

Equipping the Saints

Fulfilling Our Purpose

War - Fruit - Prayer - Flow - Faith
Knowing God - Winning Souls
Disciples - Preparing for Harvest
Servants - Anointing - Power
Gifts - For lack of knowledge ...

The Equipping of The Saints

- Purpose #1 is to strengthen your foundation.
- Purpose #2 is to fortify your beliefs (strong walls).
- Purpose #3 is to ignite your faith into action.
- Purpose #4 is to equip you to effective ministry.
- Purpose #5 is to develop disciples, leaders and laborers who will go out and do the will of the Father.

“Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples”. John 15:8

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- Confidence to witness, to share the gospel and answer questions occurs through repetition & practice.
- We reinforce as we share because we hear it again in our spirit. *“Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself?..”* Romans 2:21
- We understand that we do not wrestle against people but against principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this world, and spiritual wickedness in high places. (Eph 6:12)

For this reason we must bond together (two put 10,000 to flight) and pray one for another, especially with regard to warfare.

The Gospel Truth



The gospel message has the power to change lives, shine light into darkness, and deliver sinners from hell.

How confident are you with it?

Understanding The Spirit

- We rely and respond more to our senses (what we see, hear and feel) than we realize and, more than the Holy Spirit. He told us lean not unto your own understanding. Why?
- He said don't look at things seen .. Why?
- When he said faith comes by hearing, hearing by the Word of God but he wasn't referring to your natural ears. Your natural ears can't hear the Holy Spirit. Eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither has entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those that love him. That's not talking about fleshly eyes and ears.
- He said they that are led by the Spirit, shall be called the sons of God. He knew we would be influenced by flesh.

It Begins With A Thought

- A suit does not begin as a thing of fabric, it begins as a thought or idea.
- He said if you are going to be transformed it has to begin in your mind and get into your spirit.
- When you received the Holy Ghost, you received a quickening spirit: to quicken you to understand and get into your spirit things that God can use.
- Many of us still make decisions based on our flesh or our senses, not feeling after or relying upon the Holy Spirit. For this reason many are carnal and are missing the benefits of true relationship.

Thinking Correctly

- No well reasoned argument converts the soul of a darkened mind because “the god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ who is the image of God” 2 Cor 4:4
- *But God* .. can penetrate the darkness with the light of His Word and uses us along with his Spirit to do this.
- He knows which ‘fish’ are ready, and we must seek His guidance for *fishing* expeditions on a daily basis.
- Prayer is critical & necessary in war, in daily living, in getting clear direction from God, and in maturing.
- Faith w/o works is not talking about works of the flesh, but works of the spirit.

By My Spirit: Changed Thinking

- God's desire is that you give birth to spiritual things. You cannot do that without his living word operating through you. You cannot have only "Rhema", without Logos.
- Ever see a guy playing keyboard or drums on a table or back of an airplane seat? To the natural eye he's mentally unstable. He doesn't seem to realize that the keyboard isn't there. But in his spirit, it's a keyboard.
- When you get something in your spirit, you look like a fool to other people because even though it hasn't manifested in your life yet, it's real in your spirit and you act upon it.

Get It In Your Spirit



- When you get something in your spirit, circumstances can't stop you. You may not have the tangibles, but if you got it in your spirit ...
- Ultimately I will do in the natural what I perceive in my spirit. Not the other way around. If you can believe crazy stuff .. that's a sign you shall have it.

Now faith is the substance of things you hope for but it is the evidence .. if you believe it that way, it's yours. You have to get it into your spirit.

Holy Ghost Search Engine

- The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 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. 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. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. 1 Cor 2:10-13
- The Lord searches all things even the deep things .. like a Holy Ghost search engine, searching all things by the spirit and pulling up just what you need at the appointed time.

Inflow and Outflow

Where there is a source of inflow and outflow, *life* is constantly regenerating.

We need spiritual **inflow** and **outflow** in our lives to avoid becoming stagnant.



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- 2 Cor 9:6 He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.
- Faith comes by “*hearing*” - not just preaching, teaching, and study but meditation where your spirit hears Rhema about what Logos is saying. Think of the Holy Ghost as a search engine that searches the deep things and brings them to you.
- When Jesus said “*He that hath ears to hear, let him hear*” he wasn’t talking about your ears but your spirit hearing what the Spirit is saying.

The Natural Man



- 1 Cor 2:13-14 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness to him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.
- Why is this mentioned? Are we not all natural men living, breathing, moving and working in the natural?
- The natural man relies on his senses to make sense of things and to make decisions. Things that make sense to what he sees, what he hears, and what he feels are judged by his flesh.

The Things of the Spirit

- The things of God typically will not make sense to you or anyone else. This is why you cannot reason the Word with someone w/o the spirit - they aren't going to get it.
- The natural man thinks you're a nut because he isn't equipped with the understanding you have. He can't grasp it. He that comes to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.
- "I think" is an indicator of flesh based thinking.
- Asking other people's opinions is evidence of a flesh based thinking.

Being Thoroughly Furnished



The spiritually mature person looks to the Word of God knowing it's the final authority and basis for all Truth. They study scripture, rightly dividing the word of Truth from all else.

“Let God be true and every man a liar”.

Romans 3:4

Your Tongue



- The tongue God gave you is powerful. What you say affects you and the world you live in.
- The world you live in, you live by your tongue.
- The tongue is described as having power to give life and to kill/destroy it. It's described as being full of deadly poison (corrupting situations & altering outcomes). It's described as being an unruly (out of control) evil in us.
- What we speak is so important we're going to give an account before God of every idle word we've spoken.

What We Speak



- He never told you to climb that mountain. It's hard and tough doing that to ourselves but he didn't say to climb it, He said speak to it!
- Inanimate objects "*hear*" what we say. He spoke to the fig tree; He spoke to the wind and the waves; He spoke to what was dead including people. He said speak to your mountain – don't try to tackle it or climb it .. He said to speak to it – and speak believing.

What We Exercise



- We have the exact same muscles the body builder has. We have it, but we are not using it.
- Our life is a direct result of what we exercise. If you exercise in the realm of the flesh you're going to be carnal. If you exercise in the realm of the spiritual you're going to be spiritual.
- What dimension are you living and thinking in?
- As you think so shall you be.

Renewing Your Mind



Change your thinking and you'll change what you receive.

Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.

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Are you doing that?

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Putting on the Whole Armor of God

Ephesians 6: 10-18