

The Book of Galatians – Part 22

Halleluyah! Some of you know that there is a couple who have been (according to their testimony) assigned as prophets in my life. I've never met them. I don't know what they look like, but from time to time, I get one of these messages from them. As I walked into the back, I got one of those messages.

Sometimes I just like to share them; especially the short and sweet ones. This one came to me. It's a real short word, but it comes out of *Exodus* 33. For those of you who remember, there was a point where Moses was asking the Almighty to show Himself to Moses. Moses wanted to see the Almighty. The Almighty responded to him in a way. This word that came to me this morning from Uganda simply says:

“Deviate not your courage and determination. I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you. I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and I will have compassion upon whom I will have compassion; declares your merciful God.”

There are times when words come to me. It seems like it's always a timely message. I wonder sometimes how it is, and I should probably know better. Notice that I said probably. I wonder how it is that these words will come to me at certain times from such a faraway place from someone I've never met.

As I've stood here and I've ministered to people; I have no idea what folks are going through, but Father knows. He knows. Those who are yielded to Him; He has a way of communicating through them on behalf of other people.

He'll use you to communicate His heart to someone else, just as He will use someone else to communicate His heart to us. The beauty of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is that in a sense, it puts us all in a place where we can hear from the Almighty.

What did He say? When the Spirit has been given, sons and daughters will do what? They will prophesy. Prophecy is the ability to hear and to speak the words that the Almighty speaks to us. When we prophesy – you will notice that in the book, the prophets didn't come up with their own prophecies to prophesy. They spoke on behalf of the Almighty.

When the Spirit was taken off of Moses and placed onto the seventy, they began to prophesy. When the young man ran out of the camp and said:

“Eldad and Medad; they are in the camp and they are prophesying and you ought to make them stop!”

Moses inquired of them as to why they felt that way, and for whose sake? Then he made this unique statement:

“I wish that all of YeHoVaH's people were prophets.”

The Spirit of the Almighty puts us in a place where we can prophesy. We may all prophesy. Every one of us has the capacity to speak for Him.

I have to tell you that for me; to this day I still have to work at that, because there are still voices in my head. There are voices of other people. There are voices like my own voice. There is the voice of my past. There is His voice. I have to distinguish all of these voices from one another to hone in on His voice.

This is why I spent the time to do the teaching that I did on *How To Hear God's Voice*. To me, this is probably the most important teaching that I have ever done besides the

book that I wrote about the Sabbath day titled: *Sunday Is Not The Sabbath?* I believe that the Sabbath is the threshold to all of this. It is not the threshold to hearing His voice. But it is the threshold to gaining the understanding and to begin to narrow in on hearing His voice.

Many of us have heard His voice and not known that we have heard it. I remember when I went to Israel and Russia and even as I was in London. I have been thinking about how to do this. I did a unique teaching that was simply the Spirit leading me and teaching it. It was a revised version of this particular teaching. But this is more exhaustive in the teaching than anything that I've done since I've been somewhere else teaching it.

For you all, I've had the privilege of being able to teach a four-part lesson on the subject. Whereas when I am out traveling, I only have a window of time to get as much information as I possibly can crammed into that window of time. So you are all more fortunate. I also feel that in those condensed versions I can get to the heart of the matter a lot more quickly. Whereas with you all, you have a lot more information to work with.

This is so important; especially those of you who believe you are called to ministry. It's so easy to minister out of your spirit, out of your head, out of your intellect, or out of your study. It's so important that as we're ministering to YeHoVaH's people, that we're giving them what He wants them to have (as well as for us).

Today as we are moving forward in this Book of *Galatians*, we are in part 22. We are starting in Chapter 6 this morning. I want to go back though to Chapter 5, because the last couple of verses in Chapter 5 transition into Chapter 6. In verse 24 it says:

Gal 5:24 – "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts."

Ladies and gentlemen, Paul puts things in plain, simple terms, but his audience would have a much better understanding of what he was saying than we do. This means that we have to now research what Paul is saying. When he speaks to the people that he is speaking to and for the ones that he is writing to, (for several of them) he has had the opportunity to go into detail so that when he says something, they know exactly what he is talking about.

It is almost like the relationship that they have is – do you know how you have spent time with people and you have had a chance to know them to the point where you can say key phrases or statements and they can actually finish your thoughts? We don't have the privilege of having that kind of relationship with Paul. Paul didn't have the privilege of having that kind of relationship with us.

This means that if we really want to understand Paul from an intimate level, we can't just look at a verse or two or even a particular book. We have to look at Paul in his entirety to understand him.

What Paul has communicated in *Galatians*, he has communicated in another way in *Colossians*. He has communicated it in a different way in *Ephesians*. He has communicated it in *Corinthians* and in *Thessalonians* and in *Timothy*. If we pull all of this together, this is why when you look at the gospel, if you only read one gospel; you will only get a piece of Messiah's ministry.

If you read *Matthew*, you get one piece of his ministry. If you read *Mark*, you get another piece. If you read *Luke*, you get another piece. If you read *John*, you get another piece. You can kind of put it all together to get a better understanding of what Messiah taught in full. Otherwise you are left to take a piece and try to figure out the fullness when the fullness is laid there before us. It just takes time to work through it.

Gal 5:24 – “And they that are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.”

You see, that’s where the affection and lusts are; they are in the flesh. It’s in the flesh. I remember that in the churches that I came up in, they called it “worldly.” It was the worldly flesh. Sometimes people would shorten up the worldly flesh into that “flush.” You know:

“There ain’t nothing good in that flush.”

That’s how it is said where I come from. I came from Mississippi. Even some Northerners says it like that.

The flesh – whenever we hear “flesh” and whenever I hear “flesh,” I have to think of myself as a person. I encourage you to think of yourself as a person. I’m going to tell you something. I have spent a great deal of my life lying to myself. The reason why I think I spent a great deal of my life lying to myself was because I’m communicating to myself in a way so that I can try to understand and justify my actions and my behavior. It was so that I could try to satisfy myself and feel good about myself.

I also have to admit that for a large portion of my life, I didn’t feel good about myself. I think that if people are to be honest; I spent a lot of time in life trying to impress other people. Sometimes I even tried to impress myself. Do you know what I’m saying? You want to project an image. You want people to see you a certain way, even if that person is not who you are. In elementary school, in middle school, oh man, it was “on” in high school.

You are not much different than that person in middle school and elementary school and high school. You’re just a grown-up version of that person. If you’re not careful, you will continue to live your life in a manner to try impress other people.

You will do it in your relationships. You'll do it in your home. You'll do it on your job. You'll do it in this community. That's because you want to put your best self forward. You don't necessarily want people to know your "dirt." You don't want people to look at you "dirty." You want people to see you in a way where they can now relate to you and accept you.

If you notice, at the same time you only gravitate towards certain people. Father sees us in our nakedness. He sees us in all of our dirt. He sees us in all of our filth. He sees all of the things about us. He is saying:

"Listen. You're dirty. You're filthy. Let me clean you up."

In the process of trying to present our best self to people – we spend more time with people than we spend with Him. While we're spending time with people, if we're not in tune with Him, we're not hearing Him as He is trying to communicate to us. We're busy trying to present our best self.

It is sad when you start believing what you are saying. I see this in the world, all of the time. A person says something that is positive or something that resonates with people and they see it. It's like when you have a little child. A child does something funny and you laugh. Do you notice how they start trying to make you laugh? When they do something and they see that it gets a reaction from you, they have now identified a way to get a reaction from you.

That's the way that we are. We are just big children; trying to get a reaction. When we get into relationships and we get to know people, we'll tend to (especially if I want to provoke you) – any of us have become skilled at provoking. We've become skilled at silencing. We've become skilled at backing people up. We've become skilled at putting a barrier around ourselves and keeping

people out and only letting the people in that we want to let in.

How did we become so skilled? We've mastered our lives from that child to that toddler to that elementary, middle and high school person. All of this has been done without the assistance of the Spirit.

Most of us come into the world fully formed. We've come with our behavior patterns and structures already in place. Although we know right from wrong, we don't always do what's right. We do what feels good. For example, the biggest hindrance to getting into the right place with YeHoVaH is *music*.

For many people, music keeps them stuck in a certain place. While we're on the subject of music, let me say this. Everything is spiritual, everything. There is nothing that is not spiritual. Everything that is in the earth originated from the Spirit. There is a Spirit and there is a natural. The natural is the result of what has already occurred in the Spirit.

Everything is inspired by something. Everything is inspired by a spirit; every action that you have, every thought that you meditate on. Everything that you do is inspired by a spirit. We have to identify what spirit is inspiring this behavior or this action or even these words.

One of the ways you can identify the spirit behind it is to listen to the words that are being spoken. Let me tell you something. How many of you in this room believe that you are filled with the Spirit? Don't be afraid. It's not a trick question! It's not a trick question.

Is everything that you do inspired by the Holy Spirit? Now, we can admit that everything that we do is not inspired by the Holy Spirit. Let's start looking at percentages. Is 90% of what you do inspired by the Holy Spirit? I'm not asking what you are trying for, I'm asking for the reality.

The first thing that we have to do is identify where we are. I'm not trying to identify you as much as I'm trying to identify myself. Believe it or not, it's easier for me to try to work on you because it distracts me from having to work on myself. I would rather work on you, but I have learned that that is futile.

Working on other people is not going to get you very far. In order for me to work on myself, I have to first identify where I am. If I'm going to create an effective plan to get here; if my goal is here, then I have to see what the distance is that I am from there.

Am I 90 miles? Am I 100 miles? Am I up close? Am I far off? The only way that I can do that is that I start monitoring my behavior and actions to see how much of my behavior and actions are being inspired by the Holy Spirit. If I'm not willing to do this assessment, I'm never going to get there.

I'm not even trying to get there. I don't even know where I am in proximity to there, and I really don't care because I'm not working on it. I just feel good knowing that this is somewhere in the midst.

So I have to assess myself. I have to see the percentage. Is 80% of my behavior inspired by the Spirit? Is 70%? 50%? 40%? 30%? 10? 5? How much of my behavior; how much of my actions, my thoughts and my attitudes are inspired by Him? What I'm trying to figure out is where I am in proximity to where I'm supposed to be.

If I don't know where I am, I don't know how to work my way to this. Once I've identified it, now I can begin to see what the barriers are. What are the hindrances? What are the things? What are the people? What is in my life that is keeping me from getting there?

I do this every day. I do this with my career. I do it with my job if I want that promotion. If I want that position, then I need to do this, this and this. And if I've done this, this and this to get that position and they give somebody else

that position, that bothers me because I know that I've done everything that is required to get there. Am I doing that with this? [Points to the Bible/word]

I'll do it if I want to get healthier. I'll do it if I want to get smaller. I'll do it if I want to get next to somebody. But what am I doing to get to here [word] and how far am I from it and what are the barriers? What are the hindrances? What are the things that are standing between that and me? Now I know the difficulty of the journey.

What happens if I recognize that I have some relationships that are hindering me from getting there? Well, how badly do I want to get there? Is this relationship more important to me than that? Until I'm willing to do this, ladies and gentlemen, I have no idea where I am in my walk. What about you?

Gal 5:25 – "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

"How am I going to do that?"

First, are you living in the Spirit? Here is the thing, ladies and gentlemen. When you come into relationship with "God" (in all of His names), you are saying:

"I now have taken on a spiritual journey that I might become one in communion, in harmony, in unity with Him."

I say that I'm now working on conforming to His image; which requires some transformation. The only way that this transformation is going to take place is that I renew my mind in this word. But I have to identify how much of His image is already reflected in me. Is this making sense to anybody other than me? We're bringing it straight down the middle right now.

How do I know if I'm walking in the Spirit? How do I know I'm even living in the Spirit? These are questions that

you need to ask yourself. I'm asking myself these questions. Everything that is said to me, at me in my presence and everything that is done to me that affects me, I have to assess with a renewed mind.

If I don't have a renewed mind, then I'm going to assess it with my unrenewed mind. Based on the mind I am operating in, my response will be reflective of it, so sometimes I can't assess where I am spiritually until after the fact.

That's when I start feeling bad; if I desire to be spiritual and holy and I do something that is not holy. Then I see that my action was an unholy action. Then I feel bad. I can live there; only able to assess my actions after the fact. If I live there, then I'll go through life feeling badly about stuff that I've done.

I have to get onto this side of the action so that now my walk is a walk of spirit being led. It's proactive. It's not reactive. I have to decide whether I'm going to cuss you out before I cuss you out. I have to decide if I'm going to get angry and belligerent before I get angry and belligerent; not after and I have said some things and I'm going to regret it. I've put obstacles and hindrances in my path because I allowed my spirit to get carnal.

You see, if my actions are carnal, then I might just be carnal. Why am I trying to convince myself I'm spiritual when everything that I do seems to be motivated by carnality? Do you see how we can lie to ourselves? We can lie to ourselves and convince ourselves that we aren't lying!

Gal 5:26 – “Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.”

Paul transitions into *Galatians* chapter 6.

Gal 6:1 – “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.”

Gal 6:2 – “Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.”

Gal 6:3 – “For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.”

Gal 6:4 – “But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.”

Gal 6:5 – “For every man shall bear his own burden.”

Gal 6:6 – “Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things.”

Gal 6:7 – “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.”

Gal 6:8 – “For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.”

Gal 6:9 – “And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

Gal 6:10 – “As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*,

especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”

Gal 6:11 – “Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand.”

Gal 6:12 – “As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised; only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.”

Gal 6:13 – “For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.”

Gal 6:14 – “But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.”

Gal 6:15 – “For in Christ Jesus...”

I’m doing this purposely [saying Christ Jesus versus Yeshua Messiah]. So if it’s jiggling something inside of you, then I say to let it jiggle.

Gal 6:15 – “For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.”

Gal 6:16 – “And as many as walk according to this rule, peace *be* on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.”

Gal 6:17 – “From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.”

Gal 6:18 – “Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.”

I wanted to read this entire chapter; even though we will probably only get through two or three verses. It is interesting that at this particular point (after 22 weeks) we’re at this particular place in the chapter. It’s ironic how things work.

Paul says – I’m going to tell you right now that we can spend our entire time on *Galatians* 6:1. We’re not going to, but there are certain things here that we have to pick up. That’s because if we aren’t here, I guarantee you that if Yeshua tarries, at some point we will be here. In other words, let me just get to it.

Gal 6:1 – “Brethren, **if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual,**”

The reason why I went back into *Galatians* 5 was because Paul was talking about the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit; and how we who are of the Spirit are supposed to live in the Spirit. We’re supposed to walk in the Spirit. This is what makes us spiritual. **If you are not spiritual, you are not qualified to restore anybody.**

Gal 6:1 – “Brethren, **if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual,**”

What does he do? This very statement separates those who are spiritual from those who are not spiritual. Those who are not spiritual will judge, but their judgment won’t be righteous. **How can a non-spiritual person judge righteously? You can’t!** You can only judge by the carnal flesh that you are.

People make judgments in their carnal state and not in their spiritual state because even though they are sometimes spiritual or in the Spirit, they are not always walking by the Spirit.

Remember that in the last lesson we discussed that you can be spiritual. You can live in the Spirit and not walk by the Spirit or not walk in the Spirit. This is how saved people do stupid stuff. This is how believers do things that should not be named among believers. Anybody know any folks like that? You can probably call out some names. But if your name isn't on the list...even if it's in a past tense...

Gal 6:1 – “Brethren, **if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore** such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.”

What is he saying? Those who are overtaken – the word “overtaken” here [Greek: “*prolambano*”] means someone who takes; to take before, to anticipate, to forestall. I like this next definition which says: to take one by forestalling (him i.e. before he can flee or conceal his crime).

There is a place for confidentiality. Confidentiality should never be used to conceal. There are examples in the religious world and in the legal world. Lawyers can have information about their clients that they don't have to speak about. That's lawyer-client confidentiality. They don't have a right to speak it and if they violate that, they can be disbarred.

Doctors have a level of confidentiality. This thing is so tight to the point where a lawyer who is representing a spouse does not have to tell the other spouse anything; even though the other spouse may be paying the lawyer (unless it's a divorce decree). If it's something that is dealing with a legal matter, then the funds that are paying the lawyer are coming from the household funds (which consists of both individuals).

The husband goes to the lawyer to speak about what he is talking about to the wife and the lawyer is not under any obligation or legal position to say anything. It is the same

with a doctor. Unless you sign a waiver and specifically indicate who this doctor can talk to; even though it's your wife, husband, son or daughter, they have a Hippocratic Oath. They have an oath. They are bound by their oath and by their position to keep things from the other persons.

Ministers have the same thing. When a person confesses, they are not under any obligation; even when it comes to the law, except under certain conditions. Those certain conditions typically mean when this person is going to do harm to themselves or harm to someone else. Now that oath and that confidentiality can be used against the person who is holding that confidence.

If you know something – we've just seen this in certain situations that have happened in the local news and specifically in the state of South Carolina. It was where someone knows that someone is about to commit a crime. They don't report the crime and people lose their lives as a result of this crime being committed. The person who had the confidentiality about this crime before it happened is now in court defending himself.

It can happen to a lawyer. It can happen to a doctor. It can even happen to a minister. Don't allow confidentiality to conceal wickedness. When someone comes to you to say something to you; to share something with you in confidence, it is typically because they are so weighed down by it that they have to tell somebody.

They don't want you to say anything, but they can't keep it to themselves. If you don't want somebody to know something, why would you tell it to somebody even in confidence? That's because you can't hold it. It's troubling. It weighs you down.

This particular word is not just someone being overtaken in a fault. It gives the impression that you see them going down the road that is going to cause them problems. You see it.

Have you ever seen people headed in a certain direction and you know the end of that journey was not going to be a good one and you didn't say anything? The profit puts it this way:

"If you see calamity coming and you don't warn the people, their blood is on your hands."

That's what confidentiality will get you. You see it coming. Then after the fact when you see the carnage and all of its ugliness, you have a conviction that you have to deal with (of condemnation). You are wishing that you had said something, but now it's too late. Don't let anybody put you under that. If someone comes to you with something that you see is not a good path, it is your obligation to call them out! And give them time to come out.

Otherwise what happens is that you become a partaker of their sin; of their unrighteousness. And it's unfortunate that it happens. So it's not just overtaken. They are headed down a path that is going to cause some problems and you say nothing and do nothing. This is why being spiritual is going to have such an impact.

Paul gets to the point where he says:

"Listen, God is not mocked."

Don't THINK for a moment that you are going to violate the principles of YeHoVaH and NOT pay the price!

What's wrong with you? You don't know Him! The wages of sin is death! Now, either you believe that or you don't. If you believe that, you are called to action. If you don't act, then do you honestly love the person that you are trying to protect?

Overtaken in a fault. This word "fault" here [Greek: "*paraptoma*"] defined means: to fall beside or near

something; a lapse or deviation from truth and uprightness; a sin, misdeed. Usage: trespass, offense, sin, fall, fault.

Do you know people who are doing wrong and you are not only not saying anything, but not calling them out? When you know that people are doing wrong and you say something and call them out, do you know what it's going to do? It's going to cause them to come out or they are going to get away from you. People who don't want to do right; I don't want them around me anyway.

Do you understand what I'm saying? I don't! Why? Because whatever is coming upon them (and it's coming); do I want to be in the proximity when it comes? If somebody is wearing a suicide bomber belt and I'm not interested in being blown up and I know they are wearing a suicide bomb, would I be hanging out with them? Would you?

When we start seeing sin as death, we will deal with it differently.

Spiritual. I love this word. It is "*pneumatikos*." It means one who is filled with and governed by the Spirit of Elohim.

To be spiritual is to allow the Spirit of YeHoVaH to permeate your being. In order to do that, that means that I have to separate myself from carnal, fleshly emotions. The moment I respond emotionally is the moment I have moved into the carnal nature. The carnal man can't please YeHoVaH. Parents are good at it.

"But my baby!"

You'd do anything for your baby; even lose your mind. I've seen people just lose their mind. Their mind goes blank. All they can think of is getting their baby. When I say "baby," should we be calling twenty year olds, babies? They don't want you to call them a baby. I hear this especially from moms. I don't hear it a lot from dads, but I hear it from moms.

“They’ll always be my baby.”

“Really? Always be your baby?”

As long as they are “your baby,” you’re going to operate by motherly instinct. Motherly instinct is not always in line with the Holy Spirit. Some people know their children are rapists and molesters and abusers and thieves. Because they have the wrong idea of “love,” they put themselves in positions where that child that they are spending everything that they have to protect and keep out of trouble on, ultimately ends up in trouble anyway. They are now broke. They have lost everything and they are now homeless.

I’ve seen people go homeless trying to help their children. They hock their houses. They hock their cars. They hock their 401Ks. They hock their retirement funds trying to save that hard-headed child. But once you’ve hocked everything, they are going to go and continue to be hard-headed.

That’s not being spiritual. When we are spiritual, we deal with issues and we bring correction. Anyone – let me tell you something folks. Whoever doesn’t want their behavior to be corrected, then the best thing that you can do is to get that person away from you or get away from them. You would be an innocent bystander and you won’t be so innocent.

Paul had already indicated in chapter 5 that:

Gal 5:25 – “If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

What does it mean to be spiritual? Paul lays this out. This is how we get to understand Paul and what he is saying. In several places (especially in *Galatians*) he suggested that people can live in the Spirit and not walk by the Spirit. Do you see what he just said?

Gal 5:25 – “If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

You can live in the Spirit. I’ve heard people say stuff like: they are so heavenly-minded that they are no earthly good. It’s like you know that everything is “spiritual.” Everything is spiritual, but the way it’s displayed is not a biblical spiritual.

It’s some kind of Pentecostal spiritual. It is some kind of Charismatic spiritual. It is some kind of religious spiritual. It is some kind of church-learned behavior spiritual or some spiritual that is learned behavior by some spirit other than the Holy Spirit.

When Paul wrote to the Corinthians, he called the Corinthian brothers “carnal.” Guess what? Paul writes. Where do we learn about the gifts of the Spirit or of the manifestations of the Spirit? Where are the nine gifts of the Spirit? What book of the Bible? Anybody? What chapter? It is in *1 Corinthians 12* and *1 Corinthians 14*.

In *1 Corinthians* Paul talks about the gift of healing, miracles, faith, tongues and interpretation of tongues. He talks about discernment, wisdom, knowledge and prophesy. He talks about these nine specific manifestations that are the result of the Spirit operating within us. These are the manifestations or gifts of the Spirit. They are mentioned in *1 Corinthians 12*. What does that say?

It says that everything that we know about those particular gifts is found in the letter of Paul to the Corinthians; and yet he said that they were carnal. They were living in the Spirit, manifesting the gifts of the Spirit and they were carnal.

Carnal people can do spiritual stuff. This is why the fruit of the Spirit is given to us; to be able to discern the tree. So you [can] have people who are doing miracles, signs and wonders who are carnal. That’s what he said. I didn’t say this.

As he lays out the Spirit and the gifts and how to function because there was disorder – *1 Corinthians* 14. They were not doing things in order. People were prophesying out of line. They were speaking in tongues any time they felt like it. There was no order, just craziness. What made them carnal? What made them carnal was that everybody had their own favorite teacher.

We shouldn't have "favorite" teachers. We should be seekers of truth. We should gravitate toward those who are teaching truth; but more importantly, living truth. People can teach truth and not live truth. They are called churches, pastors and preachers. I know many of them. I'm one.

You can't watch everything I do, because sometimes I may not necessarily do the right thing. I want to and I'm trying to get my life to a place that I will. But there are times when my emotions occur. It's easier with my family than with non-family. It's easier to holler at my children than to holler at someone else's children; to raise my voice. Do you all know what I'm talking about?

So now I have to be spiritual; not just here. I don't need to be spiritual here and then go home and beat my wife. [Note: He doesn't do the latter.] I need to take this spiritual guy home.

I need to be spiritual at home, just as I am here. I need to be spiritual at Costco [store]. I need to be spiritual at the mall. I need to be spiritual on my job. I need to be spiritual when I'm hanging out with my friends. I need to be spiritual when I'm on vacation. I need to be spiritual when I'm at the beach. I need to be spiritual wherever I go.

If I'm going to live in the Spirit, I must walk in the Spirit; not just on the Sabbath or Sunday.

So here it is. He says these words:

1 Co 2:9 – "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered

into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.”

1 Co 2:10 – “But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit:”

There are some things that Father has prepared that are only going to be revealed by the Spirit. The only way you are going to have them revealed to you is that you live in the Spirit. Living in the Spirit, they will be revealed. But when they are revealed, now you have to walk it out. If you don't walk out what has been revealed, then guess what? If you are not faithful over that truth He has given you and you don't walk in it, what do you think is going to happen?

YeHoVaH said that the children of Israel were hard-hearted and stiff-necked. That's King James English. Where I came from, they didn't call it hard-hearted. They called it hard-headed. There's an old Southern expression:

“A hard head will make a soft behind.”

When a parent labels you hard-headed, that's exactly what YeHoVaH did to Israel when He labeled them hard-hearted. It's the same thing. That is a person who is not following instructions. If you don't follow your parents' instructions, you are going to have a very difficult time following YeHoVaH's instructions. If I see somebody not honoring their parents, I see a fool. I see a straight-up fool.

There have been times ladies and gentlemen, that I have wanted to whip my belt off, but I'm not ready to go to jail because I start whipping that little joker and he and his mama are jumping on me.

“How are you going to hit my child?”

“He is kicking your butt and you don't want help?”

“It's my child!”

“Well, let him beat you!”

So when I read about you in the obituary and now they have a manhunt for your child – not all of *your* children, because you are smarter than that [speaking to audience].

But I’m going to tell you something. Parents are being killed by their children. How did they get there? These are not toddlers killing them. These are not adolescents.

Father reveals them by His Spirit.

1 Co 2:10 – “...for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.”

1 Co 2:11 – “For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.”

You can’t *not* live and walk in the Spirit and expect to know the Spirit’s will for your life. It’s only going to be revealed by the Spirit.

1 Co 2:12 – “Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.”

1 Co 2:13 – “Which things also we speak, not in the words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.”

This is the work of the Holy Spirit; but if you are not working on getting into that place, it’s not going to happen. I don’t care how much you go to church. I don’t care how much you read your Bible. Well, you should be in assembly and you should read your word. But going to the assembly and reading your word without applying what you read is

not going to make you any better. You're just a sinner in church, a sinner in synagogue, a sinner in the assembly.

The Holy Spirit compares spiritual things with spiritual.

1 Co 2:14 – “But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God:”

This is the carnal nature. As a carnal person, you can't receive from YeHoVaH. It's not going to happen. You can get glimpses of things and every now and then you have a thought and you follow up on that thought.

I was at Sam's [wholesale store] on Wednesday. I'm there buying some things. I'm not dressed [up]. I have on some jeans and casual shoes. Say what honey? [Arthur speaks directly to his wife who is in the audience.] What did you say? Yeah, I was not dressed *up*. Yeah, okay, I got it now. That's my helper. That's my help meet over there, you all. I'm standing at the checkout counter and a lady says:

“Are you a preacher?”

I said:

“What possessed you to ask me something like that?”

That's what I said. She said:

“I don't know, something just told me to ask him ‘are you a preacher’ – something.”

We have to identify “something.” Who is the “something” talking to you? I had people behind me. I said:

“Well, you know, I am.”

Then she wants counsel. I'm standing at Sam's in the checkout line and I can tell that the woman behind me is visually agitated. As a matter of fact before I could walk off, she almost hit me with her cart. She whizzed that cart

around to the front of that line and she was angry. It was like she was saying:

“I didn’t come here to stand behind you all who are talking. I came here to check out and get out of here.”

That was the spirit that was upon her.

The thing that got me was how does this woman know? I’m not dressed like a preacher, but she did know. This “something” told her. I know what this something was. It certainly wasn’t the devil; based on the counsel that she was asking me about.

The fact is ladies and gentlemen, every one of us can say at some point in our lives that “something told me.” Instead of identifying it as the Holy Spirit, we go through life saying “something, something, something, something.” What is the something? Folks, identify the something. Then start listening to the something more.

If we listen to it – the woman could have heard and not said a word. Sometimes we do that.

1 Co 2:14 – “But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.”

When my children or other people’s children discard the word, I know that they may think that it is foolishness. That’s not how things work.

“That’s now how the world works.”

That’s true. The world does not work based upon this book. The world works on worldly principles. Those worldly principles are contrary to the principles that are taught in this book. The world can’t figure out why the world is not getting ahead. The world can’t figure out why

it is constantly having the problems that it is having and constantly going around the same mountain. The world can't figure out why their relationships aren't working; why their jobs aren't working or why they are not happy or why they are just tired of living.

1 Co 2:15 – “But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.”

Do you know why he that is spiritual can judge all things? Because he that is spiritual is disconnecting themselves from the carnal person and they are allowing the Spirit that is at work to show them and to give them righteous judgment. If we don't operate in righteous judgment, we are still going to judge. It just won't be righteous judgment.

Because of the judgment that we judge with (besides righteous judgment); our reaction, our response and the way we deal with individuals will not come from the Holy Spirit. It will come from our carnal nature. We will deal with people from a carnal nature, not from a spiritual nature. It's important.

1 Co 2:16 – “For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Messiah.”

Do we? The mind of Messiah is the word. The word was made flesh. The mind of Messiah means (for me) that my decisions are going to be filtered through the word; my actions, my behavior, my words. This is how I know that I haven't arrived, because there are words that come out of my mouth sometimes that are not filtered (even in my thoughts). My thoughts are not filtered.

This is a confession. Sometimes I let myself go places in thought that I will never let myself go in reality. Sometimes I vent my frustration in my head, but I guard

my tongue. I have to if I'm going to be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger. It means that I just can't say what comes to my head. I can't just say what I'm feeling.

If I tell you how I feel about what you are saying, it is not going to come out right; so I have to think about it. I have to meditate on it. I even have to go to the point where [I think] that if I release these words, what kind of response do I want? What is the outcome of what I'm about to say, that I can see?

When I think about the mind of Messiah and of YeHoVaH – ultimately as we started in this chapter, when a brother is overtaken in a fault, you who are spiritual, restore.

The ultimate heart of YeHoVaH is restoration and reconciliation. But that is only with people who are restored and reconciled. You cannot be restored and reconciled to someone who is not restored and reconciled.

1 Co 2:15 – “But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.”

1 Co 2:16 – “For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.”

The way that I know that I am operating in the mind of Messiah is that I am filtering my responses through His word. I have to separate. I'm acutely aware that there are always two people living here [in me]. The very nature of being born again, it makes me schizophrenic! I've owned it! I know that I can be double-minded. I also know that a double-minded man is unstable in all his ways.

I constantly have to discern and choose which mind I'm going to move by, be led by, operate by and respond from. If I respond from this carnal mind, it's not going to be good. I have to shut him down if I'm going to respond in

the mind of Messiah. The bottom line is that if I truly am born again; if I truly am saved, I've got these two minds that I have to deal with. If you're not aware of that – I'm acutely aware that there are two people living here. There is me and there is him. Are you aware?

The *me* me wants to please the *me* me. If I just let *me* go, I'm going to eat everything. I'm going to drink everything. I'm going to smoke everything. I'm going to do everything that I want to do and guess what? I'll just be a worldly, carnal, perverted, overweight pervert. That's assessing me. Now you have to assess you. I've been there. I know that I can go back there unless I make every decision and choice that will keep me from going back from whence I have come.

1 Co 3:1 – “And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual,”

Notice what he is saying here. *1 Corinthians* 2 transitions into *1 Corinthians* 3. By the time you get to *1 Corinthians* 12, he is talking about how they operate in the Spirit and how the gifts of the Spirit are manifesting in the midst of them. And yet he is saying:

1 Co 3:1 – “And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even* as unto babes in Messiah.”

1 Co 3:2 – “I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto...”

Even at the writing of this letter he is saying:

“...hitherto”

Since then up until now.

“...ye were not able to *bear it*, neither yet now are ye able.”

...to bear it. It is like Paul is writing this letter just like he wrote to the Galatians.

“Listen guys. At this time, you all should be a lot further than you are. When I came to you, I couldn’t come to you spiritually because I had to give it to you as babes. I had to give you milk. And even now I can’t talk to you as spiritual.”

He is saying:

“You’ve got the mind of Messiah, but you’re acting like babies! You’ve got the mind of Messiah, but you are walking carnally. Not only are you walking carnally, but you are manifesting the spiritual things that spiritual people are supposed to be manifesting but you are not spiritual!”

That’s now how we are supposed to be.

1 Co 3:3 – “For ye are yet carnal: for whereas *there is* among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?”

Let’s go back to verse 1. I thought that we’d get to a couple of verses, but we are still in verse 1. He said:

Gal 6:1 – “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, **restore**”

This is important. This word restore [Greek: “*katartizo*”] actually means to render, i.e. to fit, sound, complete; to mend (what has been broken or rent), to repair; to complete; to fit out, equip, put in order, arrange, adjust; to fit or frame for one’s self, prepare; ethically: to

strengthen, perfect, complete, make one what he ought to be.

What is interesting is where this word is found. It is only found in its action in one place. It just so happens that it is found in Paul's writing. Here it is used as perfect, make perfect, mend, be perfect, fit, frame, prepare, restore, perfectly joined together.

He is saying that you who are spiritual, restore. You who are spiritual, perfect the one who is overtaken. You who are spiritual, strengthen. This is where Paul uses this. He says in *Ephesians*:

Eph 4:12 – “For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Messiah.”

Let me give you how it's used. It is only used one other time and that is here in *Ephesians* 4:12. He says in verse 11:

Eph 4:11 – “And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;”

Eph 4:12 – “For the **perfecting** of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Messiah.”

Here is how this is supposed to work. The way it is supposed to work is that you are submitted to the apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher who is perfecting you for the work of ministry; which is the restoration process. But get this. The perfecting is either proactive or it becomes reactive. It's the same word.

You're either going to learn the things that you are supposed to learn by the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers so that you don't get overtaken in a fault; or if you don't learn, then guess what? There's a fault

waiting to overtake you. It's just a matter of time. This is the danger of being a hearer and not a doer.

There are many, many people who are hearing, hearing, hearing, hearing, hearing and not doing anything about it. You have people who sit in churches all day or twice a day. Then they go out and do their dirt. They become immune to the word.

As a dad and even as a husband – and I have heard this from many dads and husbands who are preachers. Sometimes because it's your voice, wives and children get tired of hearing you talk. They just get tired. As a result of that, they don't listen because they don't listen to the counsel and the instruction of their fathers and mothers. The Torah says you should honor your father and your mother. It's the first command with a promise associated with it.

The *Proverbs* say that we should listen to the commandments and the instructions of our father and our mother. If you want things to go well with you, then honor your parents; especially if they are trying to teach you the commands. That's if you want things to go well. Things won't go well with you if you don't. They just won't.

That's the flip side. Honoring YeHoVaH is hearing and obeying. It's not just hearing. This is why sometimes I say this to my children. When I hear their mother tell them something – listen to me parents and listen to me good.

If you are telling your son and your daughter something and you have to repeat yourself two or three times before they actually do what you are saying and then you ultimately have to raise your voice for them to hear you, don't let your children get away with that. You MAKE them hear you. If you are going to feed them and house them and clothe them, don't let them ignore you.

If you let them ignore you, guess what you're raising? You're raising a rebellious, stiff-necked hard-hearted, hard-headed troublemaker. Every last one of you who has raised

them, you know what you have, so stop lying to yourself. When I hear this in my house, I'm like that roaring lion! I don't like my wife telling my sons or my daughters something two or three times.

"Why aren't you listening to your mom?"

If I let you get away with that here, you'll take it to the schools. The next thing you know, I have to come to the school. And you can't go and say:

"My child wouldn't do that."

"What? They do it at home!"

If they do it to you, what makes you think they won't do it to someone else?

"Well, I teach them at home."

Well, you may teach them that, but are they listening? You might *think* you are teaching them.

Eph 4:13 – "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 statute of the fulness of Christ:"

Eph 4:14 – "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"

Eph 4:15 – "But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:"

Eph 4:16 – "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.”

Paul writes these words too. He is writing these words. They really coincide with what he is writing back in *Galatians*. I’m not going to move into this next portion yet.

Gal 6:1 – “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault,”

We got through half of verse one. You see, he’s laying this thing out. You can read this. You can read right over it. What he does is that when he is writing to these people, he is saying:

“In order for you to understand what I’m writing to them, I’m saying the same thing in different ways to other people that I am writing to so that people can understand who I am and what I’m saying.”

If you think that Paul came preaching some “greasy grace” or some “easy sainthood, confess Jesus into your heart and wait for the rapture” message, you are sadly mistaken! Paul did not preach that kind of message. Paul preached the message of die! **Die to yourself so God doesn’t have to kill you!**

That’s it in a nutshell, for those of you who like nut shells.

Die to yourself so God doesn’t have to kill you.

That’s because He doesn’t want to. He doesn’t want anybody splashing in that lake. But there are some folks who are so hard-headed, so hard-hearted and so stiff-necked that they are hell-bound.