

LESSONS FROM RICK JOYNER'S BOOK "THE FINAL QUEST"

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Recap of previous lesson (Wisdom & The Prerequisite)

1. Wisdom is the principal thing; all things one may desire cannot be compared with her (Proverbs 4:7, 8:11). Therefore we need to pursue wisdom above every other thing.
2. Wisdom is the primary gift that God gives us for our work.
3. Wisdom is a Person – the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 1:30), who can choose to manifest in any form: as an angel, as a person we know, or as a stranger
4. He can speak through anybody including 'babes', the base and the lowly.
5. Because wisdom is the Person of Jesus, we attain wisdom first and foremost by seeking Jesus; and secondly by being humble enough to recognize Him in any form He chooses to come.

Today's Topic: BALANCED LIVING

Wisdom speaking: "It is wisdom to love . . . It is also wisdom to behold the kindness and severity of God. It is wisdom to love Him and to fear Him. You are in deception if you do otherwise."

"Just as there is a time to plant and a time to reap," Wisdom continued, "There are times to adore the Lord, and there are times to honor Him with the greatest fear and respect. It is wisdom to know that time for each. True wisdom knows the times and seasons of God. I brought you here because it was time to worship the Lord in the glory of His love. This is what you needed the most after such a battle. I am now taking you to another place because it is time for you to worship Him in the fear of His judgment. Until you know both, there is a danger that we can be separated from each other."

"Do you mean that if I had stayed back there in that glorious worship I would have lost you?" I asked in disbelief?

"Yes. I would have always visited with you when I could, but we would have rarely crossed paths. Although it is hard to leave such glory and peace, that is not the whole revelation of the King. He is both a Lion and a Lamb. To the spiritual children, He is the Lamb. To the maturing, He is a Lion. To the fully mature, He is both the Lion and the Lion"

We need balance in doctrine, life and personality. We need to know both sides of the coin

1. Balanced personality of God
Romans 11:22
Love + Fear, Rewards + Judgment/discipline
2. (Needed) balanced personality of man

- a) Barnabas: Son of encouragement/comfort = lover of people
- b) Paul: Principled
Clash of personalities over John Mark: Acts 15:36-40
- c) Paul probably became balanced: 2 Timothy 4:9-11

The young Paul, who had no family, could not handle Mark. Barnabas is said to have had a family, so he was a better 'father'. The old Paul could now handle Timothy.

- 3. Knowledge Vs. Humility & Love
Matthew 10:16
Unclean food and that sacrificed to idols (Romans 14:14, 15 and 1 Corinthians 8:13)
- 4. Praying in tongues Vs. Praying with understanding/silent prayer
1 Corinthians 14:15
- 5. Worship Vs. Prayer
David was both a worshipper and a warrior
- 6. Prophetic experiences Vs. The written Word
- 7. Spiritual Life Vs. Natural Life
 - Work Vs. Rest/Recreation/Family
 - Giving Vs. Personal enjoyment
- 8. Boldness Vs. Caution
Psalms 32:9
 - a) Idiom: Fools rush in where angels fear to tread. The phrase alludes to inexperienced people attempting things that more experienced people avoid
 - b) Idiom: Fortune favors the bold or strong

The young are like the engine of a ship, the old are like the steering wheel.

- 9. Intellectual Vs. Emotional
- 10. Introvert Vs. Extrovert

Keys to a balanced living

- 1. Growth and experience. Utilize feedback and criticism
- 2. Prayer: "God grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change; courage to change the things that can; and wisdom to know the difference."

NB: Gifts are not to be changed, but get a counterbalance.