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SPIRITUAL AWARENESS

Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has for those who love Him. But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. ~1 COR 2:9

God created our bodies to be aware of what's happening on many levels—even subconsciously. The mind is a miraculous link to our body. The body's five senses are portals generating a unique LANGUAGE that feeds information to our brain so our bodies can properly function. When our mind and body work harmoniously together, we become amazingly perceptive.

We learn to communicate with others through our senses. We first associate things we see, hear, taste, smell or touch with verbal sounds and then written words. Language is how we communicate our thoughts and ideas—how we express ourselves and gain understanding.

A good illustration of the dynamics to communicating through our senses is Helen Keller. She was deaf and blind—unapproachable because no one knew how to communicate with her. Yet she learned a language. She perceived that the water she FELT pouring through her fingers INTERPRETED the word being signed in her hand. She connected the 'touch' and 'taste' to the 'wa wa' she learned as a toddler before an illness impaired her eyesight and hearing. Her senses activated a MEMORY and she learned the word 'water' in SIGN language. Her sensory perception became a portal to her brain that opened her to a whole new world of communication.

= THE NATURAL MAN DOES NOT COMPREHEND GOD

But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. ~1 CORINTHIANS 2:10, 14

God dwells in "*unapproachable light that no man has seen or can see.*" We perceive God through our spiritual sensitivity. Spiritual insights or perceptions are communicated

through the LANGUAGE of the Spirit. Sometimes we may FEEL after God, HEAR a heavenly sound, HUNGER for more of God, SEE a vision, SMELL His Presence, etc.

In the book of Genesis, Adam experienced a personal relationship with God. He conversed with God and clearly HEARD *“the sound of the Lord God walking in the Garden.”* Man’s carnality separated them from God. First they hid from Him and then God sends them to their own space—like we ground our children and send them to their room to give them time to get their act right. God closed the door on man’s agenda but allowed moments for mankind to break through the barrier on the spiritual wings of a prayer.

= **EXPERIENCING GOD**

There’s a desire in all of us to know God. Adam taught his children about God. We all learned ABOUT God before we developed a relationship WITH God. That’s what happened to Jacob—he learned about God from his fathers Abraham and Isaac. But it’s when he’s all by himself and fearing the unknown that he personally EXPERIENCED God.

Jacob HEARD the Word of God for himself. He perceived, *“God is in this place! How awesome is this place! This is none other than the House of God and this is the gate of heaven!”*

It was a moment of divine revelation—a spiritual awakening. His ‘aha’ moment drastically contrasted Adam and Eve’s ‘oh no’ moment that began their desperate downward spiral. Feeling panic they hid from God. The spiritual realm was closed to Adam and Eve but miraculously opened to Jacob and he SEES into heaven. God opened the door to Jacob’s future—and Jacob dared to walk in it.

= **GOD WANTS US TO APPROACH HIM**

God gave Moses a plan for building a tangible structure with the intention of preparing His people to know Him. Each article of furniture in the Tabernacle represents a PERCEPTUAL approach to God that teaches us how to EXPERIENCE Him.

David’s Tabernacle found a portal that bypassed natural rituals to touch God through personal relationship. The Book of Psalms is the poetic expression of his relationship with God. David had the affirmation of God that he was *“a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.”*

Our approach or ‘the restoration of all things’ began at Calvary. Jesus’ death ultimately destroyed the veil of separation. We’re not grounded anymore—He let us back into His House! NOW we are *“members of the household of God ... Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.”*

= SPIRITUAL PERCEPTION

For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their **SENSES EXERCISED** to discern both good and evil. ~HEBREWS 5:12-14

Spiritual perception was the underlying theme of the Apostle Paul's comparing those on the milk of the word to those on solid food. The Hebrews knew ABOUT God. But Paul defines maturity as those who **SPIRITUALLY PERCEIVED** God—they are keenly aware of His Presence and understand what He's communicating.

Paul never explained such concepts as the order of Melchizedek because they weren't seeking any deeper meaning—they didn't understand what his allegories and metaphors meant. Nor could they discern elementary things like good from evil or separate the vile from the preciousness of God.

We are a prophetic people who perceive God. God says, "*And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth...*" Signs and wonders are defined as an indication perceived through the **SENSES**. Signs and wonders confirm the Word of God—its a physical manifestation indicating a spiritual concept. Developing **SPIRITUAL AWARENESS** is the first step in learning to communicate in the language of the Kingdom.

= THE CORINTHIAN CHURCH

The Corinthian's had an immature perception of God. Although they had great liberty in their gatherings for revelating, prophesying and speaking in tongues, it generated confusion. Just like children actively writing and filling up the entire page with letters and shapes—it isn't explainable unless there is an order and pattern to the arrangement of letters to form words.

The Corinthian's had wonderful **EXPERIENCES** but they never considered **INTERPRETING** it for meaning beyond their personal ecstasy of the moment. The excitement and jubilation centered more on the actual experience of **HOW** they heard or **THAT** they touched God—but not on **WHAT** it meant. They celebrated the manifestations of the Spirit but never understood that God was communicating with them for a purpose. It created disorder—a continual **HIGH** without any **MEANINGFUL DIRECTION**.

In the early stages of learning the alphabet we did exercises on lined paper designed to increase our dexterity through hand/eye coordination with a pencil— even using a scissors to further strengthen our muscles. Initially we learned to draw circles and straight lines to improve our printing, and later to make huge spirals that swept across the page for developing fluidity in cursive writing.

Even though learning each letter was necessary at the time, once we knew how to write the alphabet, we trained our eyes to recognize words, then patterns of words or sentences, progressing to paragraphs and finally themes and manuals. Likewise, once we learn the manifestations of the Spirit, the dynamics of worship, the principles of Christ, we advance to their application. Understanding the language of the kingdom is combining the EXPERIENCE with its MEANING—*comparing spiritual things to spiritual*. We are not mature if we only relish the euphoria of the moment without applying what we learn.

= COMPARING SPIRITUAL THINGS TO SPIRITUAL

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.
~1 CORINTHIANS 2:12-13

Signs need to be correctly interpreted for effective communication. Therefore isolating different senses by looking at its operation heightens awareness of the spiritual language—but only if we learn to correctly interpret the symbols, illustrations, scents, visions, etc., with the corresponding Word from God.

We are searching to understand the deeper meaning of Kingdom concepts. The more we develop an AWARENESS of God, the more capable we'll be in communicating in the Spiritual language.

It's important to remember that Paul wrote about a spiritual language. He's not implying that we need to learn the steps or terminology of someone else's journey into the Spirit in order to understand the spiritual language. The journey itself is not spiritual but natural. Some journeyed through particular denominations, occupations, New Age, sickness, etc., but this is part of their journey and not the spiritual language. In other words, we don't learn New Age to experience God or sign language to hear God.

= SPIRITUAL AWAKENING

"If you know the truth, then the truth shall make you free." JOHN 8

Simple ALIGNMENT with the Word releases all the power of God. We're changed daily through EXPERIENCING Truth because Truth has the authority to make things happen. It's not knowing ABOUT Truth, but rather the willingness to BECOME Truth.

Jesus restored natural sight but He AWAKENED spiritually blind eyes and deaf ears. His power is ALIVE in us and transitions us for the birth of SPIRITUAL AWARENESS—giving us the ability to discern our inner reality.

The amazing truth is that the Spirit of God dwells in us. If we allow Him to teach us, we will learn to understand the language of the kingdom and develop a deeper awareness

of all the ways God communicates with us. Aligning with Truth empowers us to shift into Christ consciousness. The result: an increase in confidence and courage.

Our devotion to Truth empowers Truth to become transformative in us and we move into deeper and deeper levels of enlightenment that begins to liberate us more and more. And we discover that when our mind and body work harmoniously together—we become amazingly perceptive.

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