

Jesus' Example of Dependence upon the Father

If you desire to learn to be dependent upon the Lord, look no further. The Lord Jesus modelled this better than anyone for us.

Matthew 14:19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

Jesus taught the disciples and the people a lesson of dependency upon the Lord and the exceptional results it yields.

Jesus looked unto God the Father to provide and meet the needs of the people. Do you have a need? Want a miracle? LOOK UP to HEAVEN! LOOK NORTH WHERE YOUR HELP COMES FROM. Looking unto heaven for Provisions

Jesus did three or four things that caused multiplication and a breakthrough.

- 1) He looked unto heaven
- 2) He gave thanks (Blessed). If you have something small, do not curse it. If it is not enough, do not curse it with your words; rather, bless it.
- 3) Brake and Give — After you give thanks, give. Be a giver. Jesus gave! Giving is a key that opens abundance and overflow in our lives. Be a giver if you want to increase and grow.

We need to look to God for provision because He is Our Source. When we do, we have guaranteed provision, direction, and everything we need.

If I asked you what **made Jesus successful at everything He did**? What would be your answer? One thing that was quite outstanding and peculiar about the life of Jesus was that He did not act or speak of His own volition. He was dependent on the Father. What He heard the Father say, he said; what He saw the Father do, He did. This is the reason for His success.

If we are tuned in and are hearing the voice of God, we will hear and do, see and say what the Father is doing. Our actions will be identical to the Father's.

We need to get to a place where we learn to not only **hear**, but **say** what God says and **do** what He is doing as Jesus modeled it.

1. What are you doing?

John 5:19 Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can **do** nothing of himself, but what he **seeth** the Father **do**: for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise.

- a) Jesus was so in unity with the Father that He did not act independently of Him. **He was God-dependent, doing nothing of Himself.**
- b) One reason or secret to the success of Jesus was that what He saw the Father do, whatsoever things He did, these did the Son.
- c) He **did (actions)** what He saw (**vision**) the Father do.
 - i) Note: Vision precedes action. Our actions follow our focus or vision. Seeing requires looking and focus. **To change our actions, we need to change our vision.**
 - ii) What we see and hear triggers what we **think**, which determines what we do.
- d) He did not do the things that were only reasonable or seemed right to Him. He did **WHATSOEVER** He saw His Abba do.
 - i) Acts 10:38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.
- e) If we want to **excel, we need to get to this point. We can't just do whatever and turn and ask God to bless it.**
 - i) Before we do, we need to see the Father doing that same thing we want to do. If He is not doing it, back off! Pull the plug.

ii) Any actions that aren't in line with what the Father is doing must be shunned.

2. What are you speaking?

a) John 8:26 I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.

i) Jesus spoke to the world the very things that He heard from the Father.

- He did not come up with things to say, nor did He say whatever.
- **Our mouth ought to follow our ear.** We have two ears to hear **twice** as much as we speak.
- Before we speak, we need to hear the Father and His heart.
- This is a **powerful lesson to ministers**—especially. We shouldn't be speaking the very opposite of what God is speaking.

b) John 8:28 Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

i) Notice that Jesus was **taught**—then **did (acted)**—and then **spoke**.

- After the Father taught Him what to do, He did and then spoke.
- Many people are busy **doing** and **speaking** before they are **taught** by the Father, and **we can't hear them**.
 - Ladies and gentlemen, **you are not heard by what you say but rather by what you do.**

ii) In the same breath, we need to teach people **how to act or what to do**. It doesn't just happen. Jesus said He was taught to do and to speak.

- Notice that the Father teaches us, then we speak. We need to be taught by God before we speak.
- We need to show up for class to be taught by the Father.

c) John 8:38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father.

i) Jesus speaks that which He has seen of His Father. Before He spoke, He saw. We saw in **John 5:19 that before He did; He saw**. Here we further see that before He spoke, He saw.

Then He heard because actions have voices.

- **We speak—what we hear (words) and see (actions).**
- Here, in this verse says Jesus **spoke** what He had **seen** of the Father.
 - What did He see? Actions of the Father.
 - **In seeing, He spoke because He heard. We hear what we see because actions have voices. They can be heard.**
- Those who think what they do is not relevant but just what they speak, are deceived. **Our actions have voices and can be heard.**
- Jesus saw and spoke. Our speech depicts what we are seeing. This is also true of our actions.

ii) What we speak is very important, but it is birthed by what we see and what we hear.

3. Do all those things which are pleasing.

A. John 8:29 "And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him."

- a) If it's the Lord that has sent us, we can rest assured that He is with us—yet doubly with us. We are not alone.
 - i) Those who are self-appointed, the Lord is not with them in their self-appointed endeavors.
- b) Notice the context of hearing and doing, seeing and saying.
 - i) **If we are paying attention and looking to the Lord, we will do those things that are pleasing unto Him.**
- c) Because He is with us and we are not alone, we will and can always do those things that are pleasing to Him.
 - i) Why? Because He will empower us to do them (Philippians 2:13).
 - ii) This cannot be done through self-effort. We must depend on Him who is with us and in us.
- d) Faith pleases God, yet not faith alone. There are things we can **DO** that will be pleasing to Him.
 - i) If we want to do those things that are always pleasing unto the Lord, we need to pay attention to what God is saying, teaching and doing. The Life of Jesus is the perfect picture to what God is doing.

- ii) Those who are not looking to God **first** will not have their actions always pleasing to God.

4. Holy Spirit.

- A. John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that* shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.
 - a) Just like Jesus, so is the Holy Spirit. He was going to hear what the Father was saying and then speak exactly that.
 - b) Holy Spirit speaks whatsoever He hears the Father speak.
 - i) How much more should we speak what we hear of the Father?
 - c) Those who are **speaking of themselves** and **self-promoting** have not heard that from the Father nor the Holy Spirit.
 - i) We have the Spirit of God living on the inside of us. We need to be speaking what He is speaking.

Conclusion:

If Jesus and the Holy Spirit were dependent on the Father for what they said and did, how much more should we?