

## Message 5: Doing Everything according to the Leading, Working, and Speaking of the Spirit, Honoring the Lord as the Head of the Body for His Unique Move, and Being Balanced by the Body to Be Kept in Its Unique Oneness

HOW DO WE COOPERATE IN THE LORD'S MOVE? (NEED TO BE ENLIGHTENED ON THREE ASPECTS)

### I. **Must be according to the leading of the Spirit**

Everything we do must be according to the leading, working, and speaking of the Spirit; it would become a religion if it has nothing to do with the Spirit.

- A. **Pray in one accord through the Spirit:** At the beginning of Acts, the one hundred twenty prayed again and again for ten days; their prayer was absolutely in the Spirit—[Acts 1:14](#).
- B. **Live and Work with the out-pouring Spirit:** Then, the Spirit was poured out upon them; from that time onward, whatever they did, they went were utterly matters in the Spirit:
  - Peter – On the day of Pentecost Peter was filled with the Spirit. He was again filled with the Holy Spirit in Acts 4—[Acts 2:2-4; 4:8](#).
  - Stephen – Stephen also was a man filled with the Holy Spirit. No one was able to withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke—[Acts 6:5, 10](#).
  - Philip – He did not determine to do this preaching; when the Spirit told him to join the Ethiopian in the chariot, Philip ran to him—[Acts 8:29-30](#).

### II. **To discern the move in the Spirit, but not a move in religion.**

We are not in a movement but in the living move of the Holy Spirit: (*without the Spirit, it is the move in religion.*)

- A. **Being saturated with the Spirit and one with the Spirit:** We must be impressed that the Spirit must take the lead, the Spirit must do the work, the Spirit must do the speaking, and the Spirit must even do our living:
  - We must be those who are absolutely saturated with the Spirit and absolutely one with the Spirit; if so, whatever we work is the Spirit's working.
  - In the book of Acts everything that took place in the book of Acts was according to the living Spirit; nothing took place according to man-made decisions.
- B. **Sent by the Spirit to work:** In Acts 13 they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me now Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them".
  - This was absolutely a move by the Spirit, in the Spirit, and with the Spirit through the coordination of the faithful and seeking members of the Body of Christ on the earth with the Head in the heavens.
- C. **The move of the living person of Jesus:** In the book of Acts there is nothing of a movement; there is just the living move of the living person of Jesus, and this living person is the Holy Spirit:
  - There was no human discussion or decision; rather, there was the move of the living person, the Holy Spirit; the one who was filled with the Spirit did the speaking—[Acts 13: 9](#).
- D. **When God moves on the earth, the Holy Spirit is the head of the church:** The only conference in the book of Acts took place in chapter 15:28 "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us"—[Acts 15:28](#)
  - The conference had no chairman; the presiding One was the Spirit, who is the pneumatic Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of all—[Col 1:18](#).
  - The headquarters of God's move in His New Testament economy is in the heaven, and the one who rules over all the churches is Christ, the Head of the church—[Rev 4:2; Col 1:18](#).

**PREFACE:** When we bear the ultimate burden in God's ultimate move, we need to be enlightened, revealed, exposed, and killed of ourselves on three aspects.

**BURDEN:** The burden of this message is that every one in the Lord's recovery would see the Spirit and the Body of Christ. If we care for the Body of Christ, we must care for the proper and genuine oneness. The Body of Christ is in oneness. Whenever we talk about the Body of Christ, we need to realize the Body of Christ is unique. The Body of Christ is not only one locally, but also one universally. We cannot tolerate anything which would cause division. We should not only care for the oneness on our location, but the oneness on the entire earth. We need to avoid anything from the division among saints and churches. We only care for the Lord's recovery. The Lord's recovery is thoroughly the matter of the Spirit and unique oneness of the Body of Christ. May the Lord dispense His mercy and grace into us to keep us in His recovery!

### III. Honor the Lord as the Head of the Body: We must honor the Lord as the Head of the Body for His unique move:

- A. **No suggestion nor instructions:** We should not make suggestions to others or give instructions to them; none of us is qualified to do this.
- B. **Jesus is the Lord and we are not:** We are not the Lord; only the Lord Jesus is the Lord of the harvest; He is the Master and Head of the Body. We must honor Him—[Luke 10:2](#).
- C. **Pray, fast and wait on the Lord:** Many times we have made decisions for others and have given instructions to them, but instead, we must pray, fast, and wait on the Lord.
- D. **Should ask the Lord what You want me to do:** Lord, I am waiting on You; I want to know Your will and Your heart; what do You want the churches to do?
- E. **Only He is the unique leader:** otherwise, we will insult the Lord, the headship is assigned solely to Christ; only He has the headship, and only He is the unique Leader—[Eph. 1:10,22](#) [1Cor. 11:3](#).
- F. **Be careful of not losing the Lord's presence:** Traditional Christianity has lost the Lord's presence because many of those in Christianity have made themselves the Lord of the harvest, the masters of the work; we must not repeat this tragedy—[2 Cor. 2:12-17](#).
- G. **Be careful of not turning the move into a movement:** Although the Lord has burdened us to go out to preach the gospel of the kingdom to the whole inhabited earth, we must not turn this into a movement—[Matt. 24:14](#):
  - This is the Lord's recovery, not a repetition of the pitiful history of Christianity; do not take orders from anyone, and do not give orders to anyone; go to the Lord and pray; this is the proper way.

### IV. To receive the balance by the Body: For the Lord's move we also need to be balanced by the Body:

- A. **Share the burden with the saints through fellowship, after prayers:** if the leading ones, after much prayer, are truly burdened about a matter, should pass on to the saints through fellowship and ask the saints to pray.
- B. **The saints move under the personal leading from the Lord:** Eventually, the saints will receive a personal leading from the Lord, and they may move accordingly;
- C. **Check if the *leading* corresponds with the feeling of the Body:** The Spirit and the Body keep us in balance; we need to check whether or not the leading we have from the Lord corresponds to the feeling of the Body.
- D. **Encourage saints to pray thoroughly when it concerns a move:** The leading ones may say, "Saints, some of you may need to move to a certain city; we ask you to pray thoroughly about this matter."
- E. **Take the burden when led by the Lord to move to the place:** Eventually, some may be burdened by the Lord and led by Him to go to a certain place.
- F. **Prayer and fellowship give clarity of the Lord's leading:** Fellowship follows prayer; after we have had prayer and fellowship, then we will be clear regarding the Lord's leading.
- G. **We would be shaken during afflictions if there is no prior prayer and fellowship:** If we do not pray and have fellowship with others, we will be shaken when the tests, afflictions, and persecutions come.
- H. **Never regret if we were led by the Lord** If we have the assurance that the Lord sent us there, then we will never regret our move—[Col. 2:19](#).
- I. **Have the assurance and be strengthened with the Lord's authority:** We will be ready to die there; we will not only have the assurance but also be strengthened and endued with the Lord's authority.

### V. To care for The Spirit and the Body in the church life and be kept in the unique oneness: In the churches and with the saints we must care for two elements—the Spirit and the Body:

- A. **"Is this the Spirit and for the Body?":** We must ask, "Is this the Spirit?" and "Is this for the Body, or does this cause division?"—[Eph. 4:3 -4](#).
- B. **Be certain that we are in the Spirit and take care of the oneness of the Body:** We must be certain that what we are doing is in the Spirit and that it takes care of the unique oneness of the Body of Christ.
- C. **Be kept in the Lord's recovery:** being in the Spirit and in the unique oneness of the Body is to be kept in the Lord's recovery.

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[Acts 1:14] These all continued steadfastly with one accord in prayer,
- B. Live and Work with the out-pouring Spirit:
  - Peter [Acts 2:4] And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak
  - Stephen [Acts 6:10] Yet they were not able to withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke.
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[1 Cor. 12:13] For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body... were all given to Drink one Spirit
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#### \* Conclusion

### V. In summary, to care for The Spirit and the Body in the church life and be kept in the unique oneness:

- A. "Is this the Spirit and for the Body?"
- B. Be certain that we are in the Spirit and take care of the oneness of the Bod . [Eph 4:3-4] keep oneness of the Spirit....One Body and one Spirit,
- C. Be kept in the Lord's recovery. [Col 2:19] And not holding the Head, out from whom all the Body, being richly supplied and knit together by means of the joints and sinews, grows with the growth of God.

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[Luke 10:2] The harvest is great, but the workers few; therefore, beseech the Lord of the harvest that He would thrust out workers into His harvest.
- C. Pray, fast and wait on the Lord
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[Eph. 1:10] to head up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens and the things on the earth, in Him
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