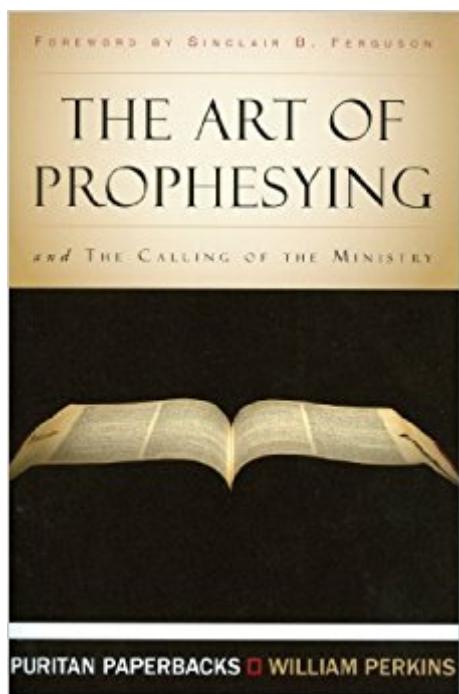


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# The Art Of Prophesying With The Calling Of The Ministry (Puritan Paperbacks)



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Few things are more evident in contemporary churches than the decline in the importance attached to what is said from their pulpits. The deeper tragedy is that in many places the church has become a valley of dry bones. Something is needed to waken the dead and to breathe new life into the people of God. William Perkins (1558-1602) provides basic guidance to help all Christians to read and use the Bible intelligently. He has a particularly powerful message for those who lead God's people and especially those who preach. 'The Art of Prophesying' carries sparks capable of igniting a preacher. It should be beside every minister's desk as a book to turn to again and again.

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'William Perkins' words from over 400 years ago, must be heard again today. This book is a must read for any who desires to be in the ministry. While you may not agree with everything he wrote, the truth is, what he wrote needs to be wrestled with today by every single pastor who preaches the Bible. If you are not a pastor, but know one, you will want to purchase a copy for him and give it to him. After he reads it, he will (hopefully) thank you profusely for giving him such a powerful book for the most powerful profession in all the world.' --Terry Delaney

The great Puritan preacher and theologian William Perkins was born in 1558 in Marston Jabbet in Warwickshire, and received his formal education at Christ's College, Cambridge. He graduated B.A. in 1581, but remained at Christ's as a fellow until 1595; he served as lecturer (preacher) in the

church of Great St Andrews from 1584 until his death in 1602 at the age of forty-four.

My version has both "The Art Of Prophesying" and "The Calling Of The Ministry". It should be noted here that by "prophesy" it means preaching the Word of God faithfully (which is technically the biblical definition of the word). This is one of my first excursions into Puritan preachers and it's interesting how clear they teach (at least Perkins does). Perkins takes time to address both the message, the messenger, and the hearers of the message. He has a high view of Scripture and the way Perkins presents his lesson, it takes an exegetical approach rather than the unfruitful eisegetical approach. A quick read, that really keeps you on the track of righteousness in learning and preaching. Final Grade - A

This book was brief, well outlined and proceeded logically from point to point, instructing the junior pastor in what would be needed for him to bring himself to maturity, one step at a time. It is readable in a couple of hours and may be used as an overview when digging into one's own expanded notes is impractical. While this book will not disappoint the deacon or lay pastor required only to preach or pray publicly from time to time, it may not carry all of the depth required in the way of axioms leading to fully mature exposition. Basic rules for interpretation are listed. Detailed suggestions that even include appropriate gesticulation are also written. Ultimately though like so many new skills, one can only learn so much by reading a text. The mature expositor can only become proficient by going to the newrest street corner, Bible study or prayer meeting with his prepared text and practice the "art of prophesying.' May God bless the efforts of all who read this book, even if they are reading it like me in order to assure that I may properly shepherd my family each morning.

This is a book about how to preach faithful sermons through scripture and how to read scripture as it was written. It has some dry moments, but gives great clarity on the meaning of scripture and how to preach it for the benefit of the congregation.

Lots of great suggestions, and stirring items that help a preacher become a Pastor.

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