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Pure Vessels / Slack

When we gather together, if the Holy Spirit wants to say something He will do it through those who have prepared their hearts so that He can use them. And people will share what they have been learning, because since we are disciples, we are taught and therefore we learn. A disciple is a learner. All disciples are taught by Elohim. And when we come together the Holy Spirit chooses people to speak through because we meet together to hear from *Him*. It is most likely through those who have a pounding heart. He has to come through your spirit, and through your emotions, will, and intellect, and then come out of your mouth. But it comes forth from Him *through* your soul. So that's how we know we are disciples because morning by morning He awakens us, speaks to us, teaches us. Those are who disciples are — those who are taught. When someone who has had the gospel preached to them says they never heard it, it either means he is rejecting the gospel, since His sheep *hear* His voice (The words *hear* and *listen* mean to take in, receive, and respond. We don't hear merely with our ears, but we hear with our heart.) Otherwise it means that it was not proclaimed by the Spirit of our God and therefore was not able to penetrate his heart. Unless we are clean, pure vessels, the Holy Spirit cannot speak through us, and it does no good to speak the gospel. (Just as it does no good to pray if we are not pure vessels and are not confessing our sins.) We must be clean, pure vessels with no deceit in us — no worthlessness. Unless the Holy Spirit is speaking through you to give him illumination to know that what he is hearing is from God, there can be no salvation for that person (Jn 7:17). The communication of the gospel is a miracle. It is actually Messiah Himself speaking through you (Rom 10:17). Verse 18 — Well, yes they've heard, but not all responded or obeyed (verse 16). Perhaps they are not His sheep. But it is because they did not hear Messiah speak through you.

Faith comes by *hearing the word of Anointed*. It is Messiah Himself speaking through the one preaching. "My sheep hear My voice" (Jn 10:27) through someone like Jn 7:18; we must be pure vessels, maintain our cleanliness — confessing our sins, to be a sent one, because it is a supernatural transaction. Then they will *know** (define) if the message is merely from the one speaking or from God (verse 17).

So many people have been burned in Christianity. They try mission after mission and fellowship after fellowship only to be disappointed time and time again, so then when they hear the true gospel they say, "How can I be sure? A hundred people have spoken to me about this before." Our Father has to give the needed illumination. For example, if someone marries you in the world, they say, "I love you, I love you," and then three months later they don't love you anymore and then someone else comes along and says, "I love you," and then three months later when the feelings wear off, the same thing happens again. And then the real one comes along and says, "I love you," and you think, "How can I be sure? All the others said the same thing." These are the times we are living in.

So there has to be life behind our words. We have confidence to speak because we have a life to back it up. We do not just tell people what is in the bible. They don't care what the bible says, they care what *life* says. There has to be a holy life that we are sent out from which has the power to convict a sheep. We must be a holy, dedicated, pure emissary, sent one, with only one thought: to glorify our Master (Jn 7:18).

So if our guest leaves here and does not know what it means to be saved and he somehow dies, are we guilty or is it his fault? Is the blood on our hands? We have an *awesome* responsibility as disciples. Everything we do must be motivated by the Holy Spirit.

For instance, Proverbs 18:9 — "He who is *slack** (define) in his work is a brother to the destroyer." We cannot be slack in anything — the way we teach, proclaim the gospel, in our work, in anything we do. Slack is: not lively in moving, slow, dull, sluggish, not busy; lacking in work; not tense or taught, like a slack rope; lacking firmness, weak; lacking in diligence, careless, negligent; decrease in activity or intensity. This is what it means for someone to work with a slack hand — he doesn't carry it through, he is not diligent in what he does — he is a brother to the destroyer. Unless you are reproving him, don't have anything to do with him. Don't be a partner with a brother to the destroyer.

Mt 12:30 — You are either with Him or against Him. If you are against YAHSHUA, you are with the destroyer. If you are with Him, you have vision being imparted to you by the Holy Spirit and you are diligent. But if you are not with Him, then you are with the destroyer. If you are a slave you are working for your next meal, but if you are a son, you have *everything* — the universe has been given to us. The creation is here for *us*. God rains on the grass and the trees because he loves *us*. We are not slaves — everything He does is for us.

Prov 10:4 — "Poor is he who works with a negligent hand, but the hand of the diligent makes rich." Prov 12:24 — "The hand of the diligent will rule, but the slack hand will be put to forced labor." The lazy hand will be made a slave. Every word of God will be carried out. What does it say will happen? We will be put to forced labor later if we do not work with diligence *now*, since our Father gives us vision because we are true disciples. But if we do not take on that vision and grace and therefore work with diligence, then we will be put to forced labor in the next age.

Prov 5:11-14.

Prov 12:27 — Diligence is a man's precious possession. What does *diligent* mean? Painstaking effort — you don't just throw it down and slop it on — but it is done with perseverance, effort, speed, with loving attentive care for what you esteem highly and love. On the other hand, the destroyer comes to destroy the abundant life our Master came to give us. We are either with our Master or with the destroyer. Those who are not diligent are listening to the destroyer. Messiah came to give us abundant life (Jn 10:10) — Satan comes to destroy. But if we are with Him, we are not listening to the destroyer; we are only thinking about what our Father wants us to do, therefore we work diligently for Him.

A nation cannot exist without vision; when they start losing vision, they cease to exist. No people can exist without vision and purpose. John 8:34 talks about giving into sin — it is because you lose vision, so that makes you a slave. John 7:37,38 — The rivers of living water of Elohim, the *nahaliel* — He meant that the Spirit would be flowing from he who drinks from Him. Those who have His Spirit are His true sons; they work with diligence. You can tell by the way they walk, react, respond, live, if they are slaves or sons; it is evident whether the Holy Spirit is speaking to them.

There is a difference between one who is partners with Him and one who is siding with the destroyer. 1 Cor 3:16,17 — we are either building or destroying. We have certain works that we are to walk in (Eph-2:10) and we must be-diligent to walk in them (Tit 2:14), eager to walk in them. We are not picking and choosing what we want to do, but we do what our Father wants us to do — we must be faithful in small things (Tit 2:14).

Therefore, in Eph 2:10 are those works He has designed for us to walk in, and the hand of the diligent will rule. Where will the diligent rule? In this age and in the next age. If they do not rule now, they will be put to forced labor for 1000 years.

How do you actually come into these good works? How do you know what they are? How is it practically worked out? You cannot just read it in the bible, so how do we come into these works

of service (Eph 4:12)? How are we qualified for these works of service? Our Father is continually speaking to us and we are gaining understanding for these works of service. Right now [here in Naphtali at this stage of development] we are doing labor — manual labor. We do not know what works He has prepared for us later on. But He has everything laid out for us already, in order to build up His Body.