

The Apostolic and Kingdom Processes

It is true, that the potential placed in us at creation should be able to manifest immediately once we are born of the Spirit as we then have Holy Spirit inside of us. HOWEVER...things don't happen immediately because we are 'damaged goods'. We carry so much baggage into our spiritual lives, it can take a whole lifetime to get it sorted out before we can begin to function as genuine sons of God. He doesn't over-ride our free will and zap us into perfection. That's not how he's chosen to work.

There have been believers who have sat at a piano once they were Spirit-filled and asked God to give the ability to play the piano. A very small number of them have been able to achieve that ability miraculously. For the rest of us, we've had to put in many hours of practice before we were competent at an instrument.

This is a picture of the reality of the life of a believer – process, process, process. In all areas of our lives we have to go through the process of development to rise up to full functionality. This may not be the perfect way, but it's the reality. Why? Because of us – ourselves. We are the hold-up.

Here are some processes described in the NT:

1. Jesus took 30 years to be ready for his ministry. He had to grow in wisdom and stature.¹
2. Jesus went through a process during his temptation. He went into the process led by the Spirit² and came out full of the Spirit.³
3. Paul took time in Arabia being reprogrammed by the Lord himself.⁴
4. Paul spent years teaching new believers sound doctrine.⁵ They needed to be reprogrammed.
5. Paul went through a process of time and events so he could witness to Caesar and the Roman elite.⁶
6. The 5-fold eldership gifts are required for equipping (*continuous tense*) the saints.⁷ This is a process.
7. The 5-fold eldership gifts are only required until the saints “come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”⁸. This is a process of becoming.
8. Paul had to feed the Corinthians 'milk' knowledge because they weren't ready to receive the real 'meat'.⁹ They still weren't ready after a long period of time.
9. The development of Christ in NT believers required Paul to labour (*continuous tense*) at it.¹⁰
10. The “good work” Christ began in us he will “continue to perfect and complete it until the day of Christ Jesus the time of His return”.¹¹ Until infers a time lapse and process.

So, to stick to the reasoning that everything should be available to us immediately, and ignoring the reality of the slackness of our spiritual lives is not wisdom, just obfuscation.

(Remember the truth doesn't matter, reality does.)¹²

Here's the reality: We still live in our 'old man' bodies and we haven't received our glorified bodies.

1 – Luke 2:52

2 – Matthew 4:1

3 – Luke 4:14

4 – Galatians 1:18

5 – Acts 19:10; 20:31

6 – Acts chapters 23-28

7 – Ephesians 4:12

8 – Ephesians 4:13

9 – 1 Corinthians 3:2

10 – Galatians 4:19

11 – Philippians 1:6 (AMP)

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Our old nature gets in the way of the new nature, so our spirit-man can't ascend to be the dominant component of our being. This battle for supremacy is the arena where the enemy works to stifle the Kingdom's manifestation in us.

Here are the reasons we are not perfect Sons of God as soon as we are 'born again':

1. Poor faith level
2. Carrying 'baggage' – hurts
3. Dominance of the 'flesh'
4. Preference to operate out of the soul and the mind
5. Believing old, outdated paradigms
6. Old beliefs remaining entrenched
7. Attraction of religion
8. Submission to legalism

TD Jakes teaches on the process of maturity in his YouTube video “TD JAKES 2017 - #Start deleting distractions, so you can focus!”¹³

Here are the points TD Jakes makes:¹⁴

- God will only promote you to your tolerance of pain.
- Progress is required to attain the promises.
- Maturity is required for Kingdom management.
- Don't measure where you are and what you're doing against what God has given others to do.
- Be a David not Saul. Work within the skin you're in and play with the cards you've been dealt with.
- Stop trying to measure up to others people's expectations. Focus on what the Trinity wants you to do.
- Don't be illegitimately placed in your role. Plan to be a great sergeant rather than a poor general because only excellence glorifies God.
- Do what God has called you to do. Nothing more and nothing less. That's what you're responsible for.
- Find and operate within your own measure.
- Operate where it's fulfilling for you and where you get 'life'.
- Don't stop me because you're tired. Just because you're tired doesn't mean I have to stop.
- You're only effective when you're authentic.
- Master where you are or the tasks you've been assigned.
- You'll reap what you sow in regards to your life. You can't make more withdrawals then you make deposits or you'll bankrupt whatever it is that requires investment.
- You'll be required to kill the bear and the lion prior to promotion to take on your goliaths.
- If you're tired running with short legged humans then why are you signing up to get into a horse race.¹⁵
- Don't ask for more if you haven't mastered where you are because he who is faithful in little will be faithful in much.
- In order for you to become great at something you have to give yourself to it.
- The reason you're not getting the promotion is because you haven't paid the full price of mastery – fully invested in the process. So practice.
- Those of us who are on a journey towards our destiny need to be patient with the process.
- Desire to work on what's required today more than your destiny.
- Don't compete with the trees if you're an acorn that hasn't gone through the process of becoming a tree. Water where you are.
- Until you are faithful over the few, stop wanting to rule over the many.

13 – youtu.be/_otlZEXBV9o

14 – Points supplied by José

15 – Jeremiah 12:5

- Your future is kin to your past. So observe what you're drawn to.
- Laurence has been a teacher and now he's a teacher on a different level.
- You need to hang around people who see the oak tree in your nut (acorn).
- Destiny will bring the tree out of your nut.
- Most of us are not the nut we use to be, but we're still not the tree we need to be.
- After maturing as a fruitful tree you then have to find out where you fit into the forest.
- Full potential requires the full price payment of practice.
- Don't confuse rehearsal with recital. In other words don't expect the same reaction from people (outcomes) of a recital (being productive) while you're rehearsing (practising).
- Don't despise the day of small beginnings because if you remain faithful with the practice you'll become a master of your gift
- Become excellent at your level.
- If you survive where you are right now and the levels to come, you'll experience your full potential because it's in you.
- The horses and the fruitful trees are the maestros.
- Whether you're in the rehearsal stage, the recital stage or the orchestral, stay faithful to the process.

There is no evidence in the NT that any New Covenant believer instantly operated in the fullness that is available to the Sons of God – not even the 12 Apostles. I don't know of any in history who did so, since the 1st Century. Consequently, we must desire the fullness that is ours and press into it, enjoying the process that our Beloved takes us through to get us as far as we can down that track.

NOTE: Apostolic people are essential for the saints to know their gifts and skills and to release them into their destinies.

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0:00-7:10 – ADHD in the believer's lives

7:10-12:05 – Bragging

12:05-17:40 – Measure

17:40-20:40 – Mastery

20:40-24:40 – Destiny

24:40-30:34 – Promotion

30:34-35:40 – Focus

35:40-44:23 – Everything you'll ever be is already inside of you (acorn and oak tree)

44:23-1:00:00 – Inspiration (piano playing example)