## How Distractions Can Waste Your Time and Cause You to Fail in Your Kingdom Responsibilities

I've seen so many wasted lives. But, I'm not referring to non-believers with their hedonistic lifestyle, or the alcoholics and drug addicted. I'm referring to Christians. I used to be one of those who were "saved" but wasted most of my life doing my own thing or <u>doing what I though God wanted me to do</u>.

The type I'm thinking of at the moment are like I was, doing God a favour with their 'ministry'. I've seen them on the internet year after year, writing long articles pulling apart other believer's theology. Opposing sides even run conferences based on their own view of the Bible. What vitally important theology are their lives engrossed in? Biblical prophecy. That's looking at interpreting prophecy in the Bible using scripture verses which they frame their eschatology (i.e. end-time foreknowledge).

There are the Pre-Millennialists, Post-Millennialists, Amillennialists, Full-Preteristists, Partial-Preteristists, Historists, Futurists, Rapturists, etc., etc. They all debate each other, attack each other, all the time using up their life on Earth engaged in what they think is vitally important. I know, I used to be one of them.

What is it that 'drives' them in their foray into prophecy? Truth. They all think in their pride that they have the truth, a fallacy in Christendom that has divided God's people for 2,000 years. What do they do with this 'truth'? They fight to the death over it.

What's their source material for their warfare? The Bible.

But here's 'the rub': They fight over their <u>interpretation</u> of it, not over genuine spiritual truth. Did you get that? What comes into "the mind of man" is used by these Christians in what they assume is a spiritual battle. I'm reminded of the scripture that says: "nor have entered into the heart of man" because that's not from Heaven and it has no place in the Kingdom<sup>2</sup> – it's actually irrelevant. Here's Paul expounding on the fact that only the Spirit of God can reveal the things of God.

1 Corinthians 2:6-10 (NIV) – We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived" – the things God has prepared for those who love him – these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

You see, in the Kingdom, the principle is this: Jesus is the Truth. We know he told us that he was,<sup>4</sup> and also that Holy Spirit would lead us into all truth.<sup>5</sup>

This is now <u>my</u> prime directive. This is Heaven's truth that the Apostles were firm on and it's the way I now operate. My military action against religion is to see people freed from it and released into the reality, the freedom and liberty that life in the Kingdom brings. The truth <u>will</u> set us free,<sup>6</sup> and the ultimate truth resides in the Trinity, not our interpretation of ancient writings in the Bible, even if they gave inspiration to what's written there.

<sup>1 – 1</sup> Corinthians 2:9 (J.B. Phillips translation)

<sup>2 – &</sup>quot;A Check-up to See How Much You Are in the World System" canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/A-Check-up-to-See-How-much-You-Are-in-the-World-System.pdf

<sup>3 – 1</sup> Corinthians 2:9; Isaiah 64:4

<sup>4 –</sup> John 14:6

<sup>5 –</sup> John 16:13

<sup>6 –</sup> John 8:32

How did this transformation take place in me?

I was involved in the epic battle of Creation verses Evolution for quite some time. As a Christian scientist (a scientist who is a Christian) and science teacher, I used my training as a research scientist to present these truths: (1) Evolution is a theory, not a fact; and (2) Scientists in every facet of this theory disagree with each other. I wrote a textbook on it for homeschoolers and students, lectured on it and posted articles on my website.

I was busy doing 'God's work' and was passionate about it, because I was presenting the truth to those who would listen. It came as quite a surprise to me, one morning, when he told me, 'It's too late for the Creation-Evolution debate". I was stunned.

What did I do? I ceased immediately. I then allowed my King to tell me what he wanted me to do. It was pretty plain: Raise a Gideon army, and feeding them with real spiritual food so they can be released to do God's work. This set me on the path of listening to him and doing only what he said, <u>and</u> teaching only what he showed me and taught me. My focus became The Kingdom (his Kingdom), exactly the same as it was his focus when he was teaching on the Earth as Jesus of Nazareth.

I don't waste my life or my time any more on anything that is irrelevant to my role as a son. That includes where my focus is. Prophetically, I speak and teach what he gives me. I don't involve myself in biblical prophecy, especially biblical eschatology. However, I do try to point out to Christians that their many interpretations just prove that they haven't got God's mind on End Times. Prophecy is really hearing from God what he wants us to know about today and about the future. We don't have to dissect the Bible to do that. Our spiritual live and our 24/7 spiritual communication with Heaven supplies us with what's relevant.

This is how our lives in the Kingdom were meant to be. We're meant to be in intimate connection with Heaven while being their governors of the planet under their administration. As ambassadors of Heaven, our responsibility is to speak the mind of our sovereign to those we interact with. We can't do that if we don't know what's on his mind today – not what it was for his people 2,000 years or more ago.

Paul said to move on from the basic to the spiritual.<sup>7</sup> He used terms like childish.<sup>8</sup> The fundamentals of the kingdom we're supposed to know. Our job is to move forward to learn whatever our King wants us to know so we can function more accurately (rightly) in our sonship. The knowledge he wants us to have, he'll impart to us through his spirit. This is new revelation, not rehashing old knowledge or focussing on knowledge for knowledge sake that's unproductive for our role and functionality as sons.

1 Corinthians 2:10-3:3 (NIV) – The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. 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. The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, for, "Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ. Brothers and sisters, I could not address you as people who live by the Spirit but as people who are still worldly—mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere humans?

<sup>7 –</sup> Hebrews 6:1-3

<sup>8 - 1</sup> Corinthians 13:11 (NKJV)

<sup>9 –</sup> Or "Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual" (1 Corinthians 2:13)

<sup>10 – 1</sup> Corinthians 2:16; Isaiah 40:13

Most Christians stop at: "But we have the mind of Christ". They think, like I used to think, that now they are "saved" they have the truth on everything – it's in the Bible and it's taught from the pulpit, we are told. Well, here's a sobering statement by Paul from two English translations:

- **1 Corinthians 13:12** ( $TPT^{11}$ ) For now we see but a faint reflection of riddles and mysteries <sup>12</sup> as though reflected in a mirror, but one day we will see face-to-face <sup>13</sup>. <u>My understanding is incomplete now, but one day I will understand everything</u>, just as everything about me has been fully understood.
- **1 Corinthians 13:12** (AMPC<sup>14</sup>) For now we are looking in a mirror that gives only a dim (blurred) reflection [of reality as in a riddle or enigma], but then [when perfection comes] we shall see in reality and face to face! Now I know in part (imperfectly), but then I shall know and understand fully and clearly, even in the same manner as I have been fully and clearly known and understood [by God].

You see, not everything makes sense to us right now, but it will when we're in our transformed bodies after death. In the meantime, everything we need to know is supplied by the Spirit, any time we need it. We only have to ask and listen.

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<sup>11 –</sup> The Passion Translation

<sup>12 –</sup> i.e. "an enigma" (The Greek word ainigma used here is equal to our English word enigma)

<sup>13 –</sup> God speaking to us face-to-face like he did with Moses. (The Hebrew expression is "mouth-to-mouth")

<sup>14 –</sup> Amplified Bible, Classic Edition