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SPIRITUAL THINGS

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We want to begin this newsletter by taking a close examination of the scriptures found here in 1st

Corinthians 2:9-10, "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him, But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God". If there was ever a time to be spiritual it would certainly be today. However, for the most part modern Christianity seems to want to waft through life and never find the true depths of the Lord Jesus Christ. Apart from the teaching and leadership of the Holy Ghost, this world's wisdom and knowledge is absolute vanity. The Holy Ghost is desirous to impart spiritual truths to all men. The Bible is emphatic in that natural men, who do not possess the Spirit of God, perceive spiritual things to be sheer foolishness. Paul declared in 1st **Corinthians 2:14**, "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned". The word *foolishness* is *moria* #3472 in the Greek and it means, silliness, i.e. absurdities. *Moria* is akin to #3472 *moros*, and that is where we get our English word moron. If a man is not spiritual, regretfully, he is moronic. This is one of the reasons why it is very difficult for many people to discern the things of God. To know the mind of the Lord one must be spiritually minded. The Spirit filled man will be led by the Holy Ghost, and the Holy Ghost will teach him the deep things of God. The Holy Ghost is what brings about a spiritual awareness concerning the things of God. Our scripture text is very plain in that eyes have not seen, ears have not heard, neither has entered into the heart of

man the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. One of the greatest needs facing the modern church is a need for the leadership of the Holy Ghost. Without the Holy Ghost men cannot properly and correctly interpret the Holy scriptures. The psalmist declared in **Psalm 119:130**, "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple". When the Word of God enters into a man's heart through the Holy Ghost, he can then fully comprehend and understand the Word of God. The psalmist declared that the entrance of God's Word gives us light and understanding. The word *understanding* here in the Hebrew means, to discern, to perceive and to be intelligent through knowing something. Through the leadership of the Holy Ghost we are able to understand the information that we have received from the Word of God. Not only does the Holy Ghost impart understanding and information to the child of God, but the Holy Ghost helps us to use the information wisely which we have received. It is the Holy Ghost that grants understanding relative to the Holy scriptures. Between the Holy Ghost and the Word of God, so-called spiritual gray areas become crystal clear. The Holy Ghost and the Word of God bring divine clarity. The Holy Ghost will direct men to depart from things that are not of the Lord Jesus Christ. The office of the Holy Ghost is to lead men to absolute truth. That is why Paul said certain things can only be received as they are discerned by the Holy Ghost. Regretfully, we are living in a time when many are no longer looking for the leadership of the Holy Ghost. The office of the Holy Ghost is to be relevant within our lives. There is no true relevancy whatsoever without the Holy Ghost. Ask yourself this question, what is truly relevant

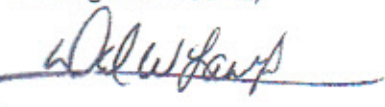
and needful in my life? The Holy Ghost affords the child of God evidence tending to prove or disapprove certain matters. As we enter more and more into the end times, it is going to be imperative that we have significant evidence on spiritual things that matter. The Holy Ghost will always show you the importance of the Word of God. More and more people will lessen the significance and importance of both the Holy Ghost and the Word of God here in the end. We must ask the simple question; why did God give us His Word to begin with? Following the ascension of Christ our Lord why did He send the baptism in the Holy Ghost? The Father understood the gravity of the hour and how perilous the end times would be and what it would take to endure unto the end. Without the Word of God having a place of residence within our hearts and without the power of the Holy Ghost to give us strength to overcome, many will fall by the wayside. Unless preachers begin to arise and preach an uncompromising message, along with the need for the leadership of the Holy Ghost, the slaughter will be greater than anyone could imagine. Make no mistake about it, your enemy Satan and his minions from hell seek to steal, kill, and destroy. There is coming a massive upheaval in the ranks of the church. I know things are getting very difficult due to the spirit of apostasy that has permeated the church, but you haven't witnessed anything as of yet. Many of you heard me say in January of 2012 that God gave me one word describing this very hour, and that word was "**acceleration**". When it comes to sin, immorality, and degradation there has been a profuse acceleration. The leaders of this nation have intentionally deceived and openly lied to the citizens of this nation. Sad to say, there is no remorse or conviction concerning the flagrant lies that are being spoken daily

by our leaders. Our leaders are not even being challenged relative to their dishonesty any longer. No one seems to care about their immoral behavior they are demonstrating on a daily basis. A spirit of tyranny has literally taken hold of this nation. The Constitution of the United States is being abrogated each and every day by all three branches of government: judicial, legislative, and executive offices. This nation has been given over to despotic leadership and few really care. This upheaval that I speak of is all but fully blown. The great change has begun, everything is now more liberal, more loose, and broader than ever before. Regretfully, there is no going back to the old paths. The people of this nation no longer desire to walk in paths of righteousness. The old paths have been totally forsaken. Once the last bastion and vestige of ministers that cry against sin no longer exist then the Antichrist will make his debut. There are just a handful of ministers left that preach a message of deterrence against sin. Once we are gone then worldliness, ungodliness, and perversion will fill the void. It grieves my heart on a daily basis as I also grapple to find preachers of righteousness. The message that must be proclaimed has become very scarce. I question, who will be raised up to wield the blood stained banner of Jesus Christ and cry against sin? One of the saddest passages of scripture ever recorded in the Holy writ is found here in **Judges 2:10**, "And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel". Regretfully, you are witnessing this passage of scripture here in the book of Judges being super imposed over this present generation. We are witnessing a generation that knows very little about the purity of God's Holy Word and a manifestation of the Holy Ghost. We will be held accountable and responsible for

leaving the next generation without true direction concerning spiritual things. The Israelites were admonished to pass on the powerful testimonies of their exodus from Egypt's bondage. Regretfully, this generation no longer has a testimony to pass down to the upcoming generation. Early on in my ministry I preached many revivals that would go for three and four weeks at a time. I've witnessed 30 and 40 people receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as their Savior and many receiving the baptism in the Holy Ghost. In 1982, I preached 280 sermons in that year and took off both the month of July and December to rest my body. That averaged out to 28 sermons per month in just 10 months. We do not even have revivals in our churches anymore. Churches have become mere circuses, if I may say so. No matter how liberal and far left government and the churches go, there is still a nail of redemption for whosoever. The Holy Ghost just auctioned my mind to **Ezra 9:8**, "And now for a little space (moment) grace hath been shewed from the Lord our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage". There will be a remnant according to the word of God. And He will give us a nail in His holy place which speaks of Christ our Lord who died for us at Calvary. He will also lighten our eyes and give us a season of reviving while in our bondage and captivity. Even the psalmist cried out in **Psalms 85:6**, "Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee"? Jesus Christ will revive us if we petition him. As children of God we have a plethora of promises assuring our strength from on high. We read here in **Isaiah 40:29**, "He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength". **Psalms 68:35**, "O God, thou art terrible out of thy holy places: the God of Israel is he that giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be

God". Jesus Christ gave the child of God a very special promise concerning power found here in **Luke 24:49**, "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high". If you do not make it and have spiritual discernment, it will not be on God's part. Jesus Christ has made every provision possible through His Word and through the Holy Ghost to empower you in this hour. It will be up to every child of God to know the truth on their own. The Lord Jesus Christ will uphold you with His right hand of righteousness but you must embrace His hand. I trust your spiritual discernment will grow exponentially here in this hour of uncertainty. **Isaiah 41:10**, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness". May you too be determined as Paul was when he penned these words by the Holy Ghost, here in **1st Corinthians 2:1-2**, "And I brethren, when I came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified". We are always very humbled by your gracious love and support for The Voice of Evangelism International Ministries. Please keep us in your prayers as we seek to always preach an uncompromising message to our generation. May you run the race that has been set before you and may you finish with great joy. Until next month, look up and lift up your heads for your redemption is truly nigh.

Serving With You All,



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