FaithBook:

The Inception of Discipline

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But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world. 1 Corinthians 11:32



Keeping the Faith of Christ in the Community of Believers.

(Revelations 14:12)

This FaithBook, written by the FaithCampaigner is designed to bring to our knowledge the mysteries of discipline. And through the help of the HolySpirit, we will get to know the essence and the relationship, between man and the intent of God's discipline.

"So hold on through your sufferings, because they are like a father's discipline. God is treating you as children. All children are disciplined by their fathers. If you are never disciplined (and every child must be disciplined), you are not true children. We have all had fathers here on earth who disciplined us, and we respected them. So it is even more important that we accept discipline from the Father of our spirits so we will have life. Our fathers on earth disciplined us for a short time in the way they thought was best. But God disciplines us to help us, so we can become holy as he is."

Hebrews 12:7-10

This FaithBook holds 10 chapters of enlightenment, linked together to bring the knowledge of God to every believer in Christ.

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Introduction To Discipline

In Hebrew, the Word **discipline** is called "**mûsâr"**

Definition: Properly chastisement; figuratively {reproof} warning or **instruction**; also **restraint**: - {bond} **chastening** ({[-eth]}) {chastisement} {check} {**correction**} {discipline} {**doctrine**} {**instruction**} rebuke.

Whoever loves **instruction** and **discipline** loves knowledge, But he who hates reproof and **correction** is stupid.

Proverbs 12:1

From the beginning, God's instructions to Man was an enigma of **discipline**. God intended for Man to grow and advance in life, that's why Instructions came. God's instructions to Adam was a coalition of specific

rules and obligation (Responsibilities), which was meant to instigate the act of discipline in man. The design for humanity was hinged on every of their experience with divinity. Every experience (visitation) is an opportunity to be instructed. So, for Adam to fulfill his designed purpose on earth, he has to look up to divinity for guidance, and that was the essence of God's visitation.

The Inception of Discipline was meant to guide us to fulfilling God's purpose in life. This guidance depends on our ability to accept, obey and follow process. People find it difficult to walk in process, because they are in a haste (Read Proverb 28:20).

A child succumbs to his father's discipline, when the child has respect for the father. Respect is the symbol of fear, that's what it

means to have the fear of God. No matter how it seems, the truth depends on how much the child values the father's instructions.

This value shows your response to obedience. Obedience is not a function of Questioning Instruction but following instruction. A king doesn't pass a decree twice, therefore nobody can question his words. When people lack the understanding of the fear of God, it is difficult for them to obey God. So we see, that rather than they following the Kings instruction (decree), they are more eager to question the words of the king.

But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

Titus 3:9

A Follower

Man in the beginning was begiled as a result of ignorance to instructions. You can't claim to be a follower and ignore instructions.

A follower is one who decides to commit to a leader not minding the outcome. A follower is one who sees the value of the leader's words. A follower is one who doesn't criticize his leader. A follower is one who believes in the integrity of his leader. A follower is one who looks forward to the successful leadership of his leader. A follower is one who is willing to learn, understand and gain experiences from his leader.

A Follower can only gain his master's knowledge when he values his master's Instructions. That's why obedience is found in

the place of followership. This is how learning occurs. A man who cannot follow is a man who finds it difficult in obeying. When people lack the spirit of obedience they won't be follow instructions.

But if they do not obey,... they shall die without knowledge.

Job 36:12

The Spirit of Obedience

though He was a Son, yet **He learned obedience** by the **things** which **He suffered**.

Hebrews 5:8

There are certain things we must face, in other to learn Obedience. Walking in the Spirit of Obedience is a value system that

pleases God. Abraham was justified as a man of Faith because of the Spirit of Obedience in him.

5 Things that hinders the spirit of obedience:

1. The Spirit of Doubt: This is the sign of unbelief, which results to impatience and questioning instructions. A doubtful man is a double minded man and a double minded can not be stable in obedience. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. James 1:6

In other to conquer doubt you must learn to trust God. Faith teaches trust, trust teaches obedience. To completely trust God, you must learn to not lean on your understanding; rather you must show that you acknowledge and involve God..., that is how you will know God. It is your knowing God that builds your trust in God and removes doubt.

- 2. The spirit of disrespect: A man who cannot respect God can never reverence God. He doesn't honor God in anyway. Disrespect is that attitude that disregards, neglects and plays down the efficacy of God's word. This is a state of mind instigated most times, by the influence of pride. If you respect the Lord, you will also hate evil. I hate pride and bragging, evil ways and lies. Proverbs 8:13 (Read Psalms 119:117).
- 3. **The spirit of ignorance:** This is lack of knowledge, because one rejects knowledge (*Read Hosea 4:6*). When

people reject instructions they reject knowledge, so they perish out of ignorance. This ignorance is because one has not come to know God personally. Your spiritual eyes cannot be enlightened by a general philosophy of who God is. To fight ignorance you need to seek an encounter with (visitation from) God.

4. The spirit of laziness: This is the hindrance to growth; A limitation and a sign of immaturity. A man who likes to find excuses for every instruction will not be far from his destruction. Laziness is as a result of the lack of zeal and passion. When the zeal dies the spirit dies.
Quench not the Spirit. 1 Thessalonians
5:19. The Love of God should be the driving factor of your zeal in the kingdom.

5. **The spirit of fear:** This creates the mindset of impossibility. Fear always carries the mind of negativities, which separates you from having a sound mind. When Fear is allowed, it intends to take control of what you know; turning it to what you don't know, by instigating a noisy and crowded mind, with the intention of leading you to negative outcomes. To fight the spirit of fear, you need to have God's power, God's love and self control (The pathway of a soundmind). For God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power and love and self-discipline (soundmind). 2 Timothy 1:7

A fearful man can not be a faithful man, because he lacks the sability to remain

faithful. It takes discipline to remain where God wants you to remain.

The spirit of obedience places the priorities of the kingdom first in a man's life.

Obedience is the key to accessing the promises, therefore it is a necessity in our christian race.

Purpose of Discipline

We do not enjoy being disciplined. It is painful at the time, but later, after we have learned from it, we have peace, because we start living in the right way. Hebrews 12:11

Discipline from the beginning came by the understanding of two words; **Instruction** and **obedience**.

Instructions forms law and law is made for corrections. The reason why a law is placed on something, is to actually guide, protect and correct the use of that thing. "When the value of a thing is not known abuse is inevitable" This mean that law intends to create the value of a thing.

Through the scriptures, we see that the old covenant was guided by the law of Moses. So whenever the children of Israel go astray, the law was there to correct and bring them back to the covenant.

Instructions are always given for man's benefits. Adam was still under a spiritual training process when he's obedience was tested by satan. God doesn't tempt man, rather He brings man through a process (training), where he is able to learn. It is

dangerous to skip process (training) and aim success. Learning obedience through process is what God intended for Adam. God didn't plan to tempt man or for man to be tempted by the tree of knowledge of good and evil. In my analogy, I will say that God placed the tree... for a purpose (an appointed time), and that purpose could only be fulfilled when man has fully grown into spiritual understanding; where he is able to comprehend the truth; discerning the right way (successful training).

A Father will never give his child a gift that will destroy His child, rather he waits for an appointed time. Though the child maybe aware of the gift, may have access to the gift, but by Instruction cannot use or touch the gift. It is just like gifting a child a grenade (explosive device) to kill his enemies in the

future, but placing a law on it, because the child cannot comprehend the workings of a grenade, and so the grenade has the potential of destroying the child if the child touches it. Though the gift is for a purpose it doesn't mean the purpose is now. This is what happened to Adam that caused spiritual death. This is where discipline for maturity is necessary. Until you learn to submit to the system of discipline, you will never grow to have spiritual understanding, where you are able to comprehend and understand the workings a thing.

But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Hebrews 5:14

Different Translation: But solid food is for the mature, whose spiritual senses perceive heavenly matters. And they have been adequately trained by what they've experienced to emerge with understanding of the difference between what is truly excellent and what is evil and harmful.

Spiritual maturity (understanding) is the point where you know your purpose is defined completely. Though man knew his purpose, he didn't understand it. God's visiting was an educational process for Adam to discover God's purposes... Note that it is God's purposes that defines your purpose in life. Any man who cannot hold onto God's instructions cannot fulfill God's purpose in life.

Take firm hold of instruction, do not let go; Keep her, for she is your life.

Proverbs 4:13

IMAGINATIONS OF MAN

"The power of Imagination was given to mankind for a purpose. This purpose is defeated whenever the heart of man derails from divinity; thereby forming a pattern of vain imaginations which displeases God. Imagination was designed to form the reality of man and not the fantasy of man. Every thing created in the physical is first birthed in the mind. Imaginations are created from the mind. Your mind is in your heart, so when the heart is indisciplined, corruption tends to evolve in the imaginations of a man's mind. This is why it is necessary that a man guides his heart by being self disciplined. Keep thy

heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Proverbs 4:23 ".

God is looking for people willing to learn, obey and be disciplined at heart, that's why he is a rewarder of those that **diligently** seek Him.

Some People intend to see discipline as a punishment for a committed crime, just as they will say mercy is for only sinners and unbelievers. This is not true, because no man can do without the mercies of God, so also discipline is for those who are eager to advance in life. Fasting is a spiritual discipline for spiritual growth, so also financial discipline for financial growth, marital discipline..., academic discipline..., career/business discipline..., etc. Discipline is a necessity for advancement and growth in

life. So God's plan for mankind through instructions, was actually growth and advance, which is the sign of coming to Maturity.

The inception of discipline can be defined as the beginning purpose God gave man on earth to fulfill "Growth". Normally if you want to be productive, you must be self disciplined.

Adam didn't understand the Inception of discipline and that's why he fell into disobedience. God created the law in other to implement discipline in man, so that mankind will not only grow in numbers but in knowledge (maturity).

The Law of Moses

The children of Israel where birthed into the civilization of the Egyptians. In the beginning part of their stay in Egypt, they weren't slaves, but where cut up in the dispensation of the Egyptian laws. As time progressed they multiplied and they were forced into slavery. Then they remembered the God of their fore fathers, and God heard them and sent **Moses** to deliver them.

Now, because the children of Israel, still had their **mind set** on the ordinances of the Egyptians; their laws and dynamics of what they worship. God had to find a way of dealing with their **mindset**, and that was the essence of the new ordinance called the **law of Moses**. The law of Moses was the guiding principle for the establishment of God's covenant with Israelites.

After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances. You shall observe My judgments and keep My ordinances, to walk in them: I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I am the Lord. Leviticus 18:3-5

God never brought the law because He wanted to punish mankind, He brought it because He had hope that man can be redeemed. Man's redemption process was hinged on the understanding of the fear of God in him. This gives man the sense of Discipline. It is that sense of discipline, that helps man recognize and keep God's ordinances. In other for God to achieve more

from his creation 'Man' He had to enforce the **law of Moses**.

Yes, all Israel has transgressed Your law, and has departed so as not to obey Your voice; therefore the curse and the oath written in the **Law of Moses** the servant of God have been poured out on us, because we have sinned against Him. Daniel 9:11

The law was created as a force of judgement brought to those that defile the ordinance. Laws are embodiments of instructions, given to restraint a man from walking "unguidedly". God intended to use the law of Moses to guide the children of Israel, so that their minds will be set on godly purposes.

The truth is that the law of Moses couldn't fulfill growth and advancement..., because it

came with condemnation. This is why God introduces the law of the Spirit (Establishing a new covenant) through Jesus Christ. Note that the evidence of growth and advancement is life, because everything that has life either grows or advance. The law of the spirit gives life. This is what God intended for mankind from the beginning.

For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin... Romans 8:3

The Law of the Spirit of Christ

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and

write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

Jeremiah 31:33

The law of the Spirit is written in a man's heart by reason of the man's confession of Christ as Lord, reckon in his believe system. Note that the law of Moses was enforced on man, but the law of the Spirit is enforced in man. This means, if you don't have the Spirit, you cannot walk in the dispensation of the new covenant reckoned in Christ. The Spirit is the guiding factor for the establishment of the new covenant.

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

II Corinthians 3:17

For the **law of the Spirit of life** in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. Romans 8:2

The law of Moses (the law) is the law of sin and death; bringing nothing but condemnation to the flesh. See what Jesus did in verse 3: "...He condemned sin in the flesh, that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit."

Jesus condemned the judgment of the law of Moses, so that the righteous requirement of the law which is **life** (growth and advancement), might be fulfilled in us. The law of Moses couldn't fulfill that requirement, but Jesus came in the dimension of the Spirit, justified in the Spirit

so we could have the life of the Spirit. The Spirit gives life and life is the evidence of growth and advancement. We are justified by the Spirit when we walk in the Spirit of righteousness.

And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. Romans 8:10

not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, Titus 3:5

Discipline of The Spirit-Man

The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.

Proverbs 20:27

Your spirit-man dwells in your heart and influenced by whatever spirit you let into your heart. (*Read 1peter 3:4*). This is why you need the HolySpirit in your heart; it is through Him God intends to uproot, whatsoever He hasn't planted in your heart (*Read Matthew 15:13*).

The HolySpirit communicates with the spiritman; educating and enlightening the spiritman. Until the HolySpirit is received into the heart, a man won't be far from the influence of worldly spirits. These are the spirits, which causes a man's heart to be darkened and the mind consumed in ignorance.

Christianity is not only to confess and believe, but also to allow (receive) the influence of the HolySpirit over your life. This

happens when your heart receives Him and your spirit-man is connected to Him. The evidence that your heart has received Him is found in the parable of the sower (*Read Mark 4*). A good ground (a fertile heart) that produces, is as result of a renewed mind, which makes a man to not conform to this world. This influence of the HolySpirit is seen directly on your spirit-man.

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

Romans 8:16

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. I Corinthians 2:10-12

It takes the consciousness of the spirit to walk in the spirit. (*Read Galatians 5:25*). The consciousness of the Spirit is known as the inner witness of a man. Until you learn to listen to the voice of your spirit (conscience), it will be difficult to be led by the Spirit of God.

Therefore, as the **Holy Spirit says**: "Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, In the day of trial in the wilderness, **Hebrews 3:7-8**

The Spirit Righteousness

For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

Galatians 5:5

The spirit of righteousness is a consciousness that tends to establish your faith (Read Romans 1:17). This is where faith without works is dead. Note: We are not doing goodworks to become righteous, rather we have been made righteous to do good works. This means our righteousness isn't dependent on our works but our believe system. Faith works by our believe system and this is formed by the knowledge of God dwelling in us. People who lack the knowledge of God can't have the spirit of righteousness.

Awake to righteousness, and do not sin; for some do not have **the knowledge of God**. I speak this to your shame.

I Corinthians 15:34

For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to **knowledge**. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Romans 10:2-4

God's righteousness is the product of Christ's sacrifice. It is through this sacrifice that the knowledge of God is birthed; forming a man's believe system.

But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way,... "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:6, 8, 10

The fruits of righteousness can be found in the fruits of the Spirit, they are the evidence that one walks in the spirit of righteousness. (Read Ephesians 5:9)

<u>Spiritual Values</u>

For I give you **good doctrine**: Do not forsake my law. **Proverbs 4:2**

These are customs created in the process of spiritual growth, to guide a man into Spiritual

maturity. Spiritual values can be referred to as doctrines, and these doctrines are inclined to the word of God, because they form the foundation of a man's christian life. (*Read 2Timothy 3:16*)

The HolySpirit teaches us these spiritual values through our fellowship with Him. He doesn't only give the revelation through scriptures, He also gives revelation through practical experiences of people and things around us. The revelation gotten, is how doctrines are formed. Every doctrine formed is unique to the individual, but all points to one direction (perspective) when it is from the HolySpirit.

To desire the revelation of kingdom customs (doctrines), you must first desire the interpretation of God's word. This is the

pathway of spiritual maturity. It is the HolySpirit that brings the right interpretation. You will not only learn it but you will live it.

The Church of God are there to not only create, but to show us values (customs), that will guide us through the process of attaining spiritual maturity. Note that it matters what knowledge backs our spiritual growth, that's why as a believer you must belong to an assembly (church), that is based on the truth of God's word and not the fallacies of men.

The doctrines of every Christian denomination, are **not** for those that have grown into maturity in that denomination; because these matured ones are grounded in Faith; knowing the sense of discerning good and evil; they are solid, certain and certified about life, meaning and purpose in God. They

cannot change their believe system for anything. And by that, they have the ability to give correct instructions and directions hinged on the solidity of their integrity in the kingdom. One of the characteristics of these kind of people are the elders in the church.

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

I Corinthians 15:58

It is necessary for every denomination to have their Core Values (doctrines). These values are meant for the newcomers (Those that come from other places of values) and also the baby Christians (Those that are new to Christianity). "No matter how spiritual you have grown in your former denomination, it

doesn't mean you're now matured in this new denomination. You must come to understand the values and what backs their values... In other to be a part of a new denomination, you must be ready to succumb to learning the basics, leading to the establishment of values (doctrines) in that denomination. Inability to submit is the sign of indiscipline, and indiscipline is the sign of immaturity. An immature christians cannot hold the values of a denomination. They cannot discern rightly and they end up setting aside the Grace of God because they lack proper knowledge of the will of God.

Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

Ephesians 5:17

Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! John 2:7-8

Doctrines enables the process of discipline, it takes a man to the place of spiritual balance, where he is able to understand, comprehend and discern rightly. (Read Hebrew 5:14).

I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able.

1 Corinthians 3:2-3

A man of spiritual maturity can never set aside the Grace of God. To set aside means; to make of no effect, no value, to render useless or ignore the existence of something.

I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain. Galatians 2:21

What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!

Romans 6:15

Spiritual values bring about discipline and the Grace of God is experienced, in the understanding of discipline, through the help of the HolySpirit. This means that Grace is not the signature that legalize sin, rather it recognizes the process of discipline out of sin. Though one must be careful not to be carried away by doctrines, we must understand the essence of doctrines. Rather than we comparing doctrinal teachings of different christian denomination, let us find

out if the purpose of doctrines are being fulfilled according to the Spirit of Christ.

Do not be carried about with various and strange doctrines. For it is good that the heart be established by grace, not with foods which have not profited those who have been occupied with them.

Hebrews 13:9

that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting,

Ephesians 4:14

In the place of Spiritual maturity, you cannot be influenced negatively, you cannot be double minded and you cannot be beguiled.

The conclusion is that, Doctrines don't make you right with God, they only prepare your heart; giving you the right perspective of discipline in your christian life.

The Life of Discipline:

I went by the field of the lazy man, And by
the vineyard of the man devoid of
understanding; And there it was, all
overgrown with thorns; Its surface was
covered with nettles; Its stone wall was
broken down. When I saw it, I considered it
well; I looked on it and received instruction:

Proverbs 24:30-32

The life of discipline is a life full of understanding. The Truth about discipline gives us the ability to learn from other

people's mistakes. Until you start considering your decisions in life; the steps you take or the path you follow, Discipline will be far from you.

Basic Christian Discipline:

The life of Fasting: Fasting is the ability to gain Spirit's control over the flesh. This is a form of discipline that suppresses the flesh; limiting the voice of the carnal man. It opens you up to the spiritual and makes results faster. Most people attempt to enter this form of spiritual discipline, only when they have challenging issues in life; They seek God only when it is beneficial. The essence of fasting goes beyond meeting your personal needs. It is the place of alignment; conditioning yourself for spiritual possibilities. Fasting is

meant to be the culture of every believer. This is one of the disciplines that brings encounters in the kingdom.

- 4 Important things to do when observing a fast:
- 1.Study the Word of God/Meditate on it.
- 2.Listen/read Messages (Audio/spiritualBooks)
- 3. Pray without time Consciousness/ Intercede by prayers laid in your heart.
- 4. Worship with spiritual understanding.
- * The life of Integrity: This is your standard in Christ; a pattern you are unwilling to change for anything. It is known as the patterns of purity.

 Integrity is not about holiness, it is self value in the kingdom; creating a legacy for generations. A man of integrity is a man of discipline. keeping integrity is not by words but by actions. These

actions forms a reputation that intends to leave a legacy. The integrity of the kingdom is in your hands. It is a life of discipline when you are able to raise a standard in Christ.

Now if you walk before Me as your father David walked, in **integrity of heart** and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you, and if you keep My statutes and My judgments, I Kings 9:4

★ The life of Patience: Patience is a virtue. It observes the life of discipline, because it requires the act of endurance, perseverance and resilience. The works of patience can be seen in a man's response to tribulations and

temptations. It takes Discipline to wait and rely solemnly on God.

But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. James 1:4

★ The life of Sacrifice: This is a form of discipline that comes from the heart. It is the ability to do that which inconveniences the flesh. Abraham was willing to sacrifice his son, because he's heart was ready to obey.

Sacrifice has a way of establishing a covenant between you and God. It is necessary that the temple of God represent the place of Sacrifices. Your are the temple of God.

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies

a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

Romans 12:1

<u> Authority Defined</u>

"and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man".

John 5:27

The devil respects the symbol of authority. Authority is the power given to exercise judgement. The authority of the kingdom is meant for those that are created in Christ. It is the authorization to exercise dominion mandate of the kingdom on earth. The Kingdom's authority is established on earth; by Boldness, Utterance and Power.

Boldness: This is the ability to surmount fear; taking up the confidence to act and react positively to circumstances surrounding you.

Your boldness in the kingdom depends on your encounter with divinity.

Now when they saw the **boldness** of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And **they realized that they had been with Jesus.** Acts 4:13

They saw their boldness and realized that they had encountered the place of authority. Jesus Christ is the place of authority and your boldness should manifests that (*Read Acts 4:31*).

Utterance: This is an unplanned articulated manner of speaking mysteries with boldness. Though utterance is initiated by a

man, it is sustained, inspired and motivated by the Spirit.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as **the Spirit gave them utterance.**" Acts 2:4 (Read 1 Corinthians 1:5)

Power: This is the manifestation of an utterance, and it is made with the consciousness of divinity. It is the practical demonstration of dominion. That is where the understanding of the name JESUS matters alot, and it is the Spirit that backs that understanding.

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8

The HolySpirit is the one that orchestrates authority. So without Him, you can't have boldness, and without boldness you can't make utterance, and without utterance you can't manifest power.

Until you learn to submit to the HolySpirit, you won't be able to reject, resist or rebuke the devil and his devices.

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

Intentionality and Consistency

Intentionality and consistency is the secret that backs your submission to the Spirit of God.

Intentionality is the deliberate act of pursuing something consciously. It is the attitude that fights ignorance and tries to remain in the place awareness.

And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. Romans 13:11

Every believer must be intentional about every act of service to God. He/she must be guided by the necessity to accomplish that which will please divinity; not distracted nor carried away; intending to prioritize the kingdom... One of the significance of being intentional is the opportunity given to walk in divine encounters. Whenever God says you should seek, He means, be intentional to search; don't do things casually. A casual

christian will end up in casualties, because he/she is ready to follow the crowd. (*Read Proverb* 14:15)

Consistency is the principle of continuity; the ability to be tested by time. This is why most believers backslide. Consistency doesn't tell time, rather time tells consistency. Time is the factor that shows your faithfulness, diligence and resilience in the things of the kingdom. Any man that intends to leave a legacy must be ready to carry the spirit of consistency.

If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.

I Corinthians 3:14

A man of consistency is a man of discipline. It takes discipline to be consistent in the things of God. This discipline is orchestrated from the place of Intentionality. If you're not deliberate

you can't last in the things of God. This brings us to the life of a priest.

But He, because He continues forever, has an unchangeable priesthood. Hebrews 7:24

<u>Understanding Priestly affairs</u> <u>1(Self-discipline)</u>

But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

I Corinthians 9:27

As a priest the first most important Sacrifice is yourself. it is necessary to offer yourself as a living sacrifice. This means your lifestyle

becomes a sacrifice. This is where self discipline is born.

(Read Romans 12:1)

Until a priest offers himself, he cannot offer an acceptable Sacrifices. To offer yourself is to surrender your priorities for kingdom priorities. Abel's Sacrifice was presentable, because it recognized the kingdom's priority. Your Sacrifices won't be acceptable when it is not presentable. Abel's sacrifice was acceptable because it was presentable. Sacrifice begins from the heart before it manifest. That's why it is important for your heart to focus on the kingdom. Two people can make the same sacrifice and get different results, because of what their hearts are set on.

Self discipline makes the heart of sacrifices presentable. As a priest you must be self discipline.

When a man is greedy, self-centered or value your own plans over God, he ends up with a heart like Cain; void of kingdom priorities.

God gave us His all, that is why it's necessary that we give Him ours. It is not a matter of what you have at hand but what you have at heart. As a priest, self discipline starts from the heart; rendering your heart for the purposes of God.

<u>Understanding Priestly affairs</u> <u>2 (Discipleship)</u>

"For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, And people should seek the law from his mouth; For he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.

Malachi 2:7

As a priest you are known to be Spiritually matured, therefore people will seek to follow your values (doctrines). This brings discipleship into priesthood. A priest must be careful about making costly mistakes (Tarnishing his image). Though the flesh is weak or you may have weaknesses, do not use it as an excuse.

My brothers and sisters, God called you to be free, but do not use your freedom as an excuse to do what pleases your sinful self.

Serve each other with love. Galatians 5:13

As a leader, they are expectations that must be met through the process of discipline. Discipline is not the sign of perfection, it is the sign of imperfection under control. This is how you teach, instruct and disciple people. So, you have to first understand discipline, before you can carry others through discipline.

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Galatians 6:1

In this kingdom, you must be ready to set godly patterns for your disciples. God has less concern for your weakness, but has great concern for what your weakness can do to your followers. If you don't know how to tame

the flesh you cannot be a spiritual leader "A Priest".

The secret of God's discipline

The bible says God doesn't discipline whom He doesn't love. No one likes to be disciplined, but when it is God's discipline, it comes with the intent of love. The fact that you are under God's chastisement is a prove that God is interested in you. It means there's something important God sees in you.

"Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects; Therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty.

Job 5:17

The process of discipline is the beauty of coming to understanding. So we can say, that

lack of understanding is the lack of discipline.

Learning leads to understanding. "Until you learn discipline you cannot acquire knowledge" This means you will keep suffering for the lack of knowledge. (*Read Hosea 4:6*)

The essence of discipline, is the signature of an enlightenment necessary for your advancement in life.

"In vain I have chastened your children; They received no correction..."

Jeremiah 2:30

When correction can't be taken, the aim of discipline is defeated. God's Discipline tends to establish correction. Correction is the path way to the knowledge of God. The reason why David was a man after God's heart, was because David new how to take corrections.

The ability to yield to correction, is in your willingness to submit to discipline. People that learn are people that submit. God doesn't create relationship with knowers, He creates relationship with learners.

Most times in other for one to move forward in life (growth and advancement), God has to bring in discipline. God's Discipline is an embodiment of corrections, aimed at correcting the mindset of a man. This means, God tries to birth the right mentality into you, through the process of discipline.

Relationship with Divinity

Your relationship with God is the degree of how much you learn of God and from God.

The major key to learning from God is humility. When humility is involved in the process, there's no limit to your spiritual advancement in life.

By **humility** and the fear of the LORD are riches, and honour, and **life**. **Proverbs 22:4**

Your relationship with God is not determined by activities, but by connectivity. Connectivity is by humility and consistency. Humility is one of the act of discipline. As a child of God, you cannot grow without being disciplined, because it is an important part of growing.

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

1 Peter 5:5

A solid Relationship grows by connectivity; how frequently connected are you to divinity. The balance of your Prayer, meditations, spiritual psalms/songs, fastings, word studying & obedience brings about your network connectivity to God. I'm talking about how consistently you relate with your Father in heaven. Your connection is your closeness and your closeness determines your fellowship. Stay around that which puts God in your heart consistently.

Conclusion:

The third that is left I will test with fire, purifying them like silver, testing them like gold. Then they will call on me, and I will

answer them. I will say, 'You are my people,' and they will say, 'The Lord is our God.

Zechariah 13:9

We have understood not just the inception, but the necessity, benefits and priorities that discipline creates. Until we submit to the Father of all spirits, we will not be able to live the life that the Father wants us to live. To submit means to not resist. Discipline is not forever, it serves it's purpose for a period of time, and tends to leave us better than we where before. "Never see it as a punishment, rather see it a furnishment".

I remain the FaithCampaigner of Christ, remember that God keeps your Faith!

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