



CLARITY

Knowing What to Do Through Spiritual Insight



“Lead me in the right path, O Lord, or my enemies will conquer me. Make your way plain for me to follow.” Psalms 5:8

Desire isn't enough to generate results. We all desire better for ourselves, but we don't always get to see what we want happen. This could be for several reasons, but if we're to dig deep we will find that one of the key reasons for not moving forward is lack of clarity. It's one thing to know something has to be done, it's another to know the specific steps to take to do it.

Because God doesn't want us walking in darkness or living life by trial and error, He has given us access to what we need to make progress according to His plan. This series we're looking at clarity: the critical questions we need to ask so we know what to do, what start or stop doing and how to do it so we consistently advance in all areas.



Day 1

What should I do?

“So he, trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?” Then the Lord said to him, “Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.” Acts 9:6

Life comes with a lot of expectations of us- family, society, personal ambitions play a very strong role in dictating what we believe we should be doing per time. There are expectations to go to certain schools, have careers/businesses, interact with and marry certain types of people and we pattern our lives around these expectations. But the truth is God also has expectations of us and clarity in life starts from finding out what His expectations are.

Let's look at Paul who was zealously doing what he believed was God's assignment based on his religious background, but in reality Jesus had a very different plan for him. When Paul encountered Jesus, his second question opened the door to a completely different phase of life for him. Before encountering Jesus, Paul, his leaders and probably family and friends would likely have said Paul was living successfully and rising in his career and spheres of influence. But from the perspective of Jesus, he was off track.

“You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed.” Psalms 139:16

“...Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God.” Hebrews 10:7

God not only created us, He has a detailed, intentional and strategic plan for every single one of us from start to finish. He's never at a loss as to what we should be doing at any point in time. The question is are we doing what we've been designed by God to do or are we doing what others say we should be doing? Now's the time to get clarity from Him on this.

Prayer: Lord what do You want me to do? Show me if I'm in alignment with Your plan, redirect and realign me where I may have missed it.



Day 2

When Should I Do It?

“For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

In life accuracy in timing is everything. The bible tells us there's a time allocated to every activity that takes place on earth. It's possible to be at the right place or do the right thing at the wrong time and because of that not get the expected results. Not knowing when to do something can be just as frustrating as not knowing what to do. Sometimes we may even have received divine instructions, but assumed wrongly when those instructions were to be carried out.

“...It is all decided by chance, by being in the right place at the right time.” Ecclesiastes 9:11

Timing is a critical success factor that shouldn't be taken lightly. God is a master orchestrator and as we saw yesterday, He already mapped out the details of our lives even before we were born. That level of intentionality and orchestration makes timing very important. Imagine bringing out a product/service when it's no longer required? Or so far in advance its worth isn't appreciated? We are God's masterpiece and each of us has been uniquely gifted for the time we are in to address the issues of the seasons we're in.

“Jesus replied, “Now is not the right time for me to go, but you can go anytime.” John 7:6

“So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing.” 1 Corinthians 9:26

Unfortunately it's very easy to go through life “shadowboxing”, being busy everyday and maybe even getting burnt out but all the while missing the timings of life. Jesus was a man of precision in timing and was able to achieve all He did because He knew when to do something, for how long and when to stop. As important as it is to get instructions from God on what to do, we also need to take time to hear from Him when we should take action.

Prayer: Lord make me a person of precision timing. Help me to be sensitive to the timings and seasons of my life, help me to be at the right place at the right time, doing the right thing and getting the right results.



Day 3

Who should I connect with?

“When Saul returned to his home at Gibeah, a group of men whose hearts God had touched went with him.” 1 Samuel 10:26

Everything we do in life involves people. We relate with people at work, in our business, personal lives, socially and every area- we can't get away from dealing with people. There are also people we need to intentionally connect with because they are part of our growth and progress process. As important as people are, most of the frustrations we face in life can also be connected to people. There will be those who disappoint, disregard or betray us on the journey. This means that it's not everyone we're supposed to connect to in our life journey. The bible tells us there are specific people whose hearts God has already touched on our behalf and they are the ones we need.

“From the half-tribe of Manasseh west of the Jordan, 18,000 men were designated by name to help David become king.” 1 Chronicles 12:31

For every assignment God has for us, there are people He's designated to help us succeed in that purpose. When it was time for Saul to rule as king, there were specific people God assigned to him for this purpose. When David was to become king, specific men were assigned by name to help him. We don't need everyone in life, only those God has assigned to us. Both Saul and David experienced people who resisted them, so we know not everyone was for them. But in the midst of the many, there were those whose hearts God had touched on their behalf. Sometimes the frustration we have and the betrayals we experience is because we're connecting our purpose, dreams, ambitions, etc to people whose hearts God hadn't touched on our behalf.

“...People judge by outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7

Outward appearances can be deceptive, longevity doesn't automatically mean loyalty. When it comes to things that matter God encourages us to look deeper into the meaningful connection we want to make and not accept everyone, everything at face value.

Prayer: Lord reveal the hearts of those I've made my close circle to me. Connect me to those whose hearts You've touched on my behalf and assigned to help me. Grant me discernment so I can recognise them.



Day 4

Where should I work?

“Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land.” Job 1:10

Life is spiritual and critical decisions about where we should work (either as a business owner or employee) shouldn't be taken at face value. God is very interested in the works of our hands (careers/businesses) and we see that this is one of the areas there was a spiritual conversation about in Job's life. Both kingdoms are interested in what we do for work and there are spiritual conversations going on regularly about where we work, run our business, who we work for or who works for us, etc. Decisions about what to do shouldn't just be about the physical side but based on what the Holy Spirit is revealing to us.

“Only I can tell you the future before it even happens...” Isaiah 46:10

God is invested in our careers and businesses, not just from the perspective of the skills He's given us, but where and how those skills are used for maximum kingdom impact and He's made provision for all the grace, support, rewards we need based on our assignment. Likewise the enemy's interested for similar reasons, but with the aim to derail everything God has planned for us, by presenting alternative opportunities, ideas, etc. that will take us away from God's best for us.

“The Lord says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.” Psalms 32:8

We don't know what we don't know, but our Father in heaven knows all things including which industries and skills will be obsolete and which will be relevant tomorrow. He knows the economic opportunities and upheavals that will elevate some businesses and cripple others. Thus when it comes to making decisions about the works of our hands, we can't afford not to seek His counsel and the spiritual insight we naturally won't have access to.

Prayer: Lord please open my eyes to how to navigate my career/business for maximum kingdom impact. Lead me along the best pathway for my life and position me accurately to take advantage of the seasons to come.



Day 5

Where do I go from here?

“Your own ears will hear him. Right behind you a voice will say, “This is the way you should go,” whether to the right or to the left.” Isaiah 30:21

Perhaps you’ve made a wrong decision which led to unfavourable outcomes, or for whatever reason things didn’t go as planned and you now feel stuck. Perhaps you’ve been feeling stagnant for some time and know you need to make a move, but don’t know what that looks like in practical terms. In such circumstances it’s easy to be filled with despair, which the enemy can take advantage of to make us fearful and anxious about the future.

That’s not how God wants us to operate. He’s very present with us in all circumstances - good or bad - and has made a way for us in every situation. His way may be to change the situation entirely or change us first within the existing circumstances so that a higher version of ourselves emerges that is equipped to handle what we’re facing. Whatever the situation, God doesn’t leave us without help. At such times our prayer shouldn’t necessarily be “God get me out of here”, but “God show me the way I should go”. The first prayer though tempting, really is more of an escape route which won’t help us grow. The second helps us pause and reason with the Holy Spirit about what’s really going on, if something went wrong how to avoid it happening again in future, and know how to move forward so we don’t get caught in a negative cycle.

“Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.” Proverbs 16:3

When we commit our actions to the Lord, we give Him the opportunity to take charge of our thinking process which impacts what we do because actions are a result of decisions. We also give Him our trust by choosing to believe His version of success is better than what we may have in mind. Letting God lead us doesn’t mean the road will be smooth or rosy, but there will be grace for the journey and we are guaranteed that the outcome will be to our advantage.

Prayer: Lord open my ears to hear You, show me the way I should go today. Help me fully commit my actions to You as You mould me into the best version of myself regardless of external circumstances



Day 6

What's Really Going On?

“But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.” 1 John 2:20

Life doesn't always make sense in the now. There are some things we understand better upon reflection and some things seem to defy our understanding when we try and analyse them in our understanding. Thankfully we have access to the Holy Spirit who knows all things and is willing to reveal them to us.

“If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.” James 1:5

We're daily confronting the reality that life is spiritual, people's hearts are deep and things aren't always what they appear. There are times we see some things play out and don't really know how or why they came to be. God gives us a blank cheque to help us deal with this: ask Him for wisdom and He will give it. Our best response to confusion is to ask God to give us wisdom about what is really going on, trusting that He will answer as promised and intentionally listening for His response.

“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” Psalms 46:10

People are activity driven by nature, but if we want to live a life of clarity it's critical we understand the power of stillness. This may mean being physically still for some time to reflect on what we're seeking God's direction on. It could also be allowing ourselves periods of time during the day to intentionally pause and ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom. We're not meant to go through life rushed and reacting and the more we create undistracted time to listen to the Holy Spirit, the more situationally aware we become about what's going on in, with and around us.

Prayer: Lord help me always seek You first for clarity and direction and create a culture of spiritual enquiry and stillness. I know You will give me the wisdom I need, help me trust You even when I don't fully understand Your perspective



Day 7

What Should be my focus?

“Turn my eyes away from vanity [all those worldly, meaningless things that distract—let Your priorities be mine], And restore me [with renewed energy] in Your ways.” Psalms 119:37
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Life gets very noisy and there are always several things competing for our attention at the same time. It takes the help of the Holy Spirit to keep us focused on what really matters at every point in time because the busyness of life makes it very easy to lose sight of what really matters. God knows how busy we are and so He makes guidance available to us everyday so we don't expend undue energy on fruitless activities. The core focus for this season may not be the same for the next so we must be willing to let God shift our priorities to align with His.

The Lord God has given Me The tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned.” Isaiah 50:4

When we have a busy day ahead there's a strong temptation to rush into the activity of the day. But God's wisdom provides a different strategy. We should rather spend time with Him to get clarity on the direction for the day. He has fresh insight for us daily and He's ready to make it available to us if we're willing to seek Him and listen. As we do so we receive:

- ↑ Direction so we don't waste our energy on what doesn't matter
- ↑ Divine orchestration as God helps us be at the right place at the right time
- ↑ The right mindset to deal with the challenges that will show up that day
- ↑ Insight to see the opportunities around us which aren't obvious to others
- ↑ The capacity to successfully take the day on

Spending quality time with God sharpens our focus and provides the clarity no amount of running around can ever give us.

Prayer: Father I ask for the grace to prioritise my time with You daily. Help me seek You first for instruction, direction and clarity on how to get the best out of every day You give me the grace to see so I never have a wasted day.



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