

EASE: LEARNING THE UNFORCED RHYTHMS OF GRACE

It's Not For You To Choose

- I. **Everything Jesus did when he walked the Earth he did being led by the Spirit-Mt4:1,Lk 4:1**
 - A. Let this be a reality to you: Jesus was being led, guided, directed by the Holy Spirit; He was not operating in the omniscience of God, but rather he was led-Phil 2:5
 - B. We credit his freedom (John 8:32), why he was so uncommon, extraordinary and sanctified (John 17:17), and why he was so far away from Satan's plan for his life (John 8:44) to the fact that he was led by the Spirit
- II. **We can also credit Jesus' effectiveness to Him being led by the Spirit and can then in turn say the more led by the Spirit you are the more effective you will be**
 - A. Jesus was always in the right place, at the right time, saying the right thing, doing the right thing and that's why His ministry was so effective in the Earth; the effectiveness of His ministry was directly connected to the leading of the Spirit/the wisdom of God-Jn 8:29
 1. Being in the wrong place, at the wrong time, saying and doing the wrong thing will produce ineffectiveness
 2. A life w/o the wisdom of God/the leading of the Spirit will be an ineffective one
 - B. So much of being effective has to do with just being where you're supposed to be, doing what you're supposed to be doing, saying what you're supposed to say and the only way to do those things is you must be led by the Spirit/have the Wisdom of God
 1. So many times people are in the wrong place at the wrong time saying the wrong thing and doing the wrong thing **because they just picked something** to do (and sometimes it's even scriptural) without looking inside first
 2. How did Jesus know where to be, what to say and what to do? He was led by the Spirit, He had the wisdom of God
- III. **It needs to become a revelation to you that you can of your own self do nothing and say nothing; Jesus never just picked what he would do and say, he was led in what he said and what he did and so should you-John 5:19,30, 8:26-29**
 - A. When you live by the mantra Jesus did, "I only say what the Father tells me to say and I only do what I see Him do," then you understand I can't say anything without hearing first, I can't do anything without seeing first, and I can of my own self do nothing
 1. I do nothing of myself-Everything He does is b/c of the Spirit's leading
 - a. CEB-I do nothing on my own, AMP-I do nothing of Myself (of my own accord or on my own authority), but I say [exactly] what My Father has taught me-NASB-I do nothing on my own initiative, but I speak those things as the Father as taught me)

2. You don't choose what you say, you don't pick what you do (even if what you're going to pick to say and do is scriptural)-That is the wisdom of men
 3. To live this kind of life it requires that you always be looking inside
- B. It was a revelation to Jesus I don't speak and I don't act without first getting it inside; to Him wisdom was the principle thing-Proverbs 4:7
1. John 4:34-My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work.
 2. John 5:36-for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, the same works that I do,
 3. John 6:38-For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.
 4. John 7:16-Jesus answered them, and said, My doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me.
 5. John 9:4-I must work the works of him that sent me,
 6. John 12:49-For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak.
 7. John 14:31-And as the Father gave me commandment, even so I do.
 8. John 17:8-For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me;
- C. Jesus is hearing and seeing **inside** and yielding to that leading
1. **Mark 2:8**-And immediately when Jesus **perceived** (To know, To find out) in his spirit
 2. **John 6:61**-When Jesus **knew** in himself (Perceive, Notice, Discern, To Know, To get knowledge of)

IV. A huge part of being effective in a situation is saying the right thing and to say the right thing you have to be led by the Spirit and have the wisdom of God

- A. There's a right word for every situation (it's the word in season) and **YOU** don't know what it is so you must look inward to the Holy Spirit to get that Word
- B. The right words are so precious; they can win people over, turn whole situations around, bring peace, comfort, and victory
1. **Proverbs 15:23**-MSG-Congenial conversation—what a pleasure! The right word at the right time—beautiful!
 - a. NLT-Everyone enjoys a fitting reply; it is wonderful to say the right thing at the right time
 - b. CEV-Giving the right answer at the right time makes everyone happy.
 - c. NCV- Saying the right word at the right time is so pleasing
 2. **Proverbs 25:11**-CEB-Words spoken at the right time are like gold apples in a silver setting
 - a. ERV-Saying the right thing at the right time is like a golden apple in a silver setting
 - b. NCV-The right word spoken at the right time is as beautiful as gold apples in a silver bowl
 3. The power and preciousness of the right words
 - a. We see the right words bringing healing (Luke 13:12)
 - b. We see the right words bringing deliverance and victory and peace (Mark 4:35)
 - c. We see the right words turning away wrath (Proverbs 15:1)

d. We see the right words quenching strife and bringing peace (John 8:1)

C. You can say something that is right at the wrong time and be wrong

1. Jesus didn't say, "I just say what the word says and if you don't like it well forget you," and then just put his head down and quote scripture; He said what the Father told Him to say
2. Luke 11:53-Satan waits for you to say the wrong thing; it gives him access into your life
3. Proverbs 18:20, Matthew 12:37-The words you speak play a key role in determining how effective you are in every situation that you face

D. God by His Spirit will show you what to say and cause you to be effective-Luke 21:14

1. Isaiah 50:4-The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to *him that is weary*:
2. Words that bring power are the Words that God told you to say for that time
 - a. If you'll get your words from God you'll find them having more power
3. You can be in the right place at the right time, but you also need the right words, because the wrong words can mess the whole situation up-Numbers 20:10
 - a. When you speak utterances of the devil you are being used of him
4. John 8:4-Why didn't he just say that right away? Why did he not immediately respond to their insistent questioning? **He must not have it yet**
5. Luke 20:20-26-The HS showed Jesus their wickedness and what to say to them

V. What made Jesus so effective and what will make you effective like Him is a constant, continual looking inside for direction, for the leading of the Spirit in every situation

A. When Jesus healed people He didn't do the same thing every time; what you did last time is not a leading for this time; he's not just picking what he wants to do and he was so effective because in every instance he was led by the Spirit

1. Mark 1:40-He laid His hand on the leper
2. Matthew 17:18-He rebuked the devil from that man's son
3. Mark 7:32-This guy couldn't talk and was deaf; Jesus took him away from the crowd, put his fingers in his ears, and spit and touched his tongue and said be opened
4. Luke 18:41-Blind guy-Jesus asked what he wanted him to do and said take your sight

B. ***What Jesus did that made him so effective is He was always looking inward to the Spirit of God for direction in every situation; He did nothing of himself; He didn't just do what he did last time or what he saw work one time, he got direction from the Father and only did what the Father told him to do and only said what he told him to say***

1. He always did the thing that yielded results-How did he know what to do?
 - a. **He was so effective in what he did because He was led in what He did**

2. The effectiveness of Jesus; you can attach everything He did to the leading of the Spirit, to the wisdom of God (John 11-Lazurus, Mark 4-The storm)
 - a. Matt 14:15-The spirit is leading Jesus' every word and action and that's why he was so effective in this situation. The disciples were the exact opposite and that's why they were so ineffective.
 3. Each situation is it's own and for each one we need direction from the Holy Spirit
 - a. Whatever he says to you do it is the key to results; So what has he said to you?
 - b. You can't just take a principle of the Word and go off by yourself and work that principle; if you didn't need the Holy Spirit God wouldn't have given Him to you
- C. You're trying to be effective without the leading of the Spirit and that's why you're not effective; if you'll exalt this (the leading of the Spirit, it [his leading] will exalt you)
1. Proverbs 4:5-9-5 Get wisdom, get understanding: forget *it* not; neither decline from the words of my mouth. 6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee. 7 Wisdom *is* the principal thing; *therefore* get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. 8 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her. 9 She shall give to thine head an ornament of grace: a crown of glory shall she deliver to thee.
 2. Proverbs 3:13-18- 13 ¶ Happy *is* the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that* getteth understanding. 14 For the merchandise of it *is* better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. 15 She *is* more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. 16 Length of days *is* in her right hand; *and* in her left hand riches and honour. 17 Her ways *are* ways of pleasantness, and all her paths *are* peace. 18 She *is* a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her: and happy *is* every one that retaineth her.
 3. Proverbs 8:14-21- 14 Counsel *is* mine, and sound wisdom: I *am* understanding; I have strength.15 By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. 16 By me princes rule, and nobles, *even* all the judges of the earth.17 I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.18 Riches and honour *are* with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness.19 My fruit *is* better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.20 I lead in the way of righteousness, in the midst of the paths of judgment: 21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance; and I will fill their treasures.