

A Written Article

Encouragement and Instruction

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If you are a person like me, you really want to do the will of God from a pure heart.

1. To know God's ways and to see others come from darkness to light,
2. You really desire to see the power of God at work in your life and then impart that to others.
3. You really desire to fellowship with other hungry hearted people for the things of God and to see Gods truth go throughout the whole earth.
4. You really desire that men and women will come unto a knowledge of the truth, and that many millions of people confess Jesus as Lord and that they will believe in their hearts that God raised them from the dead.
5. You really desire that God works in your heart mightily and opens up many great doors for you, so you can preach and teach the gospel concerning Jesus Christ, and that you can manifest the power of God, bringing healing and deliverance to others.
6. You desire greatly to give God the glory for all that He is doing in and through and by you, because you understand that in and of yourself you can do nothing except God does the work and because you are lovingly obedient to do the will of God from the heart,
7. You really desire God desires to be your desire. God is the one that puts those desires in your heart and many more desires that are not mentioned here.

A question that came to my mind is what are the fundamental things that I need to do? How do I position myself before God to see these wonderful things take place in my life?

I know we must be humble and meek and of a willing heart to receive the encouragement and instruction given to us, this takes a real committed decision, and a mind made up to do this and to follow what God would have us to do and to follow the encouragement that God is showing us through the sound doctrine we are receiving.

It was not until I made up my mind to do what God was showing me and to connect where God wanted me to connect that things started to very quickly take off and change.

God starts with you, personally. You are highly important to God and your heart and mind and wellbeing and every area of your life is important to God, after all He wants us to prosper and be in good health even as our soul prospers, (**3 John1:2**) God wants us to have a good journey through this life and He wants us to trust Him and the direction He is showing us, and He wants us to rest in Him.

(Proverbs 3:5-6) & (Hebrews 4:3-11)

God works with your faith and He is working in you to get you into a position of strength in your heart and mind. Once you decide that you really want to do what God wants you to do, then change can begin and then God's directions for you comes. Once I decided to do what God was putting into my heart to do and to live unto Him and to boldly speak forth His words, then God put into my heart an unwavering focus and determination to continue and follow His direction, no matter what anyone says or what is happening in and around me. Our strength comes from Jehovah God and through our commitments we make unto Him.

God helps us to keep things simple by focusing on Him.

Encouragement and Instruction is very important. I see many people like the encouragement and rightly so, but I also see many people do not like the instruction, of course people are free to choose what they want to do, God puts no burdens on anyone. God wants you to decide from your own free will heart to follow what he puts into your heart and what is being encouraged through His ministers that walk with Him, and are ministering to His people men and women who speak those things God is showing them to encourage and those ministers are also doing what they are encouraging.

Jesus Christ disciples were very humble in heart even when they were challenged, they followed out on what Jesus encouraged them to do. I am seeing this more clearly as I do what God inspires me and the things my minister has been encouraging and instructing me.

The instruction is within the encouragement, God helped me to see that, Instruction is very simple.

The steps (direction) God gives us to take, we just decide to do it, as we follow the encouragement and instruction more steps come to us to take and the

understanding will come, as we simply follow what God is showing and move in the direction He is leading us. Our part is to decide to receive those words with a ready mind and do them, prove the words we are receiving by the doing of those things we are being encouraged.

If we have received the word and words from God with meekness, we will do it. I am personally seeing the benefits since I have really listened and paid close attention to the words being spoken and what God says in the scriptures addressed to me. Both are very important; the personal results I am getting are wonderful, and others that listen to us also get greatly benefited as they practise and do.

As we follow the encouragement and instruction to us well, we in turn will lead others well. I see this as I was taking a look at the lives of the disciples in the Gospels and the Book of Acts. Jesus had twelve disciples that were close to him; we know one of them betrayed Jesus, but eleven of Jesus' close disciples were the dominant leaders within the early church, and we see in the book of Acts others were added like Titus, and Timothy, for example, along with many others. These guys were faithful, to do and follow Paul's encouragement and instructions. Paul also **exhorted** the believers, **warned** the believers at times, along with **reprove** and **correction**, which were all instruction in righteousness. You will see this throughout Paul's Church Epistles.

Jesus' disciples followed the example of their teacher; they were committed. Jesus said to them, "You are my friends if you do whatsoever I command you." (**John 15:14**)

(Here is a link to a teaching titled - What it means to be a disciple - <https://graceloveandtruth.com/2019/05/14/what-it-means-to-be-a-disciple-by-laurence-torr/>)

(Here is a link to a teaching titled A Lifestyle of Commitment - <https://graceloveandtruth.com/2017/08/03/a-lifestyle-of-commitment-by-laurence-torr/>)

Obedience is better than sacrifice (**Jeremiah 7:21-23**) A living sacrifice is someone who is not being conformed to this world's ways but someone being transformed by the renewing of their mind (**Romans 12:1-3**) to do that you are obedient to follow and do what God wants you to do, a living sacrifice is a doer of the word. (**James 1:21**)

The Apostle Paul's exhortation and instructions to Timothy was that the things Timothy was learning he was to commit to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also.

2 Timothy 2:2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

We are to commit what we are learning to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also. Faithful men were not those that merely attended the fellowships but attended to the words spoken by doing them.

Many people who come to fellowship on a regularly basis are recognised as faithful, but faithful to what? to come to fellowship? or faithful to come to fellowship and more importantly faithfully to put into practise what they are being encouraged and exhorted to do, you will know the committed one's by their fruits.

We know not everyone will follow the encouragement given, and that is why we commit to the ready people that are drawing close and staying connected to God and the one encouraging them, We give to the ready people that really want to move and are receiving our words gladly the encouragement God is directing in that moment in time to impart to them.

Sound doctrine is very important and the sound doctrine is what God gives to us to speak forth, Jesus Spoke sound doctrine the Apostle Paul spoke sound doctrine, Timothy and Titus spoke sound doctrine Words inspired of and from the spirit of God and you too can speak forth sound doctrine that imparts faith, and gives encouragement and builds vision and provides direction, what we speak forth by God's spirit will flow in harmony with the Scriptures.

There is a certain humbleness we see in those that want to move, they may not see things right away, but as leaders holdfast to the sound doctrine, and continue to encourage those certain ones that are humble they begin to see and do, these believers are ready to go believers and they are not always arguing and fighting with you. Those that really want to be focus also do not go from teacher to teacher

The Apostle Paul gave this charge to Timothy

2 Timothy 4:1-5 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; **2** Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. **3** For the time will come when they will not

endure **sound doctrine**; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; **4** And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. **5** But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

I understand now more when Jesus said many are called but few are chosen for the work, remember Jesus had other disciples but God showed Him the Twelve to pick for His close disciples for his close knit people who he shared the Father heart and his life with and gave to them the keys of Kingdom.

These twelve were not high minded, they had many flaws but they were humble and coachable they were ones that received Jesus words of encouragement and instruction as the words from God, Jesus spoke forth the words the Father gave him to speak.

John 12:49 For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.

John 14:10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

John 17:8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

The disciples received the words from Jesus and stay close to Jesus and done the things Jesus instructed them to do.

The Apostles Paul, Timothy and Silas spoke forth the word of God by the spirit of God.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received **the word of God** which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

For more understanding of the phrase The Word of God, I recommend that you listen to this teaching Titled, The Word of God - By Sangat Bains

<https://graceloveandtruth.com/2020/08/05/the-word-of-god-by-sangat-bains/>

Romans 1:9 For God is my witness, whom **I serve with my spirit** in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers.

Paul served God with his spirit not his sense knowledge or wisdom. Paul was led by the spirit of God and spoke forth boldly those things God inspired him.

People have said the great growth in India is because the culture is different, and in times past I have also said this, but I would now boldly say the difference is not the culture but the doctrine, right words and sound doctrine when spoken forth and the people or persons present receives those words with a humble and meek heart, it will cause great faith in their hearts if the word spoke is received as the words of God and not as the words of men but as it is in truth the word of God which is **effective** in those that believe those words coming directly from God through the one speaking in that time and moment to ministers to the hearts and need of the people present.

We are to do what God puts into our hearts to do, if God direct you to open the scriptures and teach from them, then that is what you do, if God inspires you to speak forth as He inspires your heart then that is what you should do, there is no law, but we can see by the example of Jesus Christ our Lord and the Apostles they spoke forth boldly by the spirit of God as God inspired them and as they opened their mouths. If you watch some of the well know ministers from big TV ministries when you hear them, they may start off with a scripture passage but the rest of the time they speak forth what they are inspired others just begin to speak and may refer to Scriptures but not actually go to them. Then is one time we see that Jesus opened the scrolls which is in **Luke 4:17-19** he did not teach from it but he read what was written down then he gave the scroll back to the minister and he sat down and then he began to say.

When Jesus spoke He spoke what the Father gave him to speak, he would refer to scripture, but he had no scroll in His hands, He would say more then what was written in the scriptures if you read the sermon on the mount in **Matthew chapter 5** it said in verse 2 and he opened His mouth and taught them saying.

It is also so important we pray for the labourers like Jesus encouraged the disciples to do. **Matthew 9:35-38** The labourers, are the ready ones that will do the work of God, through the encouragement and sound instruction of the Leader, but they will do it unto God with all their hearts and as God leads them and opens the doors.

They will do and say what God puts into their hearts to say. Labourers will walk with God and be led by the spirit of God and will also show great respect to the one encouraging them, not because the one encouraging them is anything in and

of themselves, but because the one encouraging them, is instructing them and helping them and directing them go to God and move in the right way, so that they feed God's people and they are encouraging and instructing the right things which will cause them to become fruitful. Yes, at times the disciples were challenged with words Jesus Spoke, but they stayed the course and so much fruit come to them after the day of Pentecost as they continued.

One of the main reason the early church faded out was because people stopped believing the words that were spoken to them, and other things like false brethren coming in unaware to sow discord and promoting fear, you know the religious type pharisee's that imparted fear and confusion to bring people into the bondage of the law and to control Gods people. rather than faith and godly edification.

These things have become more and more clearer to me since God showed me to connect to my leader, and follow that encouragement which I am, and I encourage others to do the same, I am proving these things to myself so I have great conviction in my heart to share it with others, as God works in me. If we from a pure heart connect where God shows and do what God is showing through the encouragement we are receiving and what God is showing we will start to things happen fruit will come your perspective will change.

You can pray to God to change things for You, but God will go to work to change You, when You change by responding to Gods leading than everything else will change and become fruitful and blooming and blossoming, you will have peace in this world that has no peace, you will have direction in this world which is a wilderness and the answer will be flowing to you and you will have the provision you greatly desire.

The pattern and heart I see in the Book of Acts is the same pattern of Good and Gods works I See in the Indian believers, This Godly structure not man-made structure is there and is an example to follow.

They continue to grow and increase, on a consistence faithful basis, I see the faithfulness of certain leaders I have met and know, they are following the things they are being encouraged by their leader but they do it with all their hearts unto God, they walk by the spirit of God and are led by the spirit of God and they continue to grow and multiply, they are humble and meek, and walk with God they are showing a pattern of goods works, as they are humble and are led by the spirit of God.

I am praying and desiring for this godly structure here in United Kingdom and within Europe and other places, and anywhere God opens the door for me and

others to minister and encourage. When I say Godly structure, I do not mean men's or religious structure I mean to work with those that receive the words spoken and will do what God puts in their hearts, and are led by the spirit of God to follow the encouragement being given and to encourage other people to walk by the same rule, The Apostle Paul mentions and encourages and instructs to walk by the same rule and be of the same mind.

Philippians 3:15-21,

15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

17 Brethren be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample.

18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

Romans 15:5-6, 5 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus:

6 That ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel; -

Philippians 2:2, Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind.

As people from their own free will decide to follow and practise sound doctrine and go directly to God and connect where God is directing them, then they we will see great things happen, the first things is to break through all the traditions and doctrines of men idea's, to do this we must simply start Practising to be led by the spirit of God and to speak forth boldly what God gives you to speak. The Scriptures themselves show us this way and how to move and to speak and the fruit will tell the whole story.

Well these things came to my heart to write and share with you.

Much love

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