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Acting on God's Word

Acting on ANYTHING other than God's revealed Word is deception. He has given us authority over all things; power to tread on scorpions, power to cast out devils, power to heal the sick, power to get wealth, power to do all things.

Whenever you have exercised faith, you received a wonderful feeling **inside**, not in your mind. Both the desire and the confidence came from within.

You have made decisions before based on what you have heard and not even seen. Can't we trust **God's Word** and believe **what we have heard from the Word**. After all, He **IS** our God!

The Sensing of the Spirit

The Holy Spirit came to impart the nature of God (eternal life) to the spirit of man. The sensing of the Spirit is like the wind (*John 3:8*). You don't know where it is coming from or where it is going. So when the Spirit moves on your heart and directs you, lay hold on that and follow that (leading, anointing). Many may not understand you but you have joy, peace, and the **assurance** about it. We must follow the Holy Spirit as the Father leads us to claim, go, say, feel it, etc.

John 1:5 declares “God is light.” The voice of the Spirit is the light which He gives you. His voice is the light that speaks to you. *1John 1:5-7*. His voice is the light that draws you to Him. His voice is the light that enriches your spirit. **Meditation on His Word** causes His voice to become bolder. **Prayer** causes His voice to become stronger. The Word Jesus speaks in you now is the word Jesus spoke when He walked the face of the earth. He changeth not. *Mal. 3:6*. You see, we eat the knowledge given and speak it out.

Your spirit is allowing your light to come out and simultaneously meet with the light (power) that is in the air which God created, to form to create. *Heb. 11:3*. We do have power. We are co-laborers with Him. When you allow yourself to be moved by the wind of the Spirit, the power will break forth, as a cocoon coming forth out of a shell. So will the power of God allow the Word to flourish and come forth and manifest.

Source of All Life

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.” John 1:1-4.

God is the creator of all things. All **matter** is the substance of God's LIFE, which He is. All things that have life have matter. All things that have matter have God's life substance which comes from and through and by Him. He (Life) created all things. *John 1:3*.

Your body is a substance of the earth and it **has** life. You are alive. You are of God. You have life by His Spirit. **All** things that move, all that breathe, all things that are movable, that can be moved, that can be eradicated, all things that can be made into something, all have life. So all things are complete. All things have life. SO you see all things can be moved, all things can be made, all things can be totally eradicated from within your sight and things can be brought into your sight that you are not able to see.

You make things out of things which seemingly are immovable but they are not. They are movable. For they have been created by God and as they came into existence, they moved. So all matter has life. All matter has life which comes from God, and all things are by God.

Is there any man who can instruct God? Can the thing that is formed, say to the one that formed him, "*how formest thou me?*" *Rom. 9:20.*

Can you instruct God? God is the one that formed you. He is the one that created your vessel of clay. He knows what your capabilities are. He knows all about you. He is the all Seeing Eye. Do you know what's going on everywhere? Do you know what's in every man's heart? Can you predict what every man is going to do at all time? Can you decide in perfect harmony with your friends, your mates? Can you control all things that are within your reach? Can you name everything that is on the face of the earth by the way that it is made and the substance that it is made from? Are you able to do these things? I say to you NO! Hear God's Word for He is your God and He knows all things and He can instruct you.

You shall decide and decree a thing and it shall (will) be established for you. (*Job 22:28 ampl*). Remember Elijah in I Kings 18:41 was prophesying abundance, but his servant was carnal, looking only at what he could see in the natural. But Elijah saw into the spirit realm while his servant was running around saying "I don't see anything".

Galatians 4:1 says "... the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master (lord) of all." So grow up! Awake unto righteousness. *1 Cor. 15:34.* Finally, Elijah's servant got his senses lined up with the word.

Releasing the Life of God Within

The Life IN YOU spoken out brings results. When the soil in the natural gets hot, (as in spring), the seeds start popping. The soil of your heart is warmed by the Word. Then you speak what's inside, not what you see outside and the light spoken out changes darkness. Now you are planting seeds to produce fruit. You are changing your circumstances.

Revelation 19:10 says "... the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy". You must prophecy (declare, speak) things for it to happen. Jesus said in *Matthew 21:21-22* "If you say to "the mountain, obstacle", (be gone etc.) it will be done". IF YOU DON'T PROPHECY IT NOTHING WILL HAPPEN!

Proverbs 18:21 says "death and life are in the power of the tongue and those who love it will eat its fruit".

DETERMINE YOUR FUTURE. Speak rhema (light), NOT logos. *Romans 12:6* tells us we can only prophesy according to what we have (you see) or according to the eye of faith, so be it unto you. IT'S IS ALL ACCORDING TO THE WORD!

Gather things around you that are included in your vision (ex. Prayer book). It takes as much energy to speak negatives as it does to speak positives. *Matthew 12:34* says "... out of the **abundance** of the heart, the mouth speaks." And *Proverbs 4:23* says to "protect your heart at all costs for out of it flow the issues of life." WHAT DO YOU SEE? As a man believes in his heart, so is he. (*Prov. 20:27*). Enlarge (stretch out the place of thy tent ...).

Satan's Life

ALL life is of God. Every living being, every living thing has its life from God's life. Every living source has its life from His life. All power is of God. He is all life. He is all light.

Satan's life is of God. The satanic forces have their life from God. They have no wisdom, they have no knowledge, and they have no eyes to see. They have nothing. They are hanging like strings in mid-air. They are like a puppet on a string, they have no power.

Psalms 119:130 says "... the entrance of thy words giveth light: it giveth understanding to the simple." Without God's Word, without God's light, **man** is like a puppet on a string also. He just goes to and fro and in and out, not knowing where to go. But you as God's child are not so. You are of God. You will not be deceived as you allow God's word to be your pathway, your light shining forth from within your being. Know that you have eternal life. You have all light. You have all wisdom and knowledge. Know that there is nothing, there is no force that can overtake you for God is the God of life. He has all light.

Remember God's word. He that hath ears let him hear. The Satanic forces are of His life. They are **without** any wisdom or knowledge. (That is why Satan hates us praying in the spirit. The Holy Spirit reveals all truth to us as we pray). YOU are of God. He is YOUR God. Believe Him for His very Word's sake and you shall know the truth.

Receiving the Light of Life

How many times have we heard it said “*knowledge is power*”. This is only true to the extent that we rely on God’s knowledge, His Word, which is the truth.

God’s Word is Life and that life is Light. THE LIFE IS GOD’S POWER AND THE LIGHT IS (gives) UNDERSTANDING (which is wisdom) ON WHAT OR HOW TO DO what He is saying. Then when you act upon the revelation (light) received, the power of God to perform it is activated for He will hasten to perform His Word.

When you received the Word and your spirit was recreated (born again), it was the Holy Spirit moving, working within you. When you have received that LIGHT, and God, by His Spirit, prompts you to receive the word that was spoken in your hearing, AND your MIND begins to try to relate what you hear to an EXPERIENCE, (an experience you had with someone, an experience of a particular situation), then you have disallowed the Spirit to do the work.

God said “*be not anxious.*” He said “*be still*”. He said wait and let the LIGHT of LIFE well up in you. When you receive the light it works from the inside. It goes in through your head, it goes down in your inside and from the inside flows the fountain of living waters up to your brain and gives you all of the answers.

BUT, if you rely on what you see or have seen or how someone has responded to you to relate to the words of light that you hear, then you are trying to mix light with darkness.

You cannot be hidden. Your light will shine into darkness. Your light shall burst forth into darkness and it shall disappear in your sight.

Walking in the Light of God's Life

Jesus is the eternal life in God and you have Jesus. You have eternal life through Jesus. *1 John 5:12*. Listen to God's Word. Jesus is the eternal life in God.

That life is in you. You have eternal life. That life is all LIGHT and all LIFE (*John 1:4; Ps 119:105*). You are in the light. You have brightness, you have life. You can create, you can do all things because He sent the eternal life in Jesus into the world and He in turn sent His life in you.

God's Spirit in you is the eternal life in Jesus, in God. Know that God speaks to us all by (through) His Spirit. He is that fountain, that living water in you. You have the blessings in that you understand all mysteries by His Spirit. As He abounds in you, as the light rises in you, you have the magnificent power of the glory of God, manifested in your voice, your hands, your feet, your ears. All that you hear with your spirit can be magnified because as you allow the Word of God in you to be brought out of you, you bring forth that joy, light and that life.

Deuteronomy 30:11-21 God said "... He sets before our life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life that both you and your descendants may live." So burst forth children of God. Burst forth and glow as embers of light, into this dark world. You are light. You are the shining embers that shall light this world in these final hours, so burst forth as the light that you are.

YOU UNDERSTAND THE WORLD RUNS BY THE DICTATES OF SATAN, NOT THE DICTATES OF THE SAINTS. The world is still here simply because the saints, God's righteous ones are in the world. He is gathering as many people as He can because He has such a great love for them.

Understand that allowing the world to dictate to you what you should or should not do (i.e. what you should or should not eat or wear or do) instead of receiving God's Word is DECEPTION. You have switched a lot of things because you did not have peace. Hear God's Word. HE is life and HE is light. Life is always moving, always rich always alive because He is life.

When you abide in His Word you are abiding in truth. You will then spend more time ministering to people (the right thing) as opposed to ministering to yourself (the wrong thing).

Raising Up the Light within Us

The Word says look not to your past, forgetting all those things which are behind. You are now a new creation in Christ Jesus. You are now pressing onward, pressing forward, reaching new heights. Yes, think of it, you are reaching new heights every day for Christ lives in you and He desires to reveal all things to you. Your joy is full because of the knowledge, because of the awareness, because of the light that has led you to where you are.

Many times we have said *"Praise God from whom all blessings flow."* This is because we know where our blessings come from. We know where our joy has come from. We know that we are rich. We know that there is not a member of our family that cannot see the light. We know that our light shines. We know the light is there. We know the light even hurts some of their eyes and they say within themselves *"I know the light is there but I just can't seem to reach out."*

Well, HOLD ON! Be joyful! Be steadfast in the PRAISE OF HIS NAME. For in due time, in God's time, when they have come to the knowledge through you, by your light, they will mount up wings and they shall begin the praise of His holy name, for your light will have brought them through. Your light will have caused them to rise up above the cares of this world, the cares of this earth, and they will enter a NEW LIFE, God's life, and rule and reign as kings and queens.

For when you say (declare) "Jesus is the one, He is the one, bless His holy name, with all that is in you," THEN YOU RAISE UP THE LIGHT, YOU RAISE UP THE GLORY, AND IT SHALL GO FORTH

AND IT WILL GO FORTH; FOR OUR GOD IS GOD AND HE IS A GREAT GOD. He is not a man that He should lie and His word WILL NOT return unto Him void.

Do not stop and do not give up! For your work has not been in vain. You will receive the very thing for which you have petitioned Him. Yes, that husband, that wife, that sister, that brother, that cousin that daughter, that son, that you have been hollering and praying for in the spirit saying *"Lord bless"*, He hears you and He is Hearing.

Just know that His Spirit is alive in us and gives light and He sees and hears and looks because it is His Spirit that does the work. You just praise His name! You just SAY His Word! You just SEEK His face and IT WILL come to pass in Jesus Holy name!!