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Common Sense and THE 3 D'S OF BUSINESS

My Dad was a businessman, first as a farmer then a real estate developer before becoming a Bible teacher. He learned the business of farming from his father and as a teenager began farming cotton, soybeans and rice on his own. Farming teaches you many common sense things and if you don't use common sense as a farmer, you won't succeed. Most of these lessons you will find in the Bible—*laziness leads to poverty—you must plant seeds to reap a harvest—the seed you plant produces more seed of like kind*.

You can easily see how these lessons influenced his thinking and understanding of spiritual principles. This practical and common sense way of presenting the scriptures enables people to actually *apply* the Word of God and use its power in their everyday life. The following is from his book, "Success Motivation":

<u>Use Common Sense</u>

Some people act on the Word but miss God by trying to substitute faith for good business practices. When they hear about faith principles and learn the importance of confession, they go off on a tangent, throwing away all common sense and good business practices.

One time someone asked me, "Brother Capps, do you use fertilizer on your farm?"

In response, I asked him, "Do you use gas in your car?"

Some people seem to throw away all common sense when they start using their faith.

Somebody may say, "Instead of advertising, I'm just going to believe God." If God tells you to do that, fine; but just be sure God said it.

Don't substitute faith for good business practices.

Don't substitute good business practices for faith.

You have to put the two together. Use faith in all your business practices. When you start saying good things about your work, the results will astound you.

Follow Instructions

Let me give you an example of how to act on the Word to sow the seed.

The Lord might instruct you to give \$50 to a particular person. The Word of God concerning giving in Luke 6:38 says, *Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over...* In order to sow the seed, you must do what this verse says. Luke 6:38 will not work unless you observe the principles of the laws of prosperity. You can't just *know* what the Word says about giving; you must give in order to claim this promise.

Give, and it shall be given. The phrase *shall be* is future tense. The promise is before you. It doesn't belong to you until you do what God's Word says.

The instant you give that \$50, you can speak that promise into your heart because you have been obedient to God. Instead of saying, "It *shall* be given unto me," you can say, "Father, Your Word says, *Give, and it shall be given*. Then because I have given, *it is given unto me*—good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over."

That is present tense: It *is* given *now!* Before you obeyed, the return from giving was *shall be*. After you obeyed by giving, your confession changed to *it is given to me*.

Say Before You See

Once you have acted, you can take God's Word and put it in the present tense: "Father, because I have given, it is given unto me—good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over."

Someone may say, "You don't have it yet." But you don't have to see it. Trust God; He wouldn't lie to you!

Continue to sow the Word of God into your heart by your words. Say, "Thank You, Father, it is given unto me. I'm believing for a hundredfold return, in the name of Jesus, and it is coming to me. The blessings are overtaking me because I sow bountifully and I reap bountifully. I have all sufficiency in all things and do abound to every good work. The Lord is my Shepherd, and I do not want."

Speak the Words Aloud

As we have seen, the way you sow the Word of God is to hear your voice utter what God said. This is one of the keys to operating in God's Kingdom. You don't have to let your voice echo off the walls, but you do need to say your confessions aloud.

Paul said, *...Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.* (Romans 10:17) The Greek for word in this verse is rhema or "the spoken Word." By rhema of God, Paul in this verse is referring to a portion of Scripture. He does not mean the



whole Bible, or logos. I am convinced that Paul was saying, "Faith comes by hearing yourself speak God's Word."

This is God's principal way of causing faith to come. God uses it to transfer His faith to you, and it's done through His Word. God's Word is filled with faith. Therefore, when you quote God's Word aloud, it imparts that faith to you. God has always used this basic principle. He used it when He made His Covenant with Abraham.

Learn the Language of Success

So many times when people pray, they only pray the problem.

"Dear God, I don't know what I'm going to do. I owe all this money! I've lost my job! No money is coming in. Lord, I'll never get these bills paid! This is a big mountain in my life, Lord, and I pray that You'll move it out of the way. Please do something about these problems."

In a prayer like this, the goal is set only on the problem; and as it is prayed, the impulse is released to the heart to produce that goal.

But Jesus said that the Father knows what we have need of, even before we ask Him. (Matthew 6:8) Our part is to pray the answer.

"Father, in the name of Jesus, Your Word says that whatever I desire, when I pray, believe I receive it and I shall have it. So I am doing that now. I have given, so I believe that it is being given unto me—good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over. I proclaim that all my needs are met according to Your riches in glory by Christ Jesus. I can pray this, Father, because it is according to Your Word, and I know that Your Word works!"

When you pray such a prayer as this, there will be people around you who will try to talk you out of it. Don't listen to them. Set your goal on the solution and keep it there!

The Three D's of Business

1. Don't curse your own fig tree.

Don't speak against your finances, your car, or your business.

2. Don't substitute faith for good business practices.

There is an element of common sense that must be included. Don't forget it.

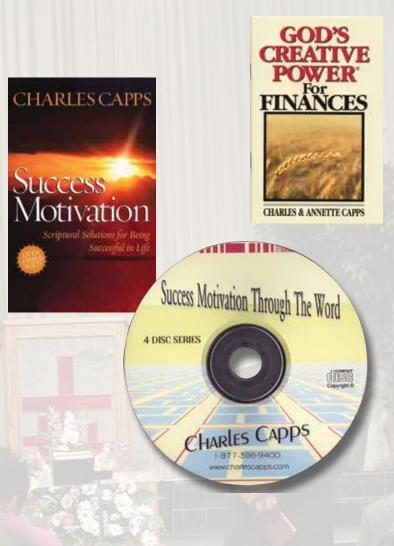
3. Don't substitute formula for principle.

Don't just speak your desire, but believe what you say will come to pass. Believe *everything* you speak out your mouth will come to pass.

When you believe what you are saying, you are releasing spiritual forces. It won't work just because you say it, but saying it is involved in working the principle.

Make Your Way Prosperous:

- Set your goal on the solution not the problem.
- Recognize the Kingdom as the source of supply.
- Learn the language of success and practice it.



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In My Word I said the tradition of men make the Word of God of no effect. So in the days of old, my prophets saw these things, prophesied them, they were written in the Holy Scriptures that you might know the provisions that have been made.

But men have preached tradition. Men have changed My Words. Men have taught things that did not agree with My Word. Men have allowed these traditions to make My Word of no effect in their lives.

But come out from among those traditional ideas and walk in the Light of what is revealed. For I'm revealing MY truth in these days in greater measure, in greater revelation than in ANY generation, since the beginning of time.

For these are the days of the great manifestation of My power and wisdom. So walk in the Light and stretch yourselves to the has said you are.

Be faithful to that which more. Then you'll walk, as it level, and from that level to

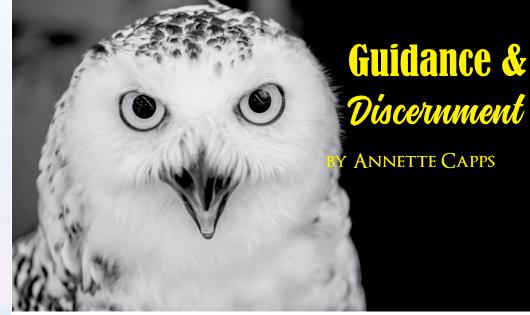
And you'll advance until the anointing of the hidden things that have been of the world. For I WILL REVEAL MYSELF in the seek a people that will walk in the ways of My Word.

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anointing of God shall reveal kept secret from the foundation MYSELF in this generation, for I s of My Word.

For My Truth is here, My Wisdom is here, My Anointing is here. And I will anoint you to walk in these ways. Oh, yes! My ways are higher than your ways.

But I'm calling you NOW to come up to My ways and WALK WITH ME. And, WE TOGETHER shall rejoice in the earth! saith the Lord.



In the last issue of the Concepts of Faith, I wrote about the guidance of the Holy Spirit, specifically "knowing." Let's look at four of the ways that we perceive the Holy Spirit's guidance:

1. Knowing (See Concepts of Faith 1st issue 2018)

2. Seeing (Vision)

3. Hearing (Auditory)

4. Feeling (Kinesthetic)

The most common experience among Christians is to be led by a "knowing." This could be described as "His Spirit bearing witness with our spirit." Others describe this as "I just had this feeling." Some report, "The Lord spoke to my spirit" or "I heard the Holy Spirit say to me..." Those who perceive guidance visually use terms such as "I saw in my spirit..." or "I just saw what God wanted me to do." In the book of Acts chapter 9, verse 11, the Lord appeared to Ananias in a vision and spoke to him to go lay his hands on Saul that he might receive his sight. This was both a visual and an auditory experience for Ananias. When you look at the circumstances (Saul was persecuting Christians), it would take a very strong impression of some sort to convince Ananias to go pray for Saul. He could have been killed!

Now in everyday life, you generally don't need a strong vision from God about how to proceed with your daily life. You can just follow the subtle guidance and direction in your spirit. However, if you have a vision or an angel appears to you, then it must really be important! There are times when I have what I call "minivisions." I am not in a trance but perfectly alert when suddenly a scene passes through my mind. This scene is not visible to the physical eye, but

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through my "mind's eye." Because of this "scene," I become aware of facts about a situation that I had not known before. Or, I know that I am supposed to go to this certain place.

Many years ago, I was driving down the street, minding my own business, when a vision appeared to me. I saw myself walking into the room of a hospital in Tulsa and laying hands on a woman I knew. She jumped out of bed healed of severe back problems. Along with this vision, I felt a very obvious anointing of healing. This vision was so strong that I drove straight to the hospital, asked for the woman's room, walked in and did exactly what I saw in my

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_____ vision. Now, I did not tell her anything about the vision until later, but she jumped out of bed and danced around the room, praising God with her hands raised in the air exactly as I saw in the vision. It was

such a remarkable healing that the nurse ran into the corridor calling out, "There has been a healing in room 2812! Someone get the doctor!"

This incident combined seeing a vision, feeling an anointing, and knowing what I should do. Although this was a very powerful experience, these modalities of guidance happen often to me in a much subtler way. I

will have a "flash" of something I need to attend to now, or the picture of a person's face will come before me and I know I should contact them.

To those people who are more inclined to register things in an auditory manner, guidance is perceived by them as "hearing something." The hearing doesn't actually happen with the ear itself, but is expressed as "I heard in my spirit" or "I heard it in my heart or head."

Developing Discernment

It is of the utmost importance that you exercise discernment in following any form of guidance. There have been Christians who follow after visions, voices, and prophesies because they seemed supernatural. They left a trail of destruction behind them because they did not test the spirits to see if they are of God. One of the biggest mistakes that Christians make is "seeking guidance." When a person gets desperate for guidance or the answer to a question, there are always voices that will rush into that void and fill it with something. The safest guidance is from within you.

It is best to have an open mind and heart so that the Holy Spirit can choose what method He uses to lead you. A good prayer would be, "Holy Spirit, I ask for your direction and guidance so that I may live in God's perfect will for my life. I open myself to Your guidance because you dwell in me." The Holy Spirit never forces anything, but gently directs and guides with joy. If guidance you receive does not bring peace, joy, or confirmation, then it is to be examined very carefully or cast off.

If I don't have peace or know what I am supposed to do about something, I wait. Doing nothing can be a real challenge, but if you don't have the answer, it can be foolish to jump into a decision. When being pressed for a yes or no answer to a commitment, I have found that it is best to decline rather than agree to something that I don't have peace about.

Pay Attention

developing discernment, In always pay attention to your first impressions. If you feel uncomfortable, anxious or pressured, then be aware

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that things may not be as they appear. I have known people who have attended meetings because everyone else gave wonderful reports. Later, great deception was exposed and I asked these people if they had any check in their spirit warning them that something was wrong. Their reply was very alarming, "Yes, I did not feel just right at first, but everyone else thought it was great. And there were healings, so I thought it was just me."

Always trust the Holy Spirit inside of you and proceed with caution if "things don't seem just right." All external experiences should be checked and compared with the witness of your spirit. God has given us supernatural protection, a guide into the truth, if we only listen. Pay attention!



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What If...?

How many times have you asked yourself that question? What if today is the day I receive my miracle? What if today is the day I get that job? What if today is the day I get my prayers answered? Many people have lived their life with a "what if" mentality and called it faith. They are wishing for God to answer their prayers, but there is no true **<u>BIBLE FAITH</u>** being applied to their situation. The word HOPE is a widely misused term in today's society-people use it much like the word "wish." People say, "I hope I get this promotion!" or "I hope I start feeling better." Really what they are saying is I <u>WISH</u> this or that would happen.

The Bible defines the word "Hope" as an EXPECTATION towards a positive outcome. However, many people are "hoping" for God's promises to become a reality in their life, but they never have a

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firm expectation that it will actually come to pass. Many people confess the Word, pray and cry out to God for their answer, and wonder why their faith seems to fail. The reason is because many times there is never any *<u>True Bible Faith</u>* there to begin with. So what is True Bible Faith? Remember the foundational faith scripture in the Bible... Hebrews 11:1? "Now Faith is the substance of things HOPED for, the evidence of things not seen." Your faith gives substance to your expectation. If there is no expectation, there will be nothing for your faith to give substance to. It is very simple -If there is no expectation – there is no Faith. When you begin to EXPECT, not WISH, for God's Word to become true in every area of your life, your faith will become empowered and it will move you toward the fulfillment of your expectation.

We all have areas in our life that we would like to change. Usually

the reason things don't change is simple... we don't expect them to. We wish things would change, but for whatever reason we feel limited by our circumstances and trapped in negative cycles. Those negative cycles continue because we lack expectation for change. Things have been that way in our lives for so long that it is hard to see the light at the end of the tunnel; it is hard to truly expect things to be different. Sometimes things can be so good in our life that we forget that maybe God has even better things for us. No matter where you are in life, I know one thing - GOD HAS MORE FOR YOU. He always has more revelation to show us, more truth to walk in, more blessings to give us, more joy, more fulfillment, more love, more of Him. But satan would like you to feel alone and trapped. He wants you hopeless, without any expectation of God doing more in your life. And if things are good, he doesn't want you to realize that things can be better.

God is not limited by your present circumstances

_____ God is not limited by your present circumstances - He is God. and His Word is the final authority in every situation. ■ The reason

many people lack expectation is because their trust is in themselves not God. When you begin to trust and rely on Him and His faithfulness to His Word, it is easy to be full of expectation and full of faith. Your faith is not based

on you - it has nothing to do with you, your righteousness, or your ability. Faith has everything to do with God, His love for you, His promises to you, and His ability to be faithful to you and His Word. The Faith life is easy when all of your faith is based on God.

HOPE & CORRESPONDING ACTION

"Faith without works is dead" Many have debated the connection between faith and works, but the answer is simple. Let me explain by sharing a personal experience with you. I knew a man who was miserable in his job situation so he finally quit saying he was going to "believe God" for a better job where he would be happy. So did he go out and get applications? ... NO! Did he look through the paper? ... NO! What did he do? He stayed home and played video games while praying for a better job. Then he wondered why His faith wasn't working! It should be quite obvious that there was no true faith involved in his situation. He was using the word "faith" as a crutch for laziness. Expectation, Biblical Hope, always has corresponding action. Jesus expected to feed the 5,000, so He acted and started breaking bread. He had no problem acting on His faith because His expectation was in the faithfulness of God.

When you begin to truly expect God to be faithful to His Word it will cause you to move toward your expectation. If you are really expecting a raise in pay, you will start to do a better job and act like you deserve a raise. If you are really expecting to get in shape you will change your eating habits. Expectation is the birthplace of true change in your life. Expectation gives something for your faith to work towards and true faith will cause you to act like you believe what you are expecting will come to pass.

If a woman is pregnant with a child she is said to be... expecting, right? What is she expecting? Is she wondering if she will have a baby? Is she wishing? Is there any doubt that she has a child inside of her? NO! So, what is she expecting? She is expecting what is already on the inside of her to make its manifestation on the outside! She does all kinds of preparation for 9 months because she has faith based upon her expectation of the delivery.

What do you have on the inside of you? What dreams, desires, and

purposes has God put in your heart? He wants you to begin to expect His will to become manifest in your life. We begin the process by planting His Word inside of us. Then we can begin to expect change, and our faith will grow and develop inside of us and we will experience the full manifestation of our expectation.

God doesn't want your life to be full of negative cycles with no hope for the future. He does not want you caught in the rat race of life just barely getting by. He wants you to experience all of His love and fullness as each new day is filled with an expectation of the great new things He has for you. No matter where you are right now in your life you can begin to expect more from God. There are no limits to the goodness of God – the only limit is your expectation.

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