



SECTION V – LESSON #24

SUMMARY:

This lesson addresses the dynamics of the journey from revelation to the word being made flesh in our lives. You will learn of the power of confession to accelerate you into the process of testing that will produce genuine transformation in your life and in the lives of those around you.

MAIN LESSON IDEAS:

- In our journey to see Christ replicated in us, we go through a constant series of lessons in which we seek obedience, understanding, and joy.
- Understanding God's "green light" process and knowing when to wisely push that light is crucial to us and those we lead.

Knowing When the Game Is On: God's Green Light

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Key scriptures:

Matt. 5:48, 28:18-20; Exo.. 13:17; Mark 1:12; Prov. 18:21, 30:5; Heb. 5:12-14

- I. Matthew 5:48: Be ye perfect (telos):
 - A. God wants us to grow in Him from "glory to glory" (2 Cor. 3:18) that is, phase-to-phase, coming to completion without condemnation.
 1. "Telos" means on time on your journey/the end of a thing. The concept is, something coming to completion or the end of a thing.
 2. While God is complete and always has been, He is calling us to a never-ending journey of completeness.
 3. This "way" of life is only possible as we begin living as a disciple of Christ as He is of the Father (disciplined learner) Matt. 28:18-20.
 - a. "Discipline" means removing what doesn't belong.
 - b. The question then becomes, "What and who goes with you in your backpack as you go up the mountain of God, level to level?"
 - c. The lessons we don't learn in God, we recycle through until we do.

- d. We live in Christ in joy as we measure ourselves by completing the Holy Spirit's current lessons for us, not measuring our incompleteness and feeling condemned for who we aren't yet!
- B. We are on a journey to being conformed to God and living and experiencing life as He does (v. "going to heaven"). God's goal for all believers is to replicate the life of Christ, in and through their own unique being.
1. God's joy is to exchange your life for His, not your geography!
 2. We obey His rules to discover His life, not be "good."
 3. Part of conforming to Him is not being separated from our words (Prov. 18:21).
 4. Satan, on the other hand, is committed to discourage and ridicule God, and us, by separating us from our words.
- C. The process of agreement-alignment of our actions with our words demands conflict, practiced obedience, and the eventual development of unconscious habit-patterns.
1. God takes us through conflict to build character, knowledge, resolve, and "spiritual" muscle (Exod. 13:17; Mark 1:12).
 2. Our tongue sets much of the course of our conflicts (Prov. 18:21, 30:5; Psa. 105:19) because when we declare either intent or revelations, we push a "green light" button to see if we can be separated from our words or live them out.
- II. The game is on; the green light is pushed when we declare intent, revelation, or "truth."
- A. Our speech and knowledge-intention speech is the trigger, as we have just seen.
1. Saying "I see," or "God showed me" is a guaranteed trigger (John 9:39-41).
 2. Casual "dumping" nonsense, and "measured words" are one level of play; confession is another.
 3. I assume you have all experienced the pressure of the game before when you declared a diet, stopping of a bad habit, or statement about what you would achieve.
- B. Our goal is speech and commitments, we have learned to defend, that have become a part of our being.
1. Disciples expect to learn through testing (Heb. 5:12-14).
 2. Once we learn how to "break holds" and hold commitments, we go hunting for others we can help on the journey.

3. Helping others and thereby pleasing God is “as good as it gets!”
4. In the Business Leadership School, you will be pushing many green lights and watching others do the same. Measure your words first, ask for the Holy Spirit’s help, and persevere until what is true becomes a part of you!