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*Where Jesus Christ is still Lord*

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*Ministering the truth of God's Word  
in the power of the Holy Spirit!*

*Receiving the  
Wisdom, Understanding,  
and Knowledge of God*

## *Topics Included:*

*The Real You*

*How We Communicate with God*

*God's Process for Receiving*

*Hearing God's Voice*

*...And much more!*

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THE LOVE OF GOD

*I love you so much that I just want you to understand everything that I say. And because you have opened up your heart to me I am just grinning from ear to ear (an expression that you would use). You see, I am a part of you. I have the same desires. I have the same feelings. I get tickled just like you do. When things are just enough to make me just so happy, I just can't even stop grinning. I can't even wipe the smile off my face because you said that you loved me. You've just submitted yourself in prayer. And you're just saying that I am so good and that you want to give all to me and that you want to draw close to me and I'm just so thrilled I don't know what to do. And I use the same words that you use for we are even one. You are only expressing me. You see, I am with you right now! I'm around you, I am in you, I am over you, I am under you and we even sit in a chair together. We sit on the floor together.*

*I was with you when you combed your hair. I was with you when you put your skirt on and your trousers on. I was with you when you put your socks and your shoes on. I was with you when you did your finger nails. I was with you when you filed your toenails, when you cut them down. I was with you when you pricked yourself. I was with you when you clipped your hair off. I was with you when you did all things.*

*Know that I never leave you because I love you. I love you with all my heart. These words are not unfamiliar to you for you have uttered them to your loved ones and I say to you my children, I love you!*

*Receiving the Wisdom,  
Understanding of Knowledge of God*

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## DON'T MIX YOUR SEED

*Can light and dark be at the same time? No! Light drives out darkness. Can oil and water mix? What I am saying to you is that when you hear the word, receive it. You can't have the word which is light and darkness.*

*James 3:10-12; duct. 22:9; mark 4:18-19.*

*In other words, you can't receive my word and continue walking in darkness (flesh). You have to let those things of the world go and let me order your steps. Let me give you joy and peace. Let me fulfill all things in you. Whatever you need to be filled full of, I can fill you. If you need love, I give you love. If you need someone to love, I can send you someone to love. If you need to draw closer to the one that you already have, I can do that too.*

*But, you must walk in the light. You must receive and believe the word. Believing the word means that you are going to walk my way and let your way go. Believing the word means that you realize and accept that my way is better. Believing the word means that you have my life, that you believe that I am alive and I am real. You see, you can't walk in the word and walk in yourself (in the flesh).*

*Walk in the word. Honor me. Let me order your steps. The things that you think you want you are only being deceived. They're not what you really want. You don't know what you want. You need me to teach you. You need me to teach you.*

*I am all wisdom and knowledge. Lean not to your own understanding. Submit yourself unto me. For I can deliver you out of all things. I can set you free from anything that has you bound. I can light any pathway wherein you need to walk. I can give you the words that you need to speak to those who are lost. For you first must believe that I am. And when you do, you will allow me to be first and you to be second.*

*In other words, you will follow in my footsteps and not walk in your own way.*

## RECEIVING FROM GOD

*I am with you. Bear with me my children. I desire to draw you closer to me. You may not understand all of the utterances, the whys and the wherefores. But lean not unto your own understanding but trust in me. This ministry has set you free. Trust all that i do. Look into your heart and know i am real.*

*You will say you have heard a thousand words from direct prophesy. Have you moved? So, wait on me and let me teach your spirit. Just as soon as you come up, just as soon as you submit your whole self to me, then the gifts are no longer needed. For the full man will be grown up and you will praise my name and you will do mighty works and wonders in my name. For i desire you all to be full. I desire you all to hear me intently. For i am real and i desire to whisper in each of you and feed you with the strong meat that i have. Meat are for you, meat are for you , for full grown children.*

*Yes, meat is all that i have and it is plural. It is all of the word. It is wisdom, understanding, and knowledge. It is might, it is might (power) by my spirit. He that hath an ear, let him hear.*

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## *Receiving the Wisdom, Understanding of Knowledge of God*

### UNDERSTANDING THE REAL YOU (THE SPIRIT MAN)

GOD is Spirit. (*Jn 4:24*) YOU are spirit . You are made in His image and likeness. (*Gen. 1:26-27; I Thes. 5:23*)

You dwell in a fleshly body. Your fleshly body is simply a frame, a house for you to be enclosed in.

We must submit our body to God. But unless we realize fully that God is spirit and we are spirit, we cannot reach Him, for we must reach Him in the Spirit.

### COMMUNICATING WITH GOD

We must communicate by the resources that He created us out of, that is spirit life. We are spirit and we have His life in us. We must let that life lead us, and we must let that life speak to us.

Therefore we SPEAK out of, pray out of, live out of, and walk out of the spirit life, who is our spirit man.

### GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION FROM GOD

The spirit man is to lead, guide and direct us. *Prov. 20:27* tells us that "the spirit of man is the candle (lamp) of the Lord ...". God is the light. Light shines through a lamp. (*I John 1:5*) The spirit man is the one who is to bring us back to God, NOT the flesh.

### GOD, THE SOURCE OF ALL KNOWLEDGE

Since we are God's Children, He desires to teach us all things that He knows. He desires that we understand everything that He is.

He is wisdom (*Proverbs 8:12*). The Lord by wisdom founded the earth (*Prov. 3:19*).

He is Understanding (*Proverbs 8:14*). By understanding He established the heavens. (*Col. 1:16*)

By His knowledge the depths were broken up, and clouds drop down the dew. KNOWLEDGE (God's Word) came out of wisdom and understanding.

## UNDERSTANDING GOD'S PROCESS FOR RECEIVING

Know that when you receive Jesus Christ as Lord (are born again), YOU then have the ability to receive the wisdom and understanding of God. Wisdom is in you for you have Christ in you. (*1 Cor. 1:30*)

Know this! As you abide (meditate) in God's word, as you let it stay before you eyes day and night, all the knowledge will be eaten. It will go down into your belly (spirit), and it will assimilate (absorb into your spirit) and it comes up out of you as wisdom and understanding. Then you can walk in and do and perform all things which you received in Jesus Name. (... It will make your way prosperous and then you will have good success). (*Joshua 1:8*)

## THE SOURCE OF ALL KNOWLEDGE

God's Holy Spirit is the teacher of all things. He reveals all things to you. (*John 16:13-14; 1 Cor. 2:10-12*) He gives us knowledge. His ways and His thoughts are much higher than ours. (*Isaiah 55:9*)

We think that we have learned something in this world. But listen to God's Word. We say "the rich get richer and the poor get poorer", thinking in natural terms. You are partially right. But God's view is from the supernatural and He says "the rich are the saints. They have always been rich and you're right, they will get richer. And the poor are those who are abiding in darkness and they shall be darkened." Its all in your perspective.

## CHOOSE TO PUT GOD'S WORD FIRST PLACE

When you received Christ, you received the ability to receive the wisdom and understanding of God. Know that GOD'S WORD is TRUTH.

Many of you have a fearful outlook towards the end. You are on the earth which turns on its axis and so you are turning around in a wheel. You can't even see

# Word of Knowledge

## Act On The Word

*Know that when you act on my word, you are showing forth your faith and your belief and your love and your reverent fear of your lord god almighty, maker of heaven and earth in Jesus' holy name.*

where you're going. You are locked in (limited to) the knowledge of your own (natural) mind.

But, as you take the time to let the Holy Spirit teach you, you (your spirit ) will shoot out into space and the heavens, even into God's heavenly realm (the 3rd heaven) and He will impart His wisdom and knowledge and show you that revelation has begun.

Know that NOW is the accepted time. NOW is the day of salvation, right now. *(II Cor. 6:2)*

When you sin, you empty (transfer) into God's wrath. When you speak forth His praise, you receive from heaven.

So you see, the choice is yours. You don't have to fear for the end of all fear is when you receive God's eternal life. As the spirit rises up in you, it surpasses, extends beyond, the earth realm and you come into view in heaven. You can see Jesus, sitting at the right hand of Father God, and you say "Jesus, teach me, show me, help me, fill me and it is done." BUT IF, you are waiting for a special time, you are lost for the special time is NOW. Now is the day of salvation. *(II Cor. 6:2)*

Reach into God's cup of joy, NOT his cup of wrath. You see, they are both there. You choose. But choose life. *(Deut. 30:19)*

God has given us the ability to choose. When you step outside His will, IT IS THEN that you choose the cup of wrath. It's not just at the end. He is the Alpha and Omega. The end is now and the beginning is now for He is the same always. YOU MAKE THE CHOICE! Reach for what you want. Choose life!

### EATING (Meditation) IN GOD'S WORD

God's life is creative. The life forces of God create a process. Webster defines a process as "the course of something being done, a particular method of doing something, generally involving a number of steps (or operations).

For example, when you were born into this world, you were born from a seed. You then became a living, breathing, moving person. As you grew, it was in a

process (i.e. is a process for growth). As you grew, you ate. As you grew, you exercised (grew stronger and were developed). You were taught how to speak, how to hear, and how to receive, all because there is a process by which you are able to survive in this world.

You **cannot** develop spiritual wisdom **without** meditation in God's word. God wanted Joshua to be successful and He wants you to be successful also. We meditate also but particularly in the new testament, especially the epistles.

Take time to mediate in God's word (If you wish to be successful). Start with at least 10 to 15 minutes per day, and then increase the time "and then thou shalt have good success". Success in the eyes of God is measured by your priorities, not your possessions.

The Hebrew word translated "meditate" also carries with it the thought to "mutter" or "speak it to yourself". Job said "thou shall also decree a thing and it will be established to thee: and the light shall shine upon thy ways". (*Job 22:28*)

You will develop spiritually and learn to deal wisely in the affairs of life because you meditate in the Word of God and walk in the light of that word.

## PRAYER— THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISE

The processes which you go through are more than just what you have had explained to you (by others). There is more than just what you see (in the physical). There is a heavenly (spiritual force) that interacted in the beginning, that is, God sent His Spirit to perform the work (*Gen. 1:2*). (Spiritual forces created all physical things). These spirits (Spirit of the Lord, Spirit of wisdom and understanding, Spirit of Counsel and Might, Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord – *Isa. 11:2*), are now, as well as in the beginning, in action (motion, working). THEY move in a process. They work within themselves.

Just as when you plant a seed in the ground, everything is in that seed necessary to cause IT to grow (and is a process within the seed) You, as a new creation, just as the seed, have everything in you (God's ability, life, wisdom, etc) to cause you to become a full-grown spiritual being. (*John 1:16*)



Listen to your heart. God is light, His Word is light. Light brings warmth. Light brings confidence and assuredness and it brings everything in you that allows you to live and dwell and move and have your being in Him.

Know that God created you. Every ounce of blood, every tendon, every bone, every ligament, every fiber of your being is of God. He created you, He called you, and He has come to you, so know that He will not leave you.

Listen to His voice. It is soft, warm, sure, direct and it is clear. It is a voice of confidence.

You see, you must first believe. Then you must act. When you sit and you sit and you sit and listen and you do not raise the oil in your lamp (spirit), you are saying that God is not the one that is speaking. I don't want to "hear" and I don't want to do it.

Know this! That all you are doing is refusing to acknowledge that god is your god and therein you are in danger of quenching and blaspheming against the holy spirit. Hear his words! For they are true. Gird up your loins, hear what he says, believe his word. Assemble yourselves for the purpose of letting the love and light of god dwell richly in you, that you might bring in those who walk behind you, that you might raise the oil in the vessels in those who are around you. You have a work to do, so gird your loins, receive all of God's counsel. For it is of God.

BUT, because you are spirit, you need to interact with the Spirits that created the heavens and the earth to know your movements. You must pray. Then when your movement is in that process (according to what was revealed by the Spirit), you are allowing yourself to be motivated (led) here on earth by God's heavenly spiritual forces.

## WALKING IN THE SPIRIT VERSES WALKING IN THE FLESH

Now, all things that God made (created) are Good. When you, as God's child, become of age (grow up, become spiritually mature), YOU have the ability to create all things for good. Spiritual maturity is when you have learned to receive God's word over yours. (*Mark 4:20*)

HOWEVER, you understand that SATAN is the god of this world and everything HE does is nothing but perversion (unrighteous). So, when you choose not to exercise (or act on) the words that God fixes (reveals) before you, YOU pervert, tilt the scale (of justice) and receive the wrath from the end (which is now).

When you don't activate God's Spirit, you activate your own. When you do, you are walking according to your flesh, according to what's in the world.

BUT, when you walk according to God's Spirit, you walk according to what's in the heavens, that can cause all things to work for YOUR GOOD.

Know that nothing is too hard for you (a new creation) to understand! Simply open your heart to God and "say" "Lord, I want to know, to understand, to see all things. Understand that as you cry out to God, you "activate" the knowledge which you have received! Then the Spirit of Wisdom, in the Spirit of Christ, which you have, begins to assimilate that word and begins to rise up out of you and ALLOWS YOU to see, hear and cause your MIND to receive all that you've read, heard and think, thus renewing your mind.

## SPEAKING (Declaring) The Word

Death and Life are in the power of the tongue. (*Proverbs 18:21 - Also see James 3*) When God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was dark and without

form and void (empty). When YOU, as a child of God create a situation (yes, you control things by what you say and what you do), if it is dark, YOU can put LIGHT into that situation.

You don't have to stand back and say, "I can't do anything with that; it's too tangled up." You have the ability within you, God's ability. You can separate it just as God did (*Heb. 4:12*). You can give it LIFE. Because God is a God of Love, He gave us the same resources He has. He wants to give us everything He has. *Ps 84:11* says He will not withhold any good thing from the righteous.

Just as God said, "let the earth bring forth, YOU can say "let the earth bring forth"; just as God breathed the breath of life into Adam's nostrils, you can breath life into your neighbors, your wife or husband, your daughter, son, mother or father. You can do the same thing. Out of your heart "are (come) the issues of life." (*Prov. 4:23*) You can do it all because you are the one who has been given the "ministry of reconciliation". You can bring them back to God. You can release life into them from the life within you.

The world however will view you as proud and boastful because they refuse the Counsel of God. These words are words by utterance of the Holy Spirit, who is a testimony of Jesus Christ, who came out from God the Father, the eternal life. You can bring peace out of confusion, give light to darkness, create life, and tell the earth to bring forth and receive everything God has created, because you are His and all things are His and He is the giver of all things.

Yes, Life and Death are in the power of the tongue. (*Prov. 18:21*) Words of Love from your heart, is out of "Wisdom". When you "speak" words of Love and comfort you draw that one to you. Speaking perverse words from a froward mouth pushes people away, even those close to you because it's not in line with the Spirit of Counsel. You see, the person who doesn't understand the "law of Life" (not born again), cannot receive God's wisdom, for it is of Love (God).

All things work in the order which God has set them. You go about life, intermingling among people and you are drawn TO those who have Love. Those having a stubborn, willful, antagonistic nature, you are drawn away from them, for it works just the opposite of love. It's an entanglement, a snare and it is perversion and is not of God.

As you have heard, the forces of life, the issues (issuances) of life, ARE IN YOUR TONGUE. You need not sit and wonder who is where and who is from, who is up and who is down. The words of their mouth will reveal it. When one speaks to you and you are drawn to them, it is of God. It is the love of God in their heart. They are walking in the light.

When you speak words to someone and you are turned away, you feel a wall, you feel a breach in the spirit, know this, that their oil is low. The wicker is not high in their lamp. They are not abiding in the Word or they have not acted on the word or they have not believed all the things that God has said.

## HEARING GOD'S VOICE

Learn the voice of the Holy Spirit that He can use you. The sons of God are led by the Spirit of God. (*Romans 8:14*) Learn to recognize the inward urge. Learn His touch. Learn to yield to the anointing and the things of the Spirit of God. It only comes through time and spiritual exercise, but you must begin. (*Jude 20; 1 Timothy 4:7-8*) Yield yourself to the Holy Spirit in prayer and then He will be able to use you and things will come to pass because you prayed.

God's pathway is a straight, lighted and righteous pathway. His path always leads to and is love. So don't step to the left or to the right. Just walk straight; straight in God's word. Listen to and come to know God's voice in everything, your thoughts, your works, in your presence on the job and at home. He is with you always.

He will walk with you, talk with you, and breathe life into you. As a believer, you are one with Him. You are in Him and He is in you. He sent Jesus to dwell in you. You have the father, you have Jesus and you have the Holy Spirit in you. You are one with Him.

God's voice is soft yet distinct. It does not waver or hesitate. It does not ring but it speaks clearly, softly, in a warm tone. God dwells in warmth, not in cold. When you feel His presence He will come to you. He is in you with the greatest love, affection, tenderness and the greatest comfort. For He is the God of all these things.