Deeper Life Class #3

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Gifts of the Spirit

* The call of God is much stronger/trumps all tests you take 🡪 they are only guides
* There is an anti movement in the gifts of the spirit in today’s world
* We as a church want to lay the foundation so you know how to pray and allow God to move
* We want you to work in the gifts (be ‘all in’) but be wise
1. “God makes His will known” to us
	1. goes with knowing the call of God on our lives
	2. spiritual gifts test helped show our strengths
		1. find His will
		2. find “your calling”
	3. when seeking the will of God for your life and the call of God in your life:
		1. God always brings AFFIRMATION
			1. Through spiritual leadership 🡪 those leaders will affirm that gift in you
				1. Pastor
				2. Spiritual leaders
				3. Covering 🡪 people that speak into your life
			2. This affirmation brings confirmation to what God is doing
			3. Example 1. If you are making a decision in life, the leaders in your life will affirm it
			4. Example 2. Samuel brought affirmation to David
			5. Under affirmation
				1. There will always be a season of success or “fruit” in that area

Leaders will affirm the fruit

Example 3. When you first get saved you want to jump into everything (youth, evangelism) then the fruit comes from some areas 🡪 the leaders in your life see it and affirm it

There will also be a season of perseverance

As a leader, you must be truthful but loving and direct to what a person’s gift is

* + 1. Prophetic CONFIRMATION
			1. Prophetic word or encounter

\*\*you can’t just go off of (i) affirmation or (ii) confirmation, it must be the combination of both

* + - 1. this confirms what God is already doing
			2. this helps with direction/position, it doesn’t lead us

\*\*between (i) affirmation and (ii) confirmation, there may be much time 🡪 could be years

* + - * 1. can’t just have things right now
		1. GODLY DESIRE/PASSION
			1. The will of God will always come out of a desire in your heart
			2. “Burden”
				1. Greek ‘burden’ means to lift up, exalt, take away 🡪 phrase: “the highest desire God has for His people”
				2. Hebrew ‘burden’ means to lift ones eyes, feet, voice, soul, countenance, change desire
				3. Example 4. Habakkuk carried the burden of the Lord 🡪 he said yes to the call of God
				4. Godly desire won’t be burdensome/toil 🡪 it will lift us up/become a passion
				5. Matthew 11:30 “For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.” SEE image 1

Doesn’t automatically mean it will be easy

If people are yoked in the wrong place, it will not be effective

Because His yoke is easy, we are the ones who make it harder

Yoke



image 1

Enemies of the will of God for your life

UNWILLING to pay the price/sacrifice

If you don’t understand sacrifice in ministry, you become unsatisfied with your walk

You won’t understand the price other people paid to get where they are

You must be willing to put your will aside

There is a sacrifice to be paid to get that anointing

UNFLEXIBLE/not being open to whatever it takes

Obedience requires flexibility

You have to be open to doing things you wouldn’t normally do

You have to adapt to people 🡪 tactfulness: consideration in dealing with others and avoiding giving offense

UNDISCIPLED life

Prayer/reading the word: is essential 🡪 if not, frustration comes

Natural life: bills must be paid, responsible, life lines up with the word

a. Example 5. Why would God put you as the leader of a church if you cannot pay your water bill?

Character: integrity, truthfulness

Education: helps prepare you

PEOPLE PLEASING

Must be able to handle criticism, opposition, failure (not fatal), understanding people will lash out, facing fears/insecurities, not having perseverance (because of our fatherless generation) 🡪 if not, you might miss the will of God on your life

“it’s in mistakes where God builds us”

press through! If God brings you to it, He will lead you through it

SEEK POSITION (TITLE) instead of seeking God

As you prove yourself, God does the promoting

a. God’s anointing confirms

When you seek position, you get the title but to keep it you have to perform

a. God can’t promote you because you are so locked into a title

1. Anointing confirms calling
2. Example 6. Joyce Meyers: She went to her pastor and said she had a burden to serve in the church so he put her as the secretary but after only a month she was fired so he let her teach a Sunday school class and it began to grow and grow 🡪 affirmation
	1. She sought God 🡪 went into ministry
3. If you can’t whoop a lion and bear, why would God put you before the giant?
4. God puts us in ministry, not man 🡪 that way God is responsible for the ministry

 iv) DIVINE ENCOUNTER

1. “God moment” when your desire and God’s will connect
2. Example 7. Meet someone who gives you a word or encourages you, altar call, you and God 🡪 gives peace

 v) GODLY PROVISION 🡪 God supports His call

 (1) not always financial

 (2) supernatural

 (3) whatever He calls yo to do, He will support

 (4) contend for it, God will provide

 (5) He gives “tokens of provision”

 (a) gave Moses a staff (token) to deliver the children out of Israel

 (b) tokens given in stages SEE image 2

One’s Journey



 token 1 token 2 token 3

image 2

 \*\* there will be times the devil looks you in the eye and says you’ll never make it to your call, just look him back in the eye and say “Yes I will” 🡪 PERSERVERANCE

 \*\* Each one (i)-(v): Affirmation, Confirmation, Godly Desire, Divine Encounter, and Godly Provision each by themselves can get you into trouble, you MUST have ALL 5

 \*\*\* When seeking the will and call of God in your life there will be: \*\*\*

1. Affirmation
2. Prophetic Confirmation
3. Godly Desire
4. Divine Encounter
5. Godly Provision