

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH...



“Let the Word do the Work”! (What?)

I am really amazed at how many in the Christian world have taken hold to what is popular, catchy and clever; and have not attained to a right and balanced understanding of the things concerning the word of the LORD! My point is this; in the above title, we have delegated the word of God, and the Holy Spirit I might add; to only doing for us those things that gratify our flesh and not to quicken our inner man. We want, or send the word to go out and bring us money, cars, homes, jobs, and those things that makes us feel important, fulfills or carnal lusts, or that help us to feel as though we have arrived!

But the work that the Father wants the word to do in us is to cleanse us from our old deeds, to change our thought process by the renewing our minds and to equip us to stand when we are faced with temptations that come from the enemy. What did Jesus say in John 15:3; *Now ye are **clean through the word** which I have spoken unto you.* And again in Ephesians 5:25-26; *25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the **washing of water by the word,*** Titus 3:5 says; *Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the **washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;***

You see, the word is given to help us to grow and to become more like Christ. And as we get the word in us, then the Holy Spirit can began to help us make the necessary changes in ourselves, so that we can become vessels of honor set aside for the purposes of the Father! It is really sad that we make songs, movies and clever phrases as our source of biblical education and understanding, and from those we begin to build our own philosophies and doctrines on how we ought to walk and live in this world.

There are those that preach “name it and claim it” theology, those that teach the “Kingdom now” and “calling things that are not as though they are” doctrines; where does all of this come from? (I know that many have stopped reading, and have labeled me as crazy...but stay with me!) It comes from our fleshly and carnal minds; James says in 4:3; *Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your **lusts.***

Have you ever asked yourself; why do you desire a big house; or only name brand and designer clothes? Why do you desire a luxury automobile to drive? Is it really to bring glory and honor to God, or is it to draw attention to yourself??

Hosea 4 verse 6 states; *My people are destroyed for **lack of knowledge**: because thou hast **rejected knowledge**, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*

This knowledge that he is referring to here is not just the act of knowing, but it goes much deeper. I can know that two plus two is four, I can know that when I approach a stop sign, that means that I am to stop! But having understanding that goes beyond the knowledge is what the LORD wants us to possess. Proverbs 4:7 says; *Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting **get understanding**.* The Lord wants us to have *spiritual understanding* of His word, not just knowing what it says! Jesus told his disciples to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees (Matt. 16:6-12/Luke 8:18), and to be careful how we hear or understand.

You see, we are earnest to let the word do the work when it comes to fulfilling our fleshly and carnal lust, but when it comes to the word doing a spiritual work in us, we fall desperately short. Show me in the scriptures where we have the power to call forth things that are not, as though they are! Show me where have we been giving that authority? But you say “it says that we can ask what we will and it will be given to us”! Yes, it does, but you have to hear the rest of the story....!

1 John 5:14; *And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing **according to his will**, he heareth us:* Most preachers seem to overlook that one significant and important verse! We are suppose to be conforming to the will of the LORD, not Him to our will!

As for as I know, the only reference to “speaking things forth” is found in Romans 4: 17; *(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.* This is a reference to God, not us! So in the beginning when God said; “Let there be light”, and “Let the earth bring forth...” and it was so, says the word. Not in days, weeks, months or years was it so...but immediately! Yes, it is the will of the Lord that we have faith and believe Him for things, but not to override His purpose nor His will. If we are to interpret the phrase “calling things that be not as though they are”, we should see it this way, as Abraham did; “**who against hope, believed in hope** (verse18), **according to** the word spoken to him by God”! Believe God, even when it seems there is no way it could happen...believe against hope! If God has spoken a promise to you, as He did to Abraham; then believe, believe, believe!!

Can you imagine what the world would look like if the Father actually gave all of us carnal Christians, with all of our greed, desire to be in the spotlight, loving the praises of men, with our competitive spirits; can you imagine the mess that we would create! I shutter to think!

“But the Lord promised to give me the desires of my heart”, you say! That is because when you, or I truly come into the place of being one with the Father, as Jesus and

the Father are One, Just as Jesus prayed in the 17th chapter of John...then your desires will become what the Father desires. When we have died to ourselves; that is when the LORD can trust us.

Jesus said in Matthew the 6th chapter that the Father knows that we have need of certain things, but He said that we, His children should “seek **first**, the Kingdom of God and His righteousness”, and once we have matured, these things will be added or given to us! And before this, Jesus said, in verse (24) that we can not serve two masters...God and mammon; and mammon here is of course money!

There are too many Christians chasing money, too many working long hours, two and maybe three jobs to try and have the finer things of life, trying to get ahead, instead of trusting and believing the Lord for our daily bread. If your only purpose for being a Christian is so that you can enjoy the finer things in life, why waste your time being a Christian! You don't need God to give you riches! Proverbs 14:23 says; *In all labour there is profit: but the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury.* According to the scriptures, even satan has the ability to give riches to them that serve and worship him! Open your eyes and take a look around you! Look at all of those that have prospered in the secular world; the inventors of evil things; the porn industry, the illegal drug industry, the perverted Hip Hop industry and on and on it goes! These people do not profess Christ, they have no desire for Him!

Luke 4:6-7; *6 And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. 7 If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine.* Paul even warned of this type of “blab it and grab it” teaching; 1 Timothy 6:3-6; *If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;*

4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but dotting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings,

*5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, **supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.** 6 **But godliness with contentment is great gain.***

Instead of us trying to overthrow the purposes of God in the earth by us speaking things forth, we should do as Paul recommends in Philippians 4:6; *Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.* Did you hear that....requests, not demands!! Let's stop playing God, and perpetrating the same lie that the enemy started in the beginning; “*then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil*” (Gen 3:5). Isn't that where man is going....trying to become gods and saviors? We see it in the political sector, movies and television shows where there are disasters, meteors on a collision course with earth, or an outbreak of disease coming upon the earth, and at the last minute, man figures it out and saves the world! Even in most of the secular songs, the emphasis is on self; how great I am, how I got it all

together, my money, my cars, my crib and my looks.....and sadly, it is even beginning to creep over into the Christian Music Industry.

Let me say this final thing, if you really believe that we have been given the power to speak things forth and it will happen, then I beg you my brother, my sister to leave America and go to Sudan, Ethiopia, India and speak to the famine, disease, the lifeless deserts where vegetation will not grow, and live there as many of them do until it happens. Or if it happens in the same hour that you spoke it, then bring back your report, then I will repent for my alleged unbelief and lack of understanding, but until then, we must know that God is sovereign, He rules in the affairs of men and of nations.

Did not Paul understand this doctrine? Did he not understand that he could have spoke himself out of prison , or spoke his affliction away? Did not Stephen understand that he could have spoke to the angry mob that they would not cast the stones at him, or better yet, he could have spoke to the stones that they would become puff balls! And what about the many others who wondered in deserts, who endured famine, persecutions, great trials and afflictions; (read Hebrews 11)...did they not get the memo that they could have spoke these things away? But you see, that is the difference between them and us! They understood the will of God for their lives, they where willing to endure hardness as soldiers of Jesus Christ. Whereas we today are not willing to suffer two minutes for the cause of Christ or the gospel. We are quick to call out to the Lord...."get me out Jesus, get me out today"!

Modern day Christianity, I don't understand it. But I understand this, that there is a time coming and it is already in the making where you and I are going to be tested for our faith. Laws are being established that will make it a crime to speak against certain sins that the word of God calls "an abomination". Will you stand for righteousness, or will you deny the faith? *Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, **arm yourselves likewise with the same mind:** for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;
2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.* 1Peter 4:1-2.

"Let the word do the work" to fulfill the flesh, or to destroy the flesh; the choice is yours.

I pray that this commentary has help you in some way and has given you something to consider. Don't believe what I say, read and study the word for yourselves, as we are commanded to do by the Holy Spirit of God!

Peace and Blessings to you;
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