

How to Take the Right Decision Part 1

Daily we are faced with issues and troubles in our lives and we need to take the right decision. Certain times we are placed on cross roads and we are called to take a decision. And certain times we want to escape but we are forced to take the right decision.

God will help us and aid us in taking the right decision through the following measures that He placed and made them available in our hands.

1. The Word of God: *“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” (Psalm 119:105 KJV)* The Word of God is a light and a lamp for our path in life. **The Word of God shows us which way we need to take in life and what we need to do.** That is why we read our Bibles daily to receive wisdom and direction from God and guidance through His Word. **Every day needed for us to read to be reminded, to receive the spiritual food that we need and to be guarded against the work of the enemy, and to be helped to take the right decision.** The Word of God in our hearts are good resource that will help us to respond to the power of darkness when we are attacked. **Our Bible reading should be daily, four chapters and more per a day; starting from the beginning, in sequence, book by book, chapter by chapter, verse by verse, no jumping or escaping, till we reach the end, then we start once again.**

2. The gift of prayers: *“7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.” (Matthew 7:7-8 KJV)* As we ask God He will answer us and give us our needs, and as we seek Him we will find the right decision and the right door will be opened to us as we keep on knocking the door. *“Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.” (Jeremiah 33:3 KJV)* As we call upon God He will reveal and show us mighty things and what we need to do and the right decision to take. As we continue to pray God will show us the way and the solution to our problems.

3. The gift of the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is God. He is God with us. Jesus promised us to send us the Holy Spirit as we read here, *“16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.” (John 14:16-17 KJV)* * **The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth and He will tell us what God wants us and needs us to do, and will lead us to take the right decision. * The Holy Spirit will remind us of all things and what we had forgotten, and will teach us new things that we need to do, “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” (John 14:26 KJV)** When we receive Christ as Savior and Lord over our lives, we are sealed with the Holy Spirit, and we are called to be guided with the Holy Spirit, for those who are led by the Holy Spirit they are called the children of God, *“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” (Romans 8:14 KJV)* **In addition to the sealing of the Holy Spirit that we receive upon conversion, we need also to receive the Holy Spirit baptism; that means not only that we have and filled with the Holy**

Spirit that is overflowing from us, but as well as the Holy Spirit to have us, to control us, and to lead us where we need to move and what to do. Christ is the one who will give us the baptism of the Holy Spirit that we need in our lives and service unto God. **The Scripture also teach us to lay on of hands on the disciples to receive the Holy Spirit baptism that Jesus would give them.** We can read that here: *“Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.” (Hebrews 6:2 KJV)* Paul instructed Timothy not to neglect the gifts of the Holy Spirit that he received by the laying on of hands, *“6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands. 7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” (2 Timothy 1:6-7 KJV)* Paul reminded Timothy that he laid his hands on him and that imparted the gifts of the Holy Spirit to him. **The Holy Spirit will give us the courage, the love of God and the sound mind and discernment to take the right decision. “Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.” (1 Timothy 4:14 KJV)** We as elders and leaders of the church as we lay on of our hands on faithful workers they may receive from Jesus the gifts of the Holy Spirit that will help them in their service and ministry unto God. So here we see impartation of the gifts of God through the laying on of the hands. Here for example when Timothy will take a right decision he will take it as led by the Holy Spirit and that decision will not be independent from Paul and the church elder's stand and directive in life and ministry, who laid their hands on Timothy to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

In pertains of taking the right decision, we noticed the importance of the Holy Spirit, and we spoke about the importance of the impartation of the Holy Spirit on laying on of hands, as well as the Lord when He gave us birth to be born again, He placed us in His household and that is His church, the body of Christ. **The Lord also gave to His church offices operated by the gifts of the Holy Spirit so that His people will be directed by the Holy Spirit of God to do the right things and to take the right decisions.** Apostle Paul wrote about that of how when Jesus ascended He gave gifts to His church and the purposes of those gifts, *“11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: 16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.” (Ephesians 4:11-16 KJV)* The following are the five offices of the five fold ministry.

A. Apostles: Are the Apostles of Jesus who laid the foundation of the New Testament church. The meaning of apostle is sent by God. Their ministry accompanied by signs and wonders. We, the current disciples who continue to lay the foundation of the church are not apostles but we are doing and continuing the apostles' ministry.

B. Prophets: Who declares the whole will of God, what is going on to happen to those who obey and to those who disobey, and what will take place in the future.

C. **Evangelists**: Who brings the message of salvation to those who did not yet hear the message about Jesus and exhort them to repent and accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, and His work on the cross as the only way for their sins to be forgiven and for them to be saved.

D. **Pastors**: Who lead the sheep, feeding the flock and make them go through green pastures and guide them in their lives and protect them and bring them away from dangers.

E. **Teachers**: Who precisely gives the meaning and the application of God's Word in the Holy Bible, and they are strict to implement the teaching.

The purposes of those gifts are for the perfection of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edification of the body of Christ, for reaching the unity in faith, for the perfection of the saints unto the fullness of Christ, for the members not to be tossed to and fro and carried about with every doctrine, and to be protected from the cunning of men, so that each member will grow up into Christ in all things.

Yet, as individual members, even if we have the gift of prayers, the Word of God and the Holy Spirit, there are certain complicated situations it is so hard to take a decision, and here comes the rule of those five offices to make things go better and in the direction that God ordained for us to follow.

There is no independence in taking decision of each and every member, from the body of Christ, from the church leaders, or those offices of the pastor or the teacher or the prophet or the evangelist of the church. These offices are given to the church by the Lord to help the people to be guided by God and walk in His will.

In the whole Bible there are Scriptures support this thought, that man should not take a decision away or independent from the church. Therefore now there are two points that we need to address in this regard:

1. The church should adopt the thought that the church need to care, follow up and help the members to take the right decision in life.
2. The members of the church should not take decision on their own without the consent of the church.

Moses when the Lord informed him that He will let him see the land but He will not allow him to enter the land, here Moses asked God to put a man over the congregation, *"15 And Moses spake unto the LORD, saying, 16 Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation, 17 Which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the LORD be not as sheep which have no shepherd."* (Numbers 27:15-17 KJV) Upon such request the Lord instructed him to do as the following: *"18 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him; 19 And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight. 20 And thou shalt put*

some of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient. 21 And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask counsel for him after the judgment of Urim before the LORD: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation. 22 And Moses did as the LORD commanded him: and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation: 23 And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses." (Numbers 27:18-23 KJV) God instructed Moses to take Joshua because he has the Spirit of God, so we need to have the Holy Spirit of God to have the wisdom and discernment of how to lead and to take the right decision. He asked him to lay hand on him, so the laying on of hands is there also in the Old Testament but not as widespread as in the New Testament.

Moses also was asked to set Joshua before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight to lead and to put some of Moses honor upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient to Joshua as well. The Lord's instruction is that Joshua can take the congregation out and to bring them in according to the Word of God that will come to Joshua from God through Eleazar the priest after the judgment of Urim before the LORD. So here Joshua cannot take any serious decision for the congregation about war or any movement without the priest Eleazar and the Word and the decision that will come to him from God, declaring to Joshua the will of God of what he needed to do. So Joshua will not be able to decide or to do anything without Eleazar the priest who was assigned by God to declare to him the will of God.

In the same way now, you cannot go and take any serious and critical decision without coming back to the church and to us, the leaders of the church who were appointed by God to lead you and help you to take the right decision and what you need to do in your life.

My dear and beloved: Now come to the Lord in repentance, committing yourself once again to the principles that He placed in His Word for you to follow in order to take the right decisions in your lives, in the life of your families and ministries. Obey God's instructions so you will be blessed in the decision that you are going to take in doing the following:

- Commit yourself to the reading and meditating on the Word of God and to apply in your lives.
- Commit yourself to pray and ask help and guidance from God to lead you in the way that you need to go.
- Commit yourself to the leading and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
- Commit yourself to the principle of the laying on of the hands.
- Commit yourself to the principle of the five fold ministry and the services of its offices.
- Commit yourself to work with God and His church in the way to be transparent with the leaders of the church, by willing to open up the critical issues that you are passing through, and by your willingness to be obedient to the instruction that we will guide you to do as God declares His will in your life.

My prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that makes things clear of how to

make a right decision and what the things available in my hand that will help me to take the right decision in facing every day issues and struggles.

Confess and renounce your sins to God. Renounce the sin of non reading your Bible properly, the lack of prayer and calling on God, the sin of refusing the leading of the Holy Spirit, the sin of doing your own will, and your non willingness to open up to the church your struggles and your non willingness to obey the church and the leaders' instructions. Lord I confess and renounce the following sins _____.

Lord I commit myself to obey and apply the principles that I learned today in this message of how to take the right decision. Lord help me to take the right decision in this matter _____.

Lord thank you for all my brothers and sisters who repented of their sins and who are willing to apply the instructions that we learned today in their lives. Lord guide them into the center of your will. Lord bless them and provide all their needs. Lord fill them with your Holy Spirit and lead them to do your will.

Lord bless us as a church and help us to go on directed by you to do the work of yours and your will. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need to go on and serve you. Lord perfect us and add to us whatever we lack of the five fold ministry; Lord add to us pastors, teachers, prophets and evangelists so that we continue to do the apostle's ministry. Lord help us as a church to go and evangelize reaching new people, making new disciples, training new workers, and planting new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord bless us and enlarge our territory let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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