

## **PROPHETS or PROFITS!**

On cable television, it's easy to scan through and find some religious channels where the people leading the religious services appear to see themselves as a genuine religious prophet.

We could well ask ourselves what are the signs of the true and the false religious prophet? The oldest known Christian manual for right living is called *The Didache* written about the year 100. The author(s) of this extraordinary document present this general rule; "*if people only ask for money, then they're a false prophet.*" It's a simple message to remember that prophets and profits don't mix!

I have finished reading a book written by the well-known Uniting Church minister Reverend Bill Crewes it's titled; *'The Twelve Rules for Living.'* Mind you this is according to the author and not for all people in all times and places!

After reading this book I'm convinced that Bill Crewes is a genuine modern day Christian prophet. He's one of those special people who effectively listens and serves the needs of the most marginalized people in our society. He is also able to inspire many others to do the same. In the Ashfield Uniting Church, he runs a restaurant appropriately called *The Loaves and Fishes*, and yes, they never run out of food!

Jesus of Nazareth says something about false and true prophets in these words; "*you will know them by their fruits, I repeat you will know them by their fruits.*" (Matthew Chapter 10 verse 20) *Fr Martin R Maunsell*