

## **Keeping Your Eyes on the Spiritual**

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We are teaching you to identify the precepts, principles, and patterns of God to apply them to your life that you may learn to live as God lives. But it is important to keep focused on what the intent and goal is. It is not that the precepts and principles will not work for you and benefit you, but that is not the motivation God is seeking from you in applying them to your life. God is seeking for you to know Him, love Him, and live as He lives that you may live in Him and through Him for His glory and the building of His Kingdom. It would be easy to identify and begin to apply the principles of God in a physical natural effort. The problem is that even if you could, you fall short without the supernatural intervention of the Holy Spirit that bonds you to love God and His law.

**John 6: 24-36** Jesus had feed the multitudes then left them. They followed after Him and when they found Him they questioned when and why He left them. Jesus responds by questioning and stating their motives for seeking Him. “You seek Me not because of the signs of the Messiah but because of what benefits you.” Jesus was saying that they sought Him not to understand the supernatural but to reap the benefits in the natural. They sought God for earthly things more than the heavenly things of the Kingdom of God. We do not seek first the Kingdom and its Righteousness, instead, we seek first all the things to be added unto us. Then they went further to credit the supernatural to the natural man Moses. Jesus quickly reminds them, it was not Moses or any other man who gives you anything, but it is My Father. And He tells them of a bread that not only sustains life as in the natural but He presents to them the Bread of Life.

**John 12:3-9** Here Judas sits with the Messiah yet has no idea. He thought like so many that the Messiah would come, take over the Kingdom of Rome and give it to them to make them wealthy and powerful. Instead, this Jesus moved by different motivations and principles. Judas could not understand why they should take natural resources and invest them into supernatural causes. Jesus says, “Judas your looking at the natural and limiting the supernatural. There will always be poor, sick, hurting, and those who reject life and choose to live the way of selfishness, greed, and lust. But you have to keep your eyes on the supernatural that you may bring the greater good to all the world for the sake of those who may choose life and be apart of the Kingdom of God. Even in working the principles and trying to live as Father lives, do not get to the point you think it is because you are working the principles of your own strength or become prideful that you have made right choices. Do not begin to think that just the physical application of the precepts and principles of God's Word make you any less dependent upon the love, grace and mercy of the power of the Holy Spirit.

**John 12:20-26** Father desires that all your physical needs be met. Father desires that you learn and apply His precepts and principles to your live and live as He lives. But do not become a mechanical Christian that you miss the presence of the Lord in the supernatural communion with His glory and anointing.

If you are believing God and standing for anything in your life, do not look at what you see in the natural or you will be discouraged, disillusioned, and disappointed. Instead, keep your eyes on the Spiritual. Keep your eyes on the source of life from whence your hope cometh. Do not grow weary in well doing. Continue in the precepts and principles you have learned but keep your eyes on the founder of those precepts and principles and His unlimited power and faithfulness to you.

Judas loved Jesus but became frustrated because he did not see Jesus bringing the Kingdom as he pictured it and as he thought he should. You say, if Judas loved Jesus then why did he betray Him?

Because Judas could not get his eyes off of his selfish flesh. He could not see beyond his fleshly desires. My desire with the Word of God is that it reaches to your hearts, draws you closer to Father that you desire to know more of Jesus beyond the flesh. If you do not grow beyond a fleshly spirituality to a spiritual spirituality then you are apt to fall away or be overtaken by any wind of doctrine. Without knowing the spiritual aspects of this life giving word and life in Christ you only have a religious practice and will never overcome sin your life and grow to fulfill your destiny in Christ. Judas never listened to his spirit but could not let go of his flesh.

What about Peter who denied Jesus? Why did Peter deny Jesus? Because Peter got disgusted. Things were not happening fast enough for him. Things were not all in his favor. Things were just not aggressive enough for him. Peter too was looking to the physical instead of the spiritual. The difference between Judas and Peter was a heart change and willingness to hear the spirit beyond the flesh.

Too many times we start out in the spiritual. Supernatural affirmations come and go. Signs and wonders. Then time goes on and seasons change and we begin to ask where is what we believed and envisioned in the beginning? What do we do when we have done everything we were supposed to? What do we do when we have tried this and that? What do we do when nothing seems to work to get us beyond where we are? What do we do now? You continue to trust that Father loves you, called you, placed you, and is on your side and will be with you always perfecting those things pertaining unto you for His glory.

Keep the Spirit in the forefront of where you are and where you are going. As I prepared this message sitting at the dining room table we had the window open and I could hear the rain. At times it would fall fast and hard and the sound of it would be louder and stronger. Then it would slack of and fall gently. Suddenly God asked me, "Son why do think the rain falls harder at sometimes than others?" I said, I do not know? Maybe I should as a weather man? How typical of us. We're speaking to God, creator of heaven and earth, and we want to consult false prophets (what I call weather men jokingly). God said, "the wind son." "Can you see the wind?" No God. "Exactly. You cannot see My Spirit in the natural but it is what is driving everything in the supernatural. Just as the wind gives velocity to the rains and the principles of the elements cause it to fall so it is with My Spirit. Sometimes things come suddenly, sometimes My Spirit is thunderous, sometimes it timely and gentle but it is always sure and faithful to you. Keep your eyes on the Spirit of the rain not just he rain."

**Luke 17:2-21** Often we use the term "come to past." In most instances we are referring to things we want, we desire, or things that would benefit us and our lives. The Pharisees were no different than the zealots in that they wanted to rule and to see Rome destroyed for their own selfish gain. They wanted to see the Kingdom of God come as well for this reason. They desired for the prophecies to come to past. But Jesus said, you too are looking with the natural. I tell you the Kingdom is here NOW but you cannot see it.

**John 18:36** Jesus tells Pilate, "*My kingdom is not of this world....it is not of this realm.*" Jesus took no thought for Himself even unto death but thought of the Father, His Kingdom, and those who would dwell therein. Why should you take no thought and worry not for your cares, because your Father cares for You and is faithful. So look not to your need, your situation or circumstance in discouragement and disbelief but in hope for you can see the Kingdom of God at work. Focus more on your efforts in the spiritual than how you can solve your problems in the natural.