Journey to New Discoveries Part 3

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If you give your everything to Jesus, then you will receive everything from Him. If you give nothing to Jesus, then there is nothing for Him to work with, that He can put back into your life, He can only draw you to a better decision. Most Christians live between nothing and everything and they have this idea that they can keep one foot in the kingdom of God and one foot in the system that they live in. - They think when they need something, they can go and ask God for it and that God will just deliver, but that's not the way God works. We need to be more focused and we need to be more serious about our decision-making as to where we want to live; if we want to live in nothing or in everything. It's time to step up and live all out for God. The world is waiting for it, the Church is waiting for it, Jesus is waiting for it; for us to step up and give everything.

Say: I am stepping up, I live all out for God. I am focused and serious about where I want to live. I live in everything.

"He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love," (Colossians 1:13 NKJV)

There is nothing more you can do to get forgiveness of your sins, none of your performance can forgive you. You only have to live in His power that overcame sin and death and receive His power and live in the promise, not the performance.

The only thing that the world system has to offer is performance, because the devil, the enemy of God, doesn't have any power. The only power that he has is deception and influence and manipulation to get you to use your will to do what he wants. God has never wanted the Church to be performance-based, He wants the Church to be power-based. The power of the Word of God, the power of the Holy Spirit, the power that is fundamentally in God, the power that is in the Church that comes together in unity and in love. God is wanting us to show off Him with His power, not with our great performance. Performance has got nothing to do with your walk with God. All that you have to do is live in the promise. Live in the power that gives you the promise and the promise gives you the power.

We live in power, not personality. Personalities inevitably are performance-oriented. Personalities are wanting to express themselves in ways that they, the persona, run the show. That is why we do not live in personality. We exchange our lives for purpose and not for popular culture, we withstand the popular culture syndrome.

Say: I live in the promise that gives me the power. I do not live in performance.

"And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit."(II Peter 1:19, 21 NKJV)

The Bible, the Word of God, the prophetic scriptures are not for private interpretation. They are clearly written and clearly spoken. New testament prophets are five-fold ministry gifts that God brings into the body of Christ. They will have inspirational teachings, they will be led by God to speak to the church of the Lord Jesus in a way that will inspire them, motivate them, and protect them with words of something that is happening in the world at the time. False prophets are people that have inspired teachings, but they will be false words, inspired false words, deceptive truths. For example they will say, "You can just press for more, you can do more, you can become more in God, you can do anything", but they speak in it out of context of the plan and purpose of God for your life. They're talking about performance, not power. They're talking about personality, not the promise of God that releases the power of God. People will come around you and not speak truth to you.



They're going to come and speak words to you that are going to deceive you, then almost always, it's going to sound so much like the truth that you are going to have to work very hard at making, discerning what's different.

If you live in perception, instead of truth, you will open yourself to deception. Personality will create perceptions. Perception is not truth. It comes from rounded words, not truth. The only way out of deception is correction. Rejection of correction will enforce your perception as the highest form of self-believing. To the point where your deception that comes from perception will actually feel like truth to you. And only when you receive the correction, they will continue to live in their deceptions. And then their whole lives are formed and they continue to form perceptions and they live with the art of perception. In the end you've got no firm footing as to where to place your life. Because you won't receive correction so you can't live in truth.

Say: "I am a son of God. I thank You, Lord, that you are alive in my heart. I declare I do not walk in deception, or even perceptions. I seek Your truth. I live in Your truth. I'm willing to be corrected. I receive correction so that I can be free and live in truth, in Jesus name."

