

The Bible is a book that records what God has done, what God has said and what will be. So as a Christian, a believer we must choose on purpose to make God and His Word the final authority in our lives.

In the days that we live one of the things that is on the rise is identity theft. We as Christians, have received the gift of eternal life and have been made new creations (II Cor. 5:17) and have a new identity in Jesus. Be on guard and do not let anyone, especially the devil take from us or try and convince us that we are someone different than what God has said.

OK, let's build a simple foundation from God's Word. II Cor. 1:20 says that the promises of God are yea and amen. Which simply means God says what He has promised is YES and AMEN, translated, YES, SO BE IT. Using this one verse alone should give us enough foundation to stand strong in faith that what God has promised is a done deal. But alas, we must need more proof because too many of the body of Christ are still caught living between the promise and the manifestation of the promise.

II Pet 1:3, God has (past tense) given unto us all things that pertain to life and godliness, and given us exceeding great and precious promises, that by these (promises) we might be partakers (receivers) of the divine nature. All right then, if God in His love and mercy has already given unto us everything that we need and could possibly imagine, then we must have not understood how we get from the promise to the manifestation. So we get caught in the middle somewhere struggling to believe and not really walking in the victory He intended for us to have.

Let's back up a little, to the Garden of Eden. (Gen 3:8) God came down in the cool of the evening and talked with Adam and Eve, but this day they were not out waiting on Him. So God called out, Adam where are you. Adam hiding amongst the trees responded, we hid ourselves because we are naked. God said how do you know you are naked? Satan had come along and through deception and lies convinced Eve to eat from the forbidden tree. As a result she and Adam lost their identity, or better said, they lost their position, (and all the blessings) God had given. We must understand that God had set them in this place, just like God has set you and I in a place in Him. We have been given a place of authority, a place of responsibility, a place of inheritance in Christ. We must not allow the devil, others and/or ourselves, situations or circumstances to talk or move us out of that wonderful, victorious place. I believe this is the number one way the devil causes us havoc is to get us by hook or crook to move from our place in God.

Let me give you an easy example of moving from our position, our identity in God. If I ask you the question, are you saved, your answer would be a quick and positive, yes. But if I ask you the question are you a saint, a child of God, are you healed, delivered, are you free from bondage? Would your answer be a quick and positive, yes? I would pray that this is the case but I have found that many do not walk in the full victory of the Word of God in every situation or circumstance. If the devil with his strategies can get you and I to move from our position in God then he can cause us to lose our faith grip on the promise. How can this be you ask, simply, we move from faith into a position of doubt. We receive the promises of God by faith; this is a spiritual position. If we move back into the natural or the flesh and begin to think about or entertain the time factor or other influences in the natural we can begin to doubt the manifestation of the promise. We begin to wonder if it will ever happen.

The thoughts come, I have been waiting for so long. I have been standing in faith for all this time, when will God move, will God really move.

The other area that causes us to move out of position in God, is our mouth. The words that we speak about the promise(s) that we have been given are very important to us and to God. Take a look at Ezekiel 37, here we find God taking Ezekiel into a valley of dry bones. And God asks him, can these bones live, Ezekiel replies, only you know. In verse 4 we find a key to daily walking in the position and in the victory that God desires for us. "God said prophesy and say to the dry bones, Hear the Word of the Lord." We all have dry places in our lives. Places where the moisture had dried up, where the life flow has waned. These dry places must be told, HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD. We must speak God's word over every area of our lives, daily. Most importantly, in the area of the promises God has given. Speak those promises, speak those prophecies, speak those revelations received in prayer and study. Tell yourself, spirit, soul and body, HERE THE WORD OF THE LORD. I have the promise now!

Remember the Word of God must be the final authority. We must speak the Word in every trial, every trouble, or circumstance we find ourselves. The Word of God clearly states who we are in Christ. God has set us in position of sonship, and covenant that will not change. We must never let any internal or external force move us from that place.

When we allow ourselves to accommodate, tolerate unbelief in our lives it hinders the promises of God. When we lose our belief in the promise, then we no longer expect the manifestation.

Mark 11:24 states, "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive [them], and ye shall have [them]" (kjv)

God gives us a promise; we receive the promise and the manifestation of the promise at the same time, at the point of faith. This means that there is no time in the spirit between the promise and the manifestation. We already have what God has said. Bringing the promise into being in the flesh or the natural world is done by standing in faith, in our position, not seeing time or distraction, but receiving what God said right now in its fullness.

God is faithful to watch over His Word and to bring it to pass. As we continue to speak forth the Word of God, standing strong in faith, nothing wavering, not moving one-inch from where God intended, we then live in the place of promise, the place of manifestation.

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