

# Schools of the Prophets:

## The prophetic witness of theological education

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How should theological education aid the cause of Christian Ethics in southern Africa today?

**Thesis:** Theological education serves the Church by equipping biblical prophets for relevant public witness in Africa

### **WHAT: Defining our biblical responsibility**

Where do we find the concept/practice of “theological education” in Old Testament?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What is the “prophetic” ministry or witness of the Church in the New Testament?

1. Christ's prophetic ministry continued
- 2.
- 3.

How in church history did theological education aid this prophetic ministry of the church?

- Geneva
  
- New England

A primary task of theological education is to prepare faithful  
“Men of God” to lead the Church in prophetic public witness

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## **WHY: Motivating this prophetic witness**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

## **HOW: Adjusting our focus and methods**

Historical CAUTION from common mistakes

- 1.
- 2.

Biblical MOTIVES for “Schools of the Prophets”

Biblical METHODS for “Schools of the Prophets”

- Teachers of the Torah (law)
- Spiritual training “in” ministry
- Guards against excess and error
- Preparation for prophetic ministry

Biblical MANNERS (modes of procedure, behavior, principles of conduct)

1. Our unchanging foundation
2. Our urgent responsibility
3. Our contextual application
4. Our certain hope

**Personal reflection:** What will you do now to implement these ideas?