

DISCERNMENT AS A PROPHETIC PEOPLE

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REVELATION

StL = a prophetic community

Lives that speak of the love of God and the reality of the gospel are
Prophetic

Proverbs 28.1b

"... the righteous are as bold as a lion!

Leadership try to do everything from revelation

true for all of us all the time?

Need to up our game with relation to discernment

Where does it come from?

SOURCE

What does it mean?

APPLICATION

Information (*revelation*) without application (*action*) leads to frustration (*rebellion*)

Discernment is about an ever increasing sensitivity the Holy Spirit and all His works

Higher and deeper consecration - releasing of what is already within

CULTURE OF PRESENCE & ENCOURAGEMENT

- Love unconditional
- Faith expectance not RISK but SURE Hebrews 11.1
No to fear - no fig leaf mindsets Genesis 3.6-7
- Safety covering, protection
Ok to be wrong
Broken vessels
- Worship & Intimacy
Cultivate His presence - prioritise worship
Rest in His presence
- Radical rooted and reality opposite of 2 Timothy 3.5
- Relationship no mavericks
All in the body
Honour 1 John 4.7
No Entitlements
- Unity relish the team
Army is part of your armour - not a straitjacket. Celebrate it don't attack it

SENSES & REVELATION

You can move from B&W to Technicolour and HD etc

Step into the fulness of discernment - surrender life, control, decisions, senses, thoughts, actions.

All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give.

We are trichotomous - body, soul & spirit but they are not separated that clearly. We artificially separate them to help us understand but they are one in reality, not compartmentalised, else we are wandering into gnostic heresy

KNOWING

Not just ginosko (head & experience of life) but oide (intuitive, revealed and experienced in the moment)

Knowing in your KNOWER - resonance - we have the mind of Christ

Beware SARX (flesh) but trust Jesus indwelling by the Holy Spirit

SURRENDERED HEART

As we practise connecting with the Lord He activates what He has placed in us - operate in the supernatural with all our senses.

Setting up properly - don't be naive but be confident

SURRENDERED SENSES

Intentional bring your senses to God and live in the spiritual as you live in the earthly

- EYES of your heart HSp listens to Father and communicates to us
We can see and we can SEE
- FEEL in the Heart Proverbs 4.23 - intuitive thoughts inspired by the Spirit
- TASTE in the Spirit physical sensation that is a spiritual reality - IRON/BLOOD
Psalms 34.8; 119.103; Job 6.30; Song of Songs 2.3; Jeremiah 1.9
- SMELL in the Spirit Aroma of Christ 2 Corinthians 2.14
Smell the addictions
Fragrance of heaven Docklands 1990
- Renewed MIND Throw out worldly thinking not thinking!!!! Know the Word
Divine Intelligence

Don't get stuck on one channel - the Lord broadcasts on them all

TESTING THE SPIRITS - SEEING THE DEMONIC

ASK ASK

Good questions Should I evangelise my friend? YES!!!!!! DO NOT NEED TO ASK
How should I evangelise? What is stopping her coming to faith? GOOD

SOURCE - GOD OR SATAN/FLESH

GOOD

Exalts God/Jesus

Aligns with Scripture

Stands the test of time

Holiness is advocated

Biblical belief

Values community

Values humility

EVIL

Exalts a person

Contradicts Scripture / meaning of Scripture

Rushes to quick fix

Worldliness is advocated

Twisted to fit the system

Advocates isolationism and individualism

Advocates Elitism

BEWARE CHRISTIAN WITCHCRAFT

Jeremiah 23.16-22

- Fear - getting it wrong, looking stupid, judged by others
- Filters

Turkana - claw hold

Ermintrude

Tam 'o' Shanter

- Agenda
- Messiah complex
- Forcing the revelation

ENEMY SCHEMES

You can see in the heavenlies - The Lord shows us what we need to know

Demonic Presences strongholds atmosphere strategies La Marie/Wedding

- Jezebel
- Ahab
- Athaliah
- Python
- Leviathan etc etc

TESTING FOR OBEDIENCE & ACTION

Discernment - Gk = diakrisis - distinguish, recognise, define, categorise, separate one thing from another

- Scripture
- Ask for further revelation wisdom = accumulation of revelation
James 1.5-8
Command of He tells you to and intercede if He tells you to.
If it is Biblical promise then command it - if it is less obviously stated then ASK
- Counsel of the Saints Proverbs 11.14; 15.10, 32
- Cultural filters in a good way
- Resonance
- Obedience to the Word, the word and the words

NB.

- Compressed time - wait and ask, don't force AND do not be passive
- K.I.S.S
- All governed by love
- No to people pleasing / stroking / NICE
- No to prophetic dictionaries - e.g. colour red
- HUMILITY

Picture from Elders

a sword being LIFTED from a sheath

it is immaculate, like new

UNSTAINED - UNDAMAGED - as if not been used in battle before

QUESTION What do we need to see more about this sword

We are moving to new levels of warfare and opposition and so we will encounter new devils. THEREFORE we need new strategies and plans - though we have been given everything we need. On first reading the Sword must be the Sword of the Spirit (Ephesians 6), the word of God.

BUT ...

Sword is too big, too heavy for one person to lift - WE stand in obedience and it does its job (Eph 6 again) Because it is not just the word of God but is THE WORD OF GOD - i.e. JESUS.

He is sovereign and we do not wield Him, we are obedient to Him - that is why the sword knows what to do and it carries its own power and is sufficient in and of itself.

The STANDS UP on the throne - the throne of individuals' and churches' hearts. This is the restoration of the thrones in people's hearts (see 2012 Word) and so idols need to be desecrated and torn down.

The Sword puts down resistance and rebellion - it exudes righteous anger (like Jesus in the Temple with the money changers and StL kicking down the tables at last Weekend Away) If we were to wield it, it would not be righteous but sinful. Only Jesus can do this without sin.

The Sword will cut the Gordian Knot - slicing through the unsolvable problems and hindrances.

Hebrews 4.12

Sword attacks and cuts through - not defensive but on the attack

It is not NICE - we must stop confusing loving with being NICE!!!

The sword will be blooded, it will not deviate.

ANYTHING / ANYONE coming against it (against Jesus - i.e. agreeing with the ANTICHRIST) WILL GET STRUCK DOWN. Those opposed to it will not see it coming - they will see only their own reflection - making God in their own image - in the immaculate blade and so do not see impending judgement.

We need to inhabit the truth and the space of our identity. As leaders, as believers, do we believe that the Lord has given us the place around us and that we have authority here - i.e. Chesham Bois. We are GIANTS in the heavenly realms and angels surround us for our protection.

We declare the reality of Jesus and His Kingdom over the Parish and every element of the Parish - this is the VICTORY that brings the PEACE (Shalom) of God into all circumstances. God is our shelter and protection Psalm 46.

We MUST take off our MASKS and disguises - they do not protect us, in fact they mask the full reality of the people of God. Be who you are designed to be - INHABIT the space He has given, incrdom in our place and see the SWORD of the SPIRIT, the incarnate Word of God - Jesus - rise up and cut through - bloodying all in its path so that His will be done and His Kingdom come to His glory.

AMEN and AMEN. Come Lord Jesus Come and take your place in my heart, our hearts, St Leonard's and in Chesham Bois.