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A true prophet would only preach God's revealed word.

Even if:

1) There were no visible results (Ex. Jeremiah)

2) The message was not fully comprehended by the prophet himself (Dan. 7:15; 12:8; I Pet. 1:10-11)

3) The message ran contrary to the prophet's own preference (Jonah 1-4)

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