

Wisdom of the Early Disciples

Can I share a little something I noticed? It's just a causal observation I picked up on, without trying real hard, during my time exploring Acts. These things continue, from chapter to chapter.

Now, before I share what I observed, I must qualify the audience that I gleaned these things from. I'm not going to go into detail about them other than this — I'm talking about those who were, however you'd like to describe them: full of/filled with/walking in/under the influence of/led by the Spirit of God. So, before I reveal the simple things I've seen, it should go without saying, these are the things I've notice happening with the Spirit filled brethren that continued the work of Jesus upon this earth. They started in Jerusalem and continued there, but they began to spread out, as Jesus commanded them, to Judea, Samaria and beyond.

What then did I see?

-
- They gathered
- They gave
- They grew
-
- They gathered — gladly — with the brethren.
- They gave — graciously — of themselves and to the work and witness of Jesus.
- They grew — gloriously — in every established and essential area of kingdom life.

What did I glean?

Those led by God were consumed with Him... and everyone consumed with Him gathered, gave and grew with those who were also led and consumed with Him.

It's that simple... nothing forced or fabricated or frustrating, no, it just seemed to freely flow in their joy and love for Jesus and His servants. Which, from chapter to chapter, they consistently manifested how they enjoyed eating and being together, edifying the church, equipping the brethren, engaging the culture, evangelizing the world and encouraging the disciples.

Glory... they treasured Jesus and all that belonged to Him and where you find a man's treasure, you will also find his heart. I see their heart, for I know who and what they treasured. That's something that cannot be faked.

Claiming to treasure Jesus and His people can be faked. But truly treasuring Him, and all that

belongs to Him, leaves no room for others to doubt.

They may question what you think of other things in this life but they won't have to question your heart and passion for Him and those consumed with Him. You might you think you're pulling the wool over their eyes but they all know who and what you treasure.

And the more I think on it, just a casual observation of our lives, as with the disciples in Acts, will clearly speak and what we treasure will be undeniably noticed. Remember the brethren in Acts? Noticing who they gathered with, who and what they gave themselves to and who and what was growing them, tells us enough. And those who have their eyes on us, won't have to dig deep to figure us out either.

Case in point:

Stephen (Acts 6), a man full of God and all that comes with being full of Him. He overflowed with truth, wisdom and faith. The apostles set aside men to get a job done. I was reminded of this video concerning Solomon. I shared this before but thought applicable for today.

Remember this... God's favor will equip you with far more than the best books and brightest brains. And ONLY God can give it and make you complete to fulfill His work. And His favor is not limited to anyone or anyplace.

Notice this description and the degree to which God's favor was upon King Solomon. "And God supernaturally GAVE Solomon wisdom and exceedingly great understanding, and largeness of heart like the sand on the seashore..." (1 Kings 4:29-34).

The favor of God comes in various degrees and depths. It's a gift beyond anything this world or our flesh can match or replicate. And, as it applied to the degree of His favor upon Solomon, we can only say it was incalculable, like the sand along the ocean's shores.

"...Thus, Solomon's wisdom excelled the combined wisdom of the brightest and best of all his contemporaries..." (1 Kings 4:29-34).

And may I remind you again... God's favor will equip you far more than the best books and brightest brains... and ONLY make you complete.

-

Yet, regardless of His wisdom, Solomon couldn't do everything. But God's wisdom provided him with solutions for the designs and dilemmas of life. He didn't need to know how to do the job or every single skill to start and finish a work, he needed to know how to get the job done. And that's what wisdom provides.

Solomon requested skilled craftsmen... foreign skilled craftsmen, because of their abilities to do the work he needed. For in his wisdom he found the solutions to Israel's deficiencies and answers to her dilemmas.

Yes, may your day, wherever you are, be filled with the unusual, unequal and undeniable favor and presence of God.

*#nestingwithjesus #acts #acts10 #acts9 #acts8 #acts7 #acts6 #acts5 #acts4 #acts3 #acts2 #acts1
#thedisciples #thebrethren #thesaints #thechurch #theway #thebodyofChrist #Spiritfilledandled
#theygathered #theygave #theygrew #gatheringgivinggrowing #Stephen #fulloffaith #fullofpower
#fullofJesus #fullofwisdom #1kings5 #1kings5 #2chronicles2 #leadership #responsibility #hiram
#craftsmen #tyre #kinghiram #reachteachequip #everdaylifewithpastornick
#alldayeverydaywithJesus #seeingtheextraordinaryintheordinary #preachingtomyself #wisdom
#meeknessofwisdom #solomon #wisdomofsolomon #hiram #skilledcraftsman #leaveprideout
#pridewinsandwelose*