

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

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### Recap of the previous lesson (The Holy Spirit & Power)

- 1) The power of God, just like any other power, can corrupt us
- 2) We need the Holy Spirit to guide us in the proper use of God's power
- 3) The more control the Spirit has over us, the better-off we are. Therefore, we need to be filled with the Spirit.
- 4) We get filled with the Spirit when we speak in psalms, hymns, spiritual songs; when we make melody in our hearts; and when we give thanks to God in the name of Jesus Christ.

### Today's Topic: CHANGING HEARTS & LIVES

Proverbs 4:23

Mark 7:21-23 (The heart of the human problem is the problem of the human heart; Cf. James 4:1-2)

Jeremiah 17:9-10

Matthew 5:13-16

Philippians 2:14-15

John 6:63

(71:2-...) *As I pondered this, he (Paul) watched me closely. Then he continued, "There are two things we attained in our time that were lost very quickly by the church. They have not yet been recovered, but you must recover them."*

*"What are they?" I inquired, feeling that what he was about to say was more than just an addendum to what he had already shared with me.*

*"You must recover the ministry and the message," he said emphatically.*

*I looked at the Lord, and He nodded His affirmation, adding, "It is right that Paul should say this to you. Until this time he has been the most faithful with both of these."*

*"Please explain," I implored Paul.*

*"All right," he replied. "Except for a few places in the world where there are great persecutions or difficulties, we can hardly recognize either the ministry or the message that is being preached today. Therefore, the church is now but a phantom of what it was even in our time, and we were far from all we were called to be. When we served, being in ministry was the greatest sacrifice that one could make, and this reflected the message of the greatest sacrifice that was made—the cross. (1 Corinthians 1:18)*

*"The cross is the power of God, and it is the center of all we are called to live by. You now have so little power to transform the minds and hearts of believers because you do not live or preach the cross.*

*(Matthew 16:24-25; Galatians 2:20) Therefore, we have difficulty seeing much difference between the*

*church and the heathen. That is not the gospel or the salvation that we were entrusted with. You must return to the cross."*

*(52:4) If you preach the greatest truths but do not live them, you are only the greatest hypocrite and the most tormented soul."*

*(52:8) "Do not try to teach others to do what you, yourself, are not doing."*

*(John 6:63)*