Symbols" by Dr. Joe Ibojie, "Understanding Dreams & Visions Course 201" by John Paul Jackson, "Dream Language" by James W. & Michal Ann Goll, "Seers Handbook" by Sharnael Wolverton, "Understanding the Dreams that you Dream" by Ira Milligan, "The Divinity Code" by Adam F Thompson & Adrian Beale.

## Colors

<b>Red</b> – Wisdom, anointing, & power	Negative – anger, war
<b>Blue</b> – revelation, communion	Negative – depression, sorrow, anxiety
<b>Green</b> – growth, prosperity, conscious	Negative – envy, jealousy, pride
<b>Brown</b> – compassion, humility	Negative – compromise, humanism
<b>Gold/amber</b> – purity, glory, holiness	Negative – idolatry, defilement, licentiousness
<b>Purple</b> – authority, royalty	Negative – false authority
<b>Orange</b> – perseverance	Negative – stubbornness
<b>Silver</b> – redemption, grace	Negative – legalism
<b>Yellow</b> – hope, mind	Negative – fear, cowardice, intellectual pride
<b>Pink</b> – childlike, love of God	Negative – childishness
<b>Gray</b> – maturity, honor, wisdom	Negative – weakness, compromise
<b>White</b> – righteousness, holiness	Negative – religious spirit
<b>Black</b> – death, mystery	Negative – sin, darkness

## **Numbers**

- 1** – God; beginning; source; unity; first in order, time, rank, or importance  
(Genesis 1:1; Ephesians 4:4-6; John 10:30; John 17:21-22)
- 2** – Multiplication; division; union; confirmation; testimony; witness  
(Genesis 2:23-24; Matthew 18:16; 1Kings 3:24-25; Genesis 1:7-8)
- 3** - Godhead (Triune God); divine completeness; perfection; resurrection; restoration  
(Matthew 12:40; Matthew 28:19; Ezekiel 14:14-18)
- 4** – God’s creative works; rule or to reign (Genesis 1:14-19)
- 5** – Grace; redemption; fivefold ministry (Ephesians 4:11; Genesis 1:20-23)
- 6** – Man; beast; Satan (Genesis 1:26-27)
- 7** – Perfection; completion; rest; blessing  
(Genesis 2:1-3; Revelation 10:7; Revelation 16:17; Deuteronomy 15:1-2)
- 8** – New beginnings (Teacher) (Genesis 17:12; Luke 2:21-23; 1Peter 3:20)
- 9** - Judgment (Evangelist); finality; fullness; harvest  
(Galatians 5:22-23; 1Corinthians 12:8-10)
- 10** – Journey; wilderness; law; government; responsibility (Pastor) (Exodus 34:28)
- 11** – Transition, lawlessness, disorder (Prophet) (Daniel 7:24; Genesis 32:22)
- 12** – Government; apostolic fullness (Apostle) (Luke 6:12-13; Matthew 19:28)
- 13** – Rebellion; backsliding; apostasy (Genesis 14:4; Genesis 10:8- Nimrod was the 13<sup>th</sup> generation from Adam and birthed in Babylon)
- 14** – Double anointing (Matthew 1:17)
- 15** – Reprieve; mercy (Leviticus 23:34-35; Ester 9:20-22)
- 16** – Established beginnings; love (1Corinthians 13:4-8)
- 17** – Immaturity; transition; victory; election (Genesis 37:2; Genesis 47:28; Genesis 8:4)
- 30** – Blood of Jesus; beginning of ministry  
(Matthew 26:14-15; Genesis 41:46; 2 Samuel 5:4; Luke 3:23)
- 111** – My beloved Son
- 666** – Full lawlessness
- 888** – Resurrection
- 10,000** – Maturity

## **Buildings & Places**

Note the size and purpose of the building.

**House:** a ministry; a church; a personal life situation; your life or family

**Dream about a previous home:** past; generational issues (childhood home); could be related to the color; location; memory; family history

**Buying, or living in, the house of a known person in the ministry:** God may have a similar call on your life

**Two-story house:** double anointing

**Castle:** authority; fortress; royal residence

**Barn/warehouse:** a place of provision & storage

**Mall:** Positive: market place; provision for all needs in one place, Negative: self-centeredness; materialism

**Stadium:** place of tremendous impact

**School:** training period, a place of teaching; a ministry with teaching anointing

**Classroom:** training period, a place of teaching; a ministry with teaching anointing

**Elevator:** rising or descending in anointing

**Staircase:** up or down in the spirit (anointing); can speak of portals

**Foundation:** important foundational issues

**High-rise buildings:** high spiritual calling; high spiritual perception; heavenly point of view (looking down on things from above)

**Hotel:** transition; temporary; place to relax or receive

**Country General Store:** provision, staples; basics

**Mobile home:** temporary place & condition, it is going to move or can move, can represent poverty

**Tent:** temporary place of rest; meeting place with God

**Amphitheater:** something is going to be magnified

**Theater:** increase of visibility or notoriety in the public eye; success; speaking about a part to play in a certain situation

**Windows:** prophetic vision or understanding; letting light in

**Atrium:** light and growth from heaven

**Garden:** love; intimacy; growth

**Front porch:** vision; future

**Back porch:** history or past

**Hallway:** transition that is usually direct or without deviation

**Hospital:** place of healing

**Garage:** place to rest & refresh; place of protection; a covering for ministries

**Auto repair shop:** ministry restoration; renewal and repair

**Gas station:** to receive power

**Office building:** getting things accomplished; may speak of the 5 “five-fold” offices

**Roof:** spiritual covering

**Shack:** poverty

**Farm:** place of provision

**Disney:** Positive: place of extravagance in God, Negative: not in touch with reality; disillusionment

**Restaurant:** Positive: place of spiritual feasting, Negative: gluttony; feeding on the wrong things (example would be trying to survive on fast food)

**Restaurant kitchen:** greater influence or impact; preparing spiritual food for others; teaching ministry

### **Rooms in a House**

**Attic:** history; past issues; family history

**Basement:** Positive - foundation; basics. Negative- hidden issues

**Bathroom:** place of cleansing; spiritual toxins removed

**Bathroom in full view:** humbling season; others aware of cleansing

**Bedroom:** intimacy and rest

**Dining Room/Eating:** partaking of spiritual food; fellowship

**Kitchen:** preparing spiritual food; teaching ministry

**Living Room:** family life; fellowship; how you are living

## Animals

**Alligator:** ancient, evil out of the past; danger; destruction; evil spirit; slander and gossip (large, crushing jaws); aggression

**Bat:** witchcraft; unstable; flighty; fear

**Bear:** judgment; strength; an evil spirit that wants something you have

**Polar Bear:** religious spirit

**Beaver:** industrious; busy; diligent; clever and ingenious

**Bird:** spirits, good or evil

**Bull:** persecution, intimidation; spiritual warfare, strong evil spirit; opposition, threat (as in trying to bully you); economic increase (as in a “bull market”), careless and rough (as in “a bull in a china shop”)

**Camel:** endurance; long journey; servant; beast of burden

**Cat:** self-willed; untrainable; predator; unclean spirit; bewitching charm; stealthy, sneaky, deception; something precious in the context of a personal pet

**Black Cat:** witchcraft

**Cheetah:** swift and fast; predator; danger; can be a play on word for “Cheater”

**Chicken:** fear, cowardliness;

**Hen:** protection; gossip; or motherhood

**Rooster:** boasting, bragging; proud;

**Chick:** defenseless; innocent

**Colt:** Positive: bearing the burden of others, Negative: stubbornness

**Crab:** not easy to approach

**Crow (raven):** Negative: confusion; outspoken; operating in envy or strife; hateful; unclean, Positive: God’s minister of justice or provision

**Cow:** subsistence, prosperity

**Deer:** graceful, swift; sure-footed, agile; timid

**Dog:** Positive: loyalty, friendship, faithfulness. Negative: unbelievers; religious hypocrites

**Donkey:** Positive - gentle strength; burden bearer, Negative – stubborn

**Dove:** Holy Spirit

**Dragon:** Satan

**Dinosaur:** old stronghold; demonic; danger from the past (generational stronghold)

**Eagle:** prophetic; prophetic calling; having a heavenly view point

**Elephant:** invincible; thick skinned, not easily offended; powerful; large; having great impact; storing memory; old memory; long pregnancy

**Fish:** souls of men

**Fox:** cunning; evil men; sly or sneaky; something that steals from you

**Frog:** spirit of Lust, demon, curse, witchcraft

**Goat:** Negative: sinner; unbelief; stubborn; argumentative; no discernment; blamed for others wrong doing (as in “scapegoat”), Positive: prosperity in some cultures

**Hare:** fast, hasty, quick

**Hawk:** predator with good vision; unexpected attack

**Hen:** one who gathers; protection

**Horse:** power, strength; conquest

**Lamb:** Jesus (sacrificial lamb); gentle; innocent

**Leopard:** swiftness; sometimes associated with vengeance; predator; danger

**Lion:** Positive: Jesus “Lion of the tribe of Judah”; royalty or kingship; bravery; confidence, Negative: Satan seeking to destroy

**Lobster:** not easy to approach

**Mice:** devourer; curse; plague; timid

**Mole:** spiritual blindness; hidden

**Monkey:** mocking spirit; foolishness; clinging; mischief; dishonesty; addiction

**Mountain Lion:** enemy; predator of your soul

**Octopus:** Jezebel spirit (because of the tentacles)

**Ox:** slow change; subsistence

**Black Panther:** high level witchcraft; demonic activity; works in darkness

**Peacock:** pride

**Pig:** ignorance; hypocrisy; religious unbelievers; unclean people; selfish; gluttonous; vicious; vengeful

**Raccoon:** mischief or rascal; night raider; thief or bandit; deceitful

**Ram:** sacrifice

**Rat:** feeds on garbage or impurities; unclean spirit; invader

**Raven:** evil; Satan

**Serpent:** Satan or evil spirits

**Sheep:** the people of God; innocent; vulnerable; humility; submission; sacrifice

**Skunk:** stench or smell (as in “stinking up a situation”); messy situation; unforgiveness; bitterness; bad attitude

**Sloth:** slow moving; easy prey; vulnerable

**Snake:** Satan; deception; lies; unforgiveness or bitterness (especially if you are bit by a poisonous snake)

**White Snake:** spirit of religion; occult

**Sparrow:** small value but precious

**Tiger:** danger; powerful minister (both good & evil); soul power

**Tortoise:** slow moving; slow change; steady; old way of doing something; wise

**Whale:** big impact in the things of the Spirit; going deep in the Spirit

**Wolf:** Satan and evil; false ministries or false teachers; predator; working with others to bring destruction (i.e. working in an evil pack)

## **Insects**

**Ant:** Positive: diligence; wise. Negative: small; insignificant

**Bee/hornet:** painful, strong demonic attack

**Butterfly:** Positive: freedom; fragile; temporary glory; transformation, Negative: flighty

**Flies:** evil spirits; filth of Satan's kingdom; Beelzebub -"Lord of the flies"; live on dead things; the occult

**Grasshopper:** destruction

**Moth:** symbol of destruction

**Roach:** infestation; unclean spirits; hidden sin

**Scorpion:** evil spirits; evil men; painful attack

**Spider:** occultic attack; witchcraft

**Spider Web:** place of demonic attack; ensnaring or entrapment

### **Directions**

**East:** Beginning: (sunrise); law (therefore blessed or cursed); birth; first. Psalm 103:12; Genesis 11:2; Job 38:24

**North:** Spiritual: judgment; spiritual warfare; heaven Proverbs 25:23; Jeremiah 1:13-15

**South:** Natural: sin or corruption; flesh; world; temptation and trial; deception

**West:** End: (sunset); death; last; grace. Exodus 10:19; Luke 12:54

**Right:** accepted; rewarded by God; authority; favor; power; the strength of man or the power of God revealed through man; (Right Turn = natural change). Matthew 25: 31-40; Acts 2:33 &34; 1Peter 3:22; Matthew 5:29a, 30a

**Left:** rejected; condemned by God; weakness (of man), and therefore God's strength or ability; (Left Turn = spiritual change) Matthew 25:31-46; 2 Corinthians 12:9, 10

**Back:** (sometimes depicted as a "backyard" or "backdoor") previous event or experience (good or evil); past sins or sins of forefathers; unaware; unsuspecting; ambush; hidden; memory. Joshua 8:4

**Front:** (sometimes depicted as "front yard", "front door" or "front porch") future; prophecy; immediate or current (i.e. "at your front door") Genesis 4:7; Revelation 4:1

### **Nature & Weather**

**Storms:** (note the color of the storm) light in color can be from God; dark can be trouble from the enemy; turbulent times; judgment



**Tornadoes:** winds of change (negative or positive depending on the color of the tornadoes); destructive times coming; judgment; drastic change; danger

**Tidal Wave:** great move of the Holy Spirit; revival; judgment; natural disaster

**Wind:** Positive: Holy Spirit. Negative: adversity

**Rain:** blessing; cleansing (clear rain); from enemy (dirty rain)

**Earthquake:** judgment or shaking

**Snow:** blessing; refreshing; righteousness; purity

**Blizzard:** inability to see; storm with the purpose of blinding you

**Mountain:** place of prayer or worship; Heaven; place of safety and refuge; place of meeting with God; impossibility or obstacles

**Valley:** dark night of the soul; hopelessness; sadness; fear; time when God seems silent; low time emotionally; place of decision; place of hiddenness with God

**River:** Holy Spirit; Rive of Life; presence of God; move of the Holy Spirit; coming into God's promises and your Promise Land

**Trees:** (depending on size and type) leaders; mature believers; people; steady and firmly rooted; Jesus Christ; country or nation; national leader

**Evergreen Tree:** long life; a person who is always fruitful and beautiful

## **Body Parts**

**Arm:** strength; faith

**Beard:** maturity

**Thigh:** faith

**Nose:** discernment

**Hand:** relationship; healing

**Teeth:** wisdom; comprehension; understanding

**Eye Teeth:** revelatory understanding

**Wisdom teeth:** ability to act in wisdom

**Immobilized Body Parts:** some sort of spiritual hindrance probably under demonic attack

**Hair:** wisdom; anointing; glory

**Bald Head:** lacking wisdom

**Nakedness:** transparency; humility; humbling season

**Neck:** Negative: stiff necked or stubborn, Positive: support or strength

**Eye:** heart; spirit; eyes of the Lord; seer or prophetic gift; spiritual perception

**Side:** relationship; friendship

**Fingers:**

**Thumb:** apostolic

**Pointer:** prophetic

**Middle:** evangelistic

**Ring:** pastor

**Pinky:** teaching

**Miscellaneous:**

**Flying:** call or ability of move in the higher things of God; understanding into the spirit realm of God

**Gate:** spiritual authority; entrance point for good or evil

**Key:** spiritual authority; unveiling of secrets

**Kiss:** Coming into agreement; covenant; seductive process; enticement; deception; betrayal; betrayal from a trusted friend

**Life seasons:** may include former places you have been or lived, former schools, tests, or jobs; assess what was significant about that season of your life

**Miscarriage:** to lose something at the preparatory stage, whether good or bad; plans aborted

**Money:** gain or loss of favor; greed

**Check:** favor

**Credit Card:** attempting to walk in something that you don't have yet; debt; lack of trust

**Pregnancy:** in process of reproducing; preparatory stage; the promise of God; the Word of God as seed; prophetic word; desire; anticipation; expectancy; filled with the purposes of God that are preparing to come forth

**Repeating activities:** God establishing a matter or issue; repeating because you are not listening

**Television:** spiritual sight and understanding; entertainment; fleshly cravings and desires; dull spirit

### **Weapons & Objects**

**Knife:** brutal attack or gossip; if you are holding it, then form of protection

**Sword:** Word of God; further reaching; authority

**Gun:** spiritual authority good or bad; spiritual attack

**Dart:** Negative: curses; demonic attack, Positive: accuracy

**Arrow:** Negative: accusation from the enemy, Positive: blessing of children; a focused message or life (i.e. “shooting an arrow” with your life)

**Shield:** faith; protection; God’s truth

**Crown:** symbol of authority; seal of power; Jesus Christ; to reign; to be honored or rewarded

### **Clothing**

**Coat:** mantle; anointing

**Swimwear:** ability to move in the Spirit

**Speedo:** to move fast in the spirit

**Shorts:** a walk or calling that is partially fulfilled

**Bathrobe:** coming out of a place of cleansing; spiritual slumber; mantle or anointing

**Pajamas:** spiritual slumber

**Cultural clothing:** calling to another country or intercession for a particular country or ethnic group

**Wedding Dress:** Covenant; deep relationship; Bride of Christ

**Shoes:** gospel of peace

**Clothing that doesn’t fit:** walking in something you’re not called to do; trying to operate in another person’s job or calling

**Tattered Clothing:** mantle or anointing not being taken care of

## **Transportation**

**Airplane:** able to go to heights in the Spirit (prophetic gifting); can relate to the church, ministry, or corporation; size and type of plane will correlate to the interpretation

**Automobile:** personal ministry; your destiny or life

**Convertible:** open heaven in your personal ministry, job, or life

**Bus:** church or ministry

**Truck:** ability to transport or deliver

**Semi-truck:** transporting large amounts

**Tow Truck:** ministry of helps; gathering the wounded

**Fire Truck:** rescue ministry; putting out fires of destruction

**Moving Van:** transition; change

**Tractor:** slow power; may speak about need to plow hard ground or sow seed

**Combine (Harvester):** evangelistic ministry; harvest of souls

**Bicycle:** individual ministry; calling requiring perseverance and hard work

**Motorcycle:** fast; powerful; maneuverable

**Fred Flintstone Car:** human effort

**Mickey Mouse Car:** purpose is colorful & entertaining

**Armored Car:** protection of God

**Taxi Cab:** shepherd; hireling for someone (driver); paying the price to get where you are going (passenger)

**Stagecoach:** rough, difficult ride

**Rollercoaster:** Positive: a wild ride that God is directing; exciting, but temporary,  
Negative: a path of destruction that has the appearance of excitement at first

**Limousine:** Positive: being taken to your destiny in style, Negative: materialism

**Train:** a movement of God; a church denomination; something with great momentum, force and following

**Coal car:** on track; being directed by the Lord

**Hang glider:** going somewhere in the Spirit; being driven by the wind of the spirit

**Mini Van:** family

**Ocean liner:** impacting large numbers of people

**Tugboat:** providing assistance, ministry of helps

**Sailboats:** powered by wind of the Spirit

**Riverboat:** slow, but impacting many people

**Speedboat:** fast, exciting, power in the Spirit

**Submarine:** undercover and active, but not seen by many; a hidden ministry; going deep in the spirit

**Subway:** undercover & active, but not seen by many

**Helicopter:** mobile and flexible; able to get in Spirit quickly

**Chariot:** major spiritual encounter

**Spaceship:** to the outer limits spiritually speaking

## People

**Baby:** new life; new Christian; new ministry or responsibility that has recently been birthed; new beginning, new idea; dependent and helpless; innocent; sin

**Twins:** Positive: double blessing and anointing, Negative: double trouble

**Mob:** false accusation

**Harlot/Prostitute:** a tempting situation; something that appeals to your flesh; worldly desire; a demon

**Hijacker:** Negative: enemy wanting to take control of you or a situation, Positive: God taking control

**Husband:** Jesus Christ; something you have committed to; an actual person

**Lawyer:** Positive: Jesus Christ (our advocate), mediator, Negative: the accuser of the brethren (Satan); pertaining to legalism

**Prisoner:** a lost soul; addiction

**Shepherd:** Jesus Christ, God; leader, good or bad; selfless person; protector

**Carpenter:** Jesus; someone who makes or mends things, a preacher; someone who is building something in spirit or natural (i.e. building a ministry or business)

**Bride:** Christ's church; covenant or relationship

**Giant:** Positive: Godly person of spiritual stature; strong in the Lord; a conqueror,  
Negative: demon, defilement; demonic strongman

**Policemen:** authority for good or evil; protector; spiritual authority

### **Food Items**

**Apples:** spiritual fruit, temptation, something precious (i.e. Israel is the apple of God's eye)

**Tomato:** kindness or big hearted; the heart of God; very generous

**Strawberries:** goodness; excellence in nature and virtue; healing; sweet; humble

**Lemons:** sour; a poor sport

**Pears:** long life; enduring much without complaining

**Manna:** God's miraculous provision; coming directly from God; glory of God; bread of life

**Bread:** Jesus Christ; bread of life; Word of God; source of nourishment; God's provision

**Wine:** Positive: outpouring of the Spirit of God, a move of God, Negative: drunkenness;  
love of the world

**Meat:** something meant for the spiritually mature; depth in God's word

**Milk:** Good nourishment; elementary teaching; immaturity

**Water:** Holy Spirit; refreshing; Word of God

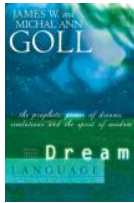
**Eggs:** promise of God; prayers yet to be fulfilled; something that has not yet "hatched" or  
come into being, treasure

**Grapes:** Fruitfulness; success in life; evidence of being connected to Christ

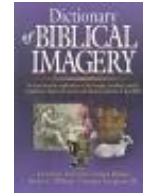
**Honey:** sweet; strength; wisdom; Spirit of God; abiding anointing; sweet Word of the Lord;  
the best of the land; abundance

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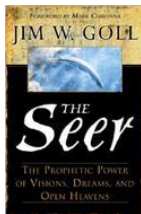
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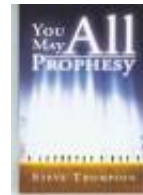
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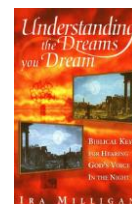
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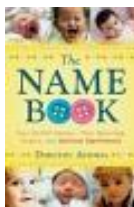
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