

“How” and “When”

Recently I presented some teaching¹ to an Apostolic Leadership group from Ed² Delph’s book “Church@Community”³. In his book he states that new revelations start with a ‘what’ (that which is being revealed) and this is followed by some ‘why’ issues. The revelation progresses to the ‘how’ stage which are the processes of bringing it to pass. This principle is illustrated in Proverbs 24:

Proverbs 24:3-4 (NKJV) – *“By wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established; and by knowledge the rooms are filled with all precious and pleasant riches”.*

The three components mentioned in this Proverbs text are knowledge, understanding, and wisdom.

- **Knowledge** is ‘what’,
- **Understanding** is ‘why’, &
- **Wisdom** is ‘how’.

Revelation starts with knowledge (‘what’), but then it is absolutely essential to understand the ‘why’ of the ‘what’. A shift occurs in the attitude of most people when they understand the ‘why’. It’s only at this point they are ready for the ‘how’ and this is where wisdom comes in. The proper application of knowledge via understanding can only come with wisdom. People who know the ‘how’ will move forward and the revelation will become a reality.

With Kingdom revelations, “the prophetic ‘seers’ excel in the ‘what’ and ‘why’ aspects, but are not as gifted in the ‘how’ aspects. That is why we need some apostolic wisdom in the how aspects.”⁴ This process could be described as a move from prophetic revelation to an apostolic reality. “The purpose of the apostolic is to build what has been revealed, or else the full potential of the revelation will never be realized.”⁵

This ‘How’ message was an eye-opener for me and its importance was cemented as a vital message for this new apostolic era when I received the following download while prophetically journaling. Obeying his voice was essential, but something had to be added to it to have us fully comply with the Lord’s wishes. We must ask him “how” and “when” he wants things done. This is known as ‘getting the Lord’s counsel on the matter’ which he had already moved me into.

“I’ve talked to you about compliance. Now I need to instil in you “how” you do things. This is the next step. Compliance to a revelation I give you is the start. How you implement that is critical in bringing the outcomes I desire. It all hinges on how you do it – your heart, your mind, your speed, your accuracy. It all fits into a mosaic of what the outcome (end product) will look like – how it functions or works. See, it’s not about just being obedient, it’s how we work together to bring about what I desire. You haven’t quite got that right so far, so I need to take you to this level for your own good. These are times when being obedient is not going to ‘cut the mustard’. The whole outcome – whether it succeeds or fails – often depends on the process you put in train to bring about what I’m after. This has eluded you because of your religious background of legalism. ‘Doing’ was the be-all and end-all. NO! There’s more to it than that. It’s ‘how’ you do it as well.

If we’re going to work as a team, everything has to be done my way, not yours. You may ‘feel’ good that you’ve done what I asked, but you’ve missed the mark if it’s not done ‘how’ I want it and when I want it. You understand this because that’s how you work with students in your classes. You want them to do things the way you set it out. I’m the same. Get the idea?

...It’s good you’ve come to the understanding through...the article on how, why and what. It’s given me the opportunity to work this through with you. I’m pleased with this progress. So now, let’s put it into motion. “How”, that’s the question you must now ask yourself and therefore consult me. We are counselling together now, so this progression in the way you are to do things is just that – the next step.”⁶

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1 – “what-why-how and apostles.pdf” (Laurence Smart)

2 – Ed is part of a movement that seeks for the church to transform the community in the vein of the 7-Mountain strategy message.

3 – Ed Delph (2005) “Church@Community”, Creation House: Lake Mary, Fl

4 – “Church@Community” p:3

5 – “Church@Community” p:3

6 – Part of a prophetic message received on 17-10-2014 (Laurence Smart)