

Don't Forget About Me

Part 1 of Lesson 12

Psalms 50:7-15 NLT

7 “O my people, listen as I speak. Here are my charges against you, O Israel: I am God, your God!

8 I have no complaint about your sacrifices or the burnt offerings you constantly offer.

9 But I do not need the bulls from your barns or the goats from your pens.

10 For all the animals of the forest are mine, and I own the cattle on a thousand hills.

11 I know every bird on the mountains, and all the animals of the field are mine.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for all the world is mine and everything in it.

13 Do I eat the meat of bulls? Do I drink the blood of goats?

14 Make thankfulness your sacrifice to God, and keep the vows you made to the Most High.

15 Then call on me when you are in trouble, and I will rescue you, and you will give me glory.

Introduction: God Deserves Our Best

What happens when we treat God like some Aladdin in a bottle that we rub when we want something? He is moved to divine action and response.

- **He is Compelled to get our attention.**
- **He is Completely justified in challenging our allegiances.**
- **He is Correct in chastising our altered patterns of authentic love and loyalty.**
- **He Convicts and Convince us to make the right adjustments, that acknowledges his sovereign authority and genuine love.**
- **It is imperative as God's people that we do not have a type of suggestive reaction towards God. But we must have a rather decisive and conclusive response towards him.**

- **Know with certainty that He is God and is your God.**
- **Love him as He commands us to, not force us to, because God shouldn't have to force his creation to respond to Him. HE IS GOD!!**

What God doesn't want nor need: Psalm 50:7-13
paraphrased

- **I don't need anything from your hands that doesn't come from your heart.**
- **I don't need your money to enhance or manage my cash flow.**
- **I don't need your religious worship services or personal religious enactments to move me. You need to be in my Spirit to move me.**
- **I don't care how many times you run, jump or shout; when you finish, I'm not checking your physical speed rate, I'm checking your heart rate to see if it's rating right towards me.**

So what does God want from Us? Psalm 50:14-15

- **Make thankfulness your sacrifice...**
- **Keep the vows you made to the Most High...**

- **Call on me when you are in trouble...**

Now herein lies the reciprocal exchange!!

- **I will rescue you... No matter what the danger level is**
- **You will give me glory... It can't just be with your mouth it has to be from your heart.**
- **Doing good deeds is not good enough, doing good deeds with the understanding to glorify God, is what matters to God.**

Here's what God said through the Apostle Paul about all cheerful givers.

2 Corinthians 9:8- And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.

- **Make all Grace..God will do everything in your life that you are unable to do for yourself.**
- **And He's going to make it "abound" towards you, which means to exist in large numbers and amounts.**

Part 2 of Lesson 12

The Principle of Discernment: Know What's What and Whose Who.

“Discernment is not knowing the difference between what's right and wrong. It's knowing the difference between right and almost right...” Dr. Charles Spurgeon.

- Deception is not telling you what's not right or wrong, but it is blurring the lines of truth, to manipulate you into making decisions that appear to be right.
- Deceptions are, intentional schemes designed against you, to get something from you without you seeing that there is a negative underlying motive, that puts you at a disadvantage.
- Deceiver's are always enemies masking as friends.

Discern- (ANAKRINO) to distinguish, or separate out so as to investigate by looking throughout. It means to examine, scrutinize, or to question in detail.

2 Samuel 14: 17 NLT

Yes, my lord the king will give us peace of mind again. 'I know that you are like an angel of God in discerning good from evil. May the Lord your God be with you.'"

- **Discernment sees a thing for what it is, not what it portrays.**
- **Discernment exposes the hidden motives of the heart.**

1 Samuel 16:7 NIV

But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.”

Hebrews 4:12-13 NLT

12 “For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires.

13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.”

- **Discernment is a spiritual necessity for all Spirit filled believers as well as the church body at large.**

1 Corinthians 12:10 NLT

- Everything in the Body of Christ is about, knowledge, revelation, understanding and the prophetic communication of these things. And all of this is designed to foster a spirit of unity amongst believers.
- Discernment is a matured gift that is only manifested through the work of the Spirit.

1Corinthians 2:14 NIV

14 The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

- There has to be an intentional longing and hunger for the things of the Spirit, in order for a believer to learn how to receive and discern spiritual things.

Matthew 5:6 NKJV

**Blessed *are* those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
For they shall be filled.**

- Spiritual Malnourishment is killing the growth cycle of the church. People are hungry for a donut doctrine that sweetens their flesh, but does not strengthen their spirit man.

Those who hunger for righteousness are those who apply God's righteous standards to their lives. If you train your life in this manner you will be filled, which means to be satisfied with a divine diet that contributes totally to the essence of your spiritual man and mandate.

- **Discernment is not guessing, it's knowing.**
- **Discernment of the Spirit gives us an advantage and is a weapon against all pretended allies that are really adversaries masking themselves.**

Deuteronomy 32: 28 -29 NIV

They are a nation without sense, there is no discernment in them. If only they were wise and would understand this and discern what their end will be!

What a serious indictment this is, to hear your Father, the Creator of the universe, give such a low and honest appraisal of his chosen people. God was wise enough to choose them as his own and yet they were not wise nor focused enough to discern and live out the value that He had placed upon them. He has give us the power (**right**) to know the beginning from the end and the end from the beginning, and yet we do dumb stupid stuff, and make decision that do not convey that we have the Spirit of Christ operating in us.

- No more excuses people of God, get your act together and start LIVING WITH THE POWER OF SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT!!