

## **Are You Listening? Part 1** **Hearing and Doing**

**Overview:** We have a high calling in Jesus to be all that He has called us to be and do. We hear the call; we understand the seriousness of it, especially in these end times. God has a plan to get us there. Just like he led Israel into the promised land, he will be our personal trainer and mentor, taking us step by step into our calling.

### **A. The Goal**

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| 1. The Glorious Church without spot or wrinkle.      | Eph 5:27       |
| 2. Perfected and sanctified by Jesus' sacrifice.     | Heb 10:14      |
| 3. Feeding on the strong meat of the Word.           | Heb 5:14       |
| 4. Reaching toward our high calling in Christ Jesus. | Phil 3:14      |
| 5. Partakers of His divine nature.                   | 2 Pet 1:4      |
| 6. More than conquerors through Christ.              | Rom 8:37       |
| 7. Transformed/Conformed to the image of Christ.     | Rom 12:1; 8:29 |

The Big Question is how? How do we get from where we are to where we want to be?

### **B. The Process**

1. It's all about transformation.
2. Most of us understand the importance of identifying hindrances and then doing the Word. In that process, we often get stuck; it just doesn't seem to work.
3. God has provided an answer: **Himself**.  
 Heb 12:5-11 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children (cf., Prov 3:11-12), My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: 6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? 8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. 9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live? 10 For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. 11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.
4. Chastening (G3809/3811) – paideia; tutorage, education, training, instruction, correction, chastisement.
5. God, as your loving Father, is also your Personal Trainer and mentor.

## C. The Tools

### 1. God uses the Word of God.

#### a. The Word is profitable.

2 Tim 3:16-17

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#### b. The strong meat of the Word.

Heb 5:14

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#### c. Washed by the water of the Word.

Eph 5:26

Eph 5:25-27 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; 26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the **washing of water by the word**, 27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

#### d. Be a doer of the Word, not a hearer only.

Jam 1:22-25

Jas 1:22-25 But be ye **doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. 23 For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: 24 For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 25 But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, **this man shall be blessed in his deed.**

### 2. God uses the Holy Spirit.

#### a. The HS teaches us all things.

Joh 14:26

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

#### b. The HS guides us into all truth.

Joh 16:13-14

Joh 16:13-14 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 shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

### 3. Your personalized training program – Covenant Lifestyle Matrix

#### a. Center your life around God and his instructions to you.

#### b. Regularly pray USP's to stay under grace.

1 Joh 1:9

#### c. Cast down every thought contrary to the Word.

2 Cor 10:5

#### d. Study the Word regarding how to pursue righteousness.

2 Tim 2:22

#### e. Seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness.

Matt 6:33