

# Father Doesn't Use Protocols

*(This article is a summary of Mike Parsons' video teaching on the same topic.)<sup>1</sup>*

Jesus gave the Kingdom teaching that we are to love one another in the same way that he showed love to his disciples. That definitely means that all the rules and regulations that religion and legalism force on us don't align with that. Actually, the Kingdom is based on relationship, so any protocols, rules and regulations which are non-relational, don't belong in the Kingdom.

Father only operates relationally, so he desires to guide us, help us and give us insight and revelation. All that is to help us function as sons are expected to function and to assist us to walk with him on the journey of Kingdom and natural life. He doesn't do it by tying us down, restricting us or controlling us. Instead, he encourages us in everything.

He desires that we learn things, but not in a restrictive way, and that will happen through who we are. That means we shouldn't copy others and do things the way they do them, because that wouldn't be us – we wouldn't be ourselves. We can learn to do spiritual things, but we must learn to do things the way we can do them, or are shown by Father how to do them. That will result in each of us having our own ways of doing things spiritually, which are known as personal protocols. These type of rules are not non-relational because they relate to how we operate spiritually. Using these protocols, we still operate relationally with Father, it's just that the protocols help us to be successful, our way. For example, we can all have our own method (protocol) of coming into his presence, which is a way that works for each of us. It's just like following the rules of music so we can play a song.

The reality is this: We don't actually need to function through protocols. That's because Heaven doesn't use them, despite what religion has taught us.

When we visit Heaven, we don't have to do things a certain way, we just need to find ways that work for us. The reason they work is because they're specifically designed to help us achieve, not to restrict us. We can learn how to legislate or to engage with beings there, but those learned ways are not Heaven's protocols that everyone needs to follow to be successful. Those are ways that we find are helpful guides for us, they're not prescriptive in that they must only be done one way.

Father arranges ways for each of us to operate because we're in relationship with him. He tailors things for us individually and that's part of his creative nature and of our individual differences. That means we can't be prescriptive that everything needs to be done a certain way, and no other way. That's a cause-&-effect mindset that we've learnt in our natural life which doesn't apply in the spirit realm.

We mustn't get caught up with the thinking that if we do something the way someone tells us, we'll get the result we expected. That's not relationship. Father wants us to enjoy our relationship with him so he can assist us in becoming who he created each of us to be. We don't need to work things out for yourselves, because Father wants to teach and train us, as he's a very loving father.

So, there aren't protocols that function in a restrictive way. They're in place for our individual guidance, not as legalistic rules that must be followed by everyone for success. What Father wants is for us to walk with him all day, every day, being close to him (preferably in oneness) and he'll get us to the right place. We'll learn what we need to learn along the way because we both desire relationship not rules, regulations and protocols.

When we engage with Father, we mustn't think of protocols, just think relationship. Then we can say like Jesus of Nazareth, "I'm only going to do what I see Father doing". That's how it works through oneness. He's going to show us what he's doing, one way or another. If he doesn't show us anything, then we just continue to enjoy being ourselves with him, in our sonship. That's a much more restful and relaxing way to live, because we're not driven to perform or keep to rules and regulations.

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1 – Mike Parsons (7-7-2023) "God doesn't use protocols" [www.youtube.com/watch?v=topi6TcQqI8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=topi6TcQqI8)

Father operates through ways of righteousness,<sup>2</sup> which is one of the things he's been training us in for quite some time now – it's all about righteousness (i.e. what he deems is right<sup>3</sup>). The way of righteousness is the way of blessing, and we're blessed so we can bless others. That's unconditional love in action, because love is the basis of everything in the Kingdom.

Operating righteously and lovingly means we won't put protocols or rules or regulations on other people. Father doesn't put them on us, because he loves us. He loves us too much to control us or to regulate us in any restrictive way. His desire is to grow us and increase us, so we should enjoy growing and maturing, and who we really are. He always wants to bless us, not to load us down with rules and regulations of 'red tape'. He's not a bureaucrat, he's a perfect dad and he wants us to enjoy being with him.



I've personally experienced the need to have my own methods while I was working with people who are demonically 'influenced'. That was some 40 years ago, when I subscribed to deliverance ministry, in my early Charismatic years. One pastor told me that he'd had success in assisting those affected by night demons by leaving a Bible open at the bedside during the night. When I tried it, I never had success on the occasions I suggested it to others. What I did was to follow a technique (protocol) that others found successful, but it was not right for me.

One perfect example of this was the attempt of my wife and myself, in about 1987, to release a new Christian from demon possession. We tried prayer and all the methods that other's used, but all we got was the demon speaking to us – no expulsion. The demon eventually left after 4 days of effort when my wife put on some Christian music<sup>4</sup> while she was doing the ironing. The person was sitting 'dazed' in the lounge chair next to her and began to sign with hand movements to the song. She came to herself and was delivered at that time. It wasn't what we expected, but it was the means that Father used for the person's release – it wasn't a common protocol.

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2 – “Be Righteous” (24-1-2023) [canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Be-Righteous.pdf](http://canberraforerunners.org/wp-content/uploads/Be-Righteous.pdf)

3 – **NOTE:** The only things that are genuinely righteous are those thoughts, actions and speech which align with the King – what he wants and approves. Righteousness is not a legal category in the Kingdom, but one of alignment. That means good things can be unrighteous, so aligning with him and his heart and mind is probably more important than any of us fully realise.

4 – A John Starnes audio tape