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THEME: THE WAY OF THE RIGHTEOUS

TOPIC: THE PART OF SEPERATION AND DISCERNMENT

TEXT: PSALM 119: 105.

INTRODUCTION:

We are still on our series, “The Way of the Righteous”. Last week we reviewed the Foundation of Righteousness. We ascertained the source of our righteousness, which is God; Gen.15:6; and that our change has to come from the inward man, in order to live right. Eze.36:26-27. The fruit of our justification is by living in peace with God. The outward show of piousness without a renewed spirit is mere hypocrisy and soon fades away.

Today, we will look into some practical steps, which are expected to guide us into the path of separation and discernment as we journey through the path of righteousness. The grace to live right has been made available to us, but the decision to live right is ours. It is an intentional decision and action, which is then backed up by the Holy Spirit. We shall review today’s topic through 3 lesson outlines:

1. Avoid Ungodly Counsel:

What is a counsel? A guidance, support or advice obtained to assist the recipient navigate personal, emotional, psychological or spiritual challenges. Ungodly: any advice that is contrary to the word of God. So, seeking counsel is good and important, Prov.11:14, but it must be godly counsel.

From our text, the word of God should be our guide. Ps119:105. Hence Ps.1:1-3, categorically says we must avoid ungodly counsel. Godly counsel comes from delighting in the law of the Lord and meditating on the word of God, which lead to Fruitfulness and Prosperity. Josh.1:8, called it good success.

HOW?

2Cor.6:4-17: The word of God calls us to separate ourselves from the crowd in the world. We should dare to be different because, we are different. However, recognizing who we are, is very important before we can separate ourselves from the crowd. Are you a child of God? What makes you different? We are not talking of religious arrogance.

Prov.16:9; let God direct your ways. Depart from the presence of a foolish man, Prov.14:7.

2. Guard Thy Heart:

To guard: to watch over; protect; keep safe from harm and attack or defend.

The heart is where all the issues of life is conceived for execution. The word of God is processed and brings out fruit. In Eze.36/;26-27, shows that God is particular about replacing our stony hearts with fleshy hearts, so that we can receive and benefit from the word that we hear. Rom.12:2; Prov.4:23: The heart is mainly fed by various windows: eye, ear and mind. But what we do allow the mind to process? Prov.6:25; In Job.31:1, Job made a covenant with his **eyes**, so

that he will not **think** upon a maid. The heart of man is deceitful and desperately wicked. Jer.17:9.

Therefore, what should we allow into our hearts?

- a. The word of God:
 - i. Eat the word: Jer.15:16; Build up your faith: Rom.10:17; Ps119:11, Prov.4:4; Meditate on the word: Josh1:8; Take instructions from the word: 2Tim.3:16; Renew your heart: Rom.12:2.
 - ii. Issues of virtues and praise. Issues of a good report. Phil.4:8.
 - iii. Let the word of God sift through the intentions and motives of the heart. Conduct self-examination.

(Father, please help me to keep my heart safe, protect it against the attack of the enemy and defend the knowledge of Christ in me. I reject any form of contamination of the word of God inside of me, in Jesus Name. Amen)

3. Pursue the Wisdom of God.

Jesus Christ is God's wisdom and righteousness. 1Cor.1:30. Prov.4:7, wisdom is the principal thing.

- a. The wisdom of man is only according as the Lord had granted him. The treasures of wisdom and knowledge are in God the Father and Christ. Col.2:3. Likewise, Dan.2:20-23 says, Wisdom and Might are God's, and He gives it to the wise and knowledge to those who are knowledgeable, and reveals deep and secret things.
The wisdom of man is foolishness before God.
- b. Lean on the wisdom of God. Prov.3:5-7.
- c. Ask God for wisdom. Jam.1:5. He gives it liberally. And it comes with Knowledge and Understanding. Prov.2:6.
- d. Invite and surrender to the Holy Spirit of God to take charge: Is.11:2, tells us of the Holy Spirit of God which is the spirit of wisdom, understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and the fear of God.

Conclusion:

We have looked into steps that would help us separate ourselves from the multitude in the world and to become discerning. Without the spirit of God working in us, this will be an uphill task. Eph.1:17 further buttressed that the Holy Spirit is the spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the knowledge of Him. Obedience to the word of God is key to achieving this separation. But only we have established who we are in Christ. Therefore, let us seek God while he can still be found, for He is near. Is.55:6, and dwell daily in His word.

Discussion Question:

Does it make sense to make a decision based on God's word?